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MVA & PARTNERS CLEAR SUGAR KING PARK

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – One of Saipan's most historic landmarks – Sugar King Park – is accessible to the public again following Friday's (Aug. 21) clean-up by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), Japan Saipan Travel Association (JSTA), and the Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Sugar King, himself, represented by a statue of Japanese-era sugar industry entrepreneur Haruji Matsue, appeared unscathed overlooking the park, but volunteers spent several hours cutting and piling fallen trees, broken branches, and other debris for removal to make the park accessible.

The wooden structure of the Saipan Katori Shrine at the park was significantly damaged and will need to be restored, as well as railings and other features.

“Many hands make light work, and our collaborative effort on Friday with JSTA and the Japanese Society made a lot of improvement at the park,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “Our industry partners are working with us diligently to help restore our popular visitor sites and help ensure our visitors enjoy their time here.”

The pathways throughout the park are now largely accessible, although the nature trail through the nearby hillside still needs to be cleared.



In aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor, Sugar King Park was cleared on Aug. 21, 2015, by the Marianas Visitors Authority, Japan Saipan Travel Association, and Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands.



In aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor, fallen trees and mangled rails were cleared at Saipan's historic Sugar King Park on Aug. 21, 2015. From left are Ryan Calvo, Ray Villagomez, David Song, and Martin Duenas of the Marianas Visitors Authority.



Fallen trees and other debris was cleared from the Katori shrine at Saipan's historic Sugar King Park on Aug. 21, 2015. From left are Hiroko Tenorio, Eri Nagashima, Kazuyo Estrada, and Katsuko Takahashi of the Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands.



The Japanese-era sugarcane locomotive stands unscathed at Sugar King Park on Aug. 25, 2015.

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 and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct daily flights from Seoul and Busan and Jeju Air provides daily service from Seoul. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, 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. Russian and Taiwanese visitors usually arrive via Seoul. For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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