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### **TANAPAG SCHOOL MARINE BIOLOGY CLUB CLEANS UP**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – The Marine Biology Club of Tanapag Middle School took time out last month to help clean the environment by participating in the Marianas Visitors Authority's (MVA) Beautify My Marianas campaign.

Twelve members of the club met at Aqua Resort Club lobby on Dec. 13, 2014, and proceeded to collect trash along a 1-mile beach strip.

“Aqua (Resort) beach wasn't that dirty, since it's a resort,” said participant Maria Agustin. “The trees gave us a good cooling shade. The scenery was beautiful with clear, crystal blue waters, even the houses near the shore were stunning. “

But the effort was not entirely pleasant.

“Along the way we came to a place that had piles of beer cans that still contained beer,” said Agustin. “The stench was revolting and disgusting.”

The group ended up filling at least seven trash bags. Cleanup participants were: Agustin, Maria Cruz, Joanne Ragasa, Sami Nimura, Jose Anon, Fiona Rathburn, Andrew Camacho, Enrico Morales Jr., Jovina Pua, Darlyn Maca, Hannah Palacios, and De Faustina Camacho. They were chaperoned by Andrea Camacho, Enrico Morales, and Terra Allen

The “Beautify My Marianas” program offers \$100 for each 1-mile cleanup in assigned

areas. For more information or an application for “Beautify My Marianas” visit the MVA homepage at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).



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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 and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. China is served from Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. Russia is served via Vladivostok and Khabarovsk. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan via Guam. United States mainland connections can be made by United Airlines to Saipan via Guam, and Delta Airlines from the west coast to Saipan via Narita. For more information visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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