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SENDIN, HUTCHINSON TOP 8TH MARIANAS COFFEE TRAIL RUN

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Charlie Sendin repeated his 2014 winning form and came in 20 seconds faster to finish first in the 8th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run last Saturday (Jan. 24), finishing in 1:48:04. Finishing first in the Female Category was Lorie Hutchinson, in 2:11:11, improving on her 2nd place finish last year.

Top place honors in the 20K course Male Category went to Sendin, who had also finished in 2nd place in 2013. He followed by Ronald Villafria (2:04:00) and Seiya Eda (2:07:22). In the Female Category, Hutchinson was followed by Kimiko McKagan (2:16:23), while 3rd place went to Maki Narita (2:22:23).

On the 10K course, top Male finishers were Keith Longuski (48:06), Cooper Achraudenbach (57:03), who improve on his 3rd place finish in 2014, and Jack Kabriel (57:57). Jennifer Cui placed 1st in the Female Category with her 1:06:11 finish, followed by Terra Allen (1:07:25), and Sakido Eda (1:08:20).

The annual signature event of the Northern Marianas drew 68 runners from the Northern Mariana Islands. This year's run challenged 47 racers on the 10K course and 21 runners on the 20K course, which traversed from the Philippine Sea at American Memorial Park, around the peak of Mt. Tapochau, the highest point on island at about 1,500 feet above sea level, and back.

Winners received their prizes, including cash and a pound of Marianas Coffee, at the

island-style awards ceremony held at Micro Beach following the event. All competitors also received a pound of Marianas Coffee.

The MVA also thanked the following sponsors and supporters for making the event a success: Marianas Coffee Co., KFC Triathlon Club of Japan, Pacific Development Inc., Northern Marianas College Nursing Dept., Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Aqua Resort Club, Saipan World Resort, Yano Ent., Kinpachi Restaurant, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Department of Public Safety, Jesus Attao, BJ Attao, Frank Camacho's Turkey Farm, Norman Tenorio, Avis Rental Car, and the events numerous volunteers.



Sixty-eight runners and walkers joined the 8th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run on Jan. 24, 2015.



Runners ran the Marianas Coffee plantation on Koa Lane during the 8th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run on Jan. 24, 2015.



Saipan runner Ben Babauta tackles the 8th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run on Jan. 24, 2015.



T Galleria employees, families and friends joined the 8th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run on Jan. 24, 2015.



Co-owner Ann Jordan of Marianas Coffee Co. served freshments and a smile to runners during the 8th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run on Jan. 24, 2015.



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