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MIYAZUKA TOPS TINIAN TURQUOISE BLUE, AGAIN

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – For the second consecutive year, Hideya Miyazuka bested all other competitors from Japan and the Northern Mariana Islands to top the annual Tinian Turquoise Blue on Feb. 14, 2015, in the Northern Mariana Islands.

The 50-year-old Japanese competitor, a multiple champion in the triathlon and a familiar face on the race circuit in the Northern Marianas, finished the course in 2:41:07, beating his 2014 time of 2:42:13. He was followed by Peter Prestley of Saipan (2:48:19) and Yasunori Sugimura of Japan (2:48:51). The top female finishers were Kimiko McKagan (3:13:12), Kaitlin Mattos (3:20:30), and Lorie Hutchinson (3:29:34), all of Saipan.

“True to its name, this year’s 15th Annual Tinian Turquoise Blue was held under clear blue skies,” said Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “After a tough race, many of the participants were happy to relax at the Tinian Hot Pepper Festival at Taga Beach.”

The Reef Swim portion of the event attracted 6 competitors. Syoji Yamashita of Japan was the long competitor in the 1.5K swim, finishing in 1:03:49. Akie Matoba of Japan took top honors in the 3K course with a time of 1:01:15, while the event’s oldest competitor, 71-year-old Kazumi Mineo of Japan placed 2nd in the 3K swim (1:06:12).

The Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim are part of a series of sports-oriented signature events staged each year by the MVA. The next events will be the 26th Annual Tagaman

Triathlon on March 22, XTERRA Saipan Championship on March 28, and Saipan Marathon on April 25, 2015. For more information, visit the MVA Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com.



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The Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon was held on Feb. 14, 2015, attracting competitors from Japan and the Northern Mariana Islands.

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 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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