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SAIPAN MARATHON REGISTRATION DEADLINE ON FEB. 8

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Registration for the 8th Saipan Marathon on March 2, 2013, as been extended an extra day to 5 p.m. on Feb. 8, 2013. Organizations interested in volunteering for aid stations and other assignments are also being sought.

Registration for the 50K and marathon is \$65 for US and CNMI participants (proof of residency required). The cost is \$55 for half-marathon and 10K participants.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), nearly 500 international runners have already registered for the event. The event will include a full marathon of 26.2 miles (42.195K), a half-marathon of 13.1 miles (20.96K), a 10K run (6.2 miles), and an ultra-50K (31.06 miles).

“We’re working to make the 8th Saipan Marathon the best, yet, and we’re in need of more volunteers to help accomplish that,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “Organizations, junior high or high school clubs, or even families interested in making tourism their business can call our office about volunteering on event day.”

Registration forms are available on the Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com under the event date or at the MVA office on Beach Rd., San Jose. Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

The start will take place at the American Memorial Park at 4:30 a.m. for the 50k and the Marathon, at 5:45 a.m. for the half-marathon, and at 6:00 a.m. for the 10K.

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The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka in Japan by Delta Air Lines and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. China is served regularly from Shanghai, Guangzhou and seasonally from Beijing. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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