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MATUA RIDERS GROUP CLEANS GARAPAN ST.

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – "It's not how much money we will receive...it's all about our island."

That's what the non-profit Matua Riders Group said following their participation in the "Beautify My Marianas" program. The group cleaned Garapan St. from Bank of Guam to Bank of Saipan on June 7, 2014, sweeping up 900 lbs. of trash and debris.

"We were amazed how filthy the street was," said the motorcycle riders' organization in their post-cleanup report. "The sad part is, this is supposed to be a tourist attraction. We want (visitors) to come back and to spread the word of how beautiful our island is and how much we take pride in keeping it clean."

The group conducted tree trimming, bush cutting, raking, and leaf blowing. They also collected trash from the drainage and along the road. Twenty-one volunteers of the group worked 3 ½ hours on the cleanup.

"To us, the mission is still not complete," the group said. "There is still a lot of work to be done, and we would like to continue this work on our next schedule."

"Beautify My Marianas" is island beautification program providing cash for cleanup projects. It is administered by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and the Saipan Chamber

of Commerce (SCC).

“Beautify My Marianas” aims to keep the Northern Marianas clean and pristine and offers a minimum of \$100 to groups to pick up trash in designated areas on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Applications are available at www.mymarianas.com and www.saipanchamber.com, the MVA, or SCC, and upon approval of their application, groups will be assigned an area that requires clean up.



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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 and Osaka in Japan by Delta Air Lines and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Tianjin, Hangzhou and Wuhan to Saipan is available. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made by Delta Air Lines to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and United Airlines via Guam. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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