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**Early Bird Registration Deadline for Saipan Marathon on March 7**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – This Friday (March 7) is the early bird registration deadline for the 9<sup>th</sup> Saipan Marathon slated for April 19, 2014.

Early registration for the 50K and marathon is \$55.00 for US and NMI participants, and \$45.00 for half-marathon and 10K participants. Early registration must be made by March 7, 2014. An additional late fee of \$10.00 will apply to registrations submitted after March 7. The last day to register for the event will be on March 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

In 2013, over 600 runners joined the event, which includes a marathon, half-marathon, 10K, and 50K courses. The Marianas Visitors Authority has been actively promoting the event in Japan and other countries for several months, and several tour companies have produced special tour packages for the race.

The start will take place at Micro Beach at American Memorial Park (AMP) 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. This year the marathon will implement a cut-off time for both the full marathon and 50K. The cut-off time will be 9 a.m. at the halfway point.

All competitors are required to pick up their race packets the AMP Amphitheatre on April 18, 2014, from 4-6 p.m. without exception.

Entry forms are available at the MVA office located in on Beach Rd. in San Jose or on the MVA official website Event Calendar at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com). For more information contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at 664-3210 or through email at [ediaz@mymarianas.com](mailto:ediaz@mymarianas.com).

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](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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