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Marianas Coffee Trail Run Early Bird Deadline on Jan. 23

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) –The 7th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run in Saipan kicks off this Saturday (Jan. 25) at 6:30 a.m.

Early bird registration fees by Jan. 23 are \$10.00 for children ages 12 and under, \$15.00 for athletes ages 13-18 years old, and \$25.00 for participants ages 19 and older. Registration forms for the event are also available at the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) website Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com under the event date or at the MVA office in San Jose.

Latecomers can still register up until 5:30 a.m. on race day for an additional \$10 over the early bird fee. Walkers are welcomed to participate in the 10K short course.

The event features a 20K trail run and a 10K short course from the beach at American Memorial Park in Garapan to the top of Mt. Tapochao, the peak of the mountain range originating in the Marianas Trench. The course boasts some of the most picturesque views of Saipan and traverses wild coffee plantations of the Japanese colonial period and the newer plantations of the Marianas Coffee Co.

Awards will be presented for first, second, and third place in male and female divisions. All participants will receive a finisher's t-shirt, certificate of participation, Marianas Coffee, and an invitation to the awards banquet following the race at the Micro Beach Pavilion at 11:30 a.m.

Race co-sponsors included Marianas Coffee Company, the KFC Triathlon Club Japan, TEAM PDI, and Northern Marianas Athletics. Race supporters are the Division of Parks and Recreation, Dept. of Lands and Natural Resources, Dept. of Homeland Security, BJ & Jesus Attao's Farm, and Frank Camacho. In-kind contributions have been made by Saipan Shipping Co., Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Canton Restaurant, and S2 Club Marine Tech Saipan.

For more information on the Marianas Coffee Trail Run, contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at telephone 670-664-3200/1 or via email at ediaz@mymarianas.com.



Eighty-nine runners and walkers take off at American Memorial Park, Saipan, for the 6th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run in January 2013. Applications are available at www.mymarianas.com for the 7th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run on Jan. 25, 2014.

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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