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**PLUMERIA SWIM IN SAIPAN ON SEPT. 3, 2016**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – The Marianas Visitors Authority's (MVA) 2nd Annual Plumeria Swim in Saipan returns on Sept. 3, 2016.

This year, the Plumeria Swim (formerly the Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race) will be held at Kili Beach Park on a course circling the historic World War II tanks in the lagoon.

The event has four race categories and welcomes swimmers with or without flippers. The cost for Northern Mariana Is. residents with valid I.D. is \$20 for the 500m or 1500m swim., \$25 for the flipper race, or \$60 per team for 2000m relay swimming (up to four members per team). The flipper race requires swimmers to must use wetsuits or life jacket and fins along with mask and snorkels.

The race will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by an island-style breakfast and awards ceremony at the beach. Awards will be given for Overall Male/Female, Junior Male/Female, and Male/Female by age.

“We’re looking forward to building the Plumeria Swim into a strong signature event for the Northern Marianas, which is why we have chosen the convenient and historic location of Kili Beach for this year’s event,” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “We’re planning for a mixed turnout of both local and off-island swimmers, as we’ve had in the past.”

Mandatory orientation and the last day to register will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Sept. 2, 2016, at Paseo de Marianas. Participants must be in good health with snorkeling or diving experience.

The event is jointly organized by the MVA and the Community Sports Center Foundation of Japan. Additional sponsors include Japan Marine Recreation Association, Japan Recreational Diving Industry Association, Japan Scuba Association, Japan Wetsuits Manufacturers Association, University Life Sport Education Society, Northern Mariana Diving Operators Association. Co-sponsors include Delta Air Lines, Japan Saipan Travel Association, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, DFS, and the CNMI Dept. of Public Health.

For more information or an entry form, visit the MVA Events Calendar at [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com) or call Ed Diaz at 1.670.664.3210 or email [ediaz@mymarianas.com](mailto:ediaz@mymarianas.com).



MVA file photo of the Plumeria Swim in Saipan. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Plumeria Swim in Saipan will be held on Sept. 3, 2016, at Kilili Beach.

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 other parts of Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo Narita in Japan by Delta Air Lines and Asiana. From Korea, Asiana, Jeju Air, and Jin Air provide direct flights from Seoul, and Asiana also provides service from Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong to Saipan are available. Philippine Airlines provides nonstop service from Manila to Saipan and connects with many cities in China and across Asia. 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 to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and by United via Guam. Russian and Taiwanese visitors usually arrive via Seoul or Manila. Interisland travel is provided by United Express (Cape Air). For more information, visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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