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**TOURISM INDUSTRY CLEANS UP GARAPAN**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – The Japan Saipan Travel Association (JSTA) conducted its semi-annual cleanup of Garapan on April 23, 2016, drawing 68 participants and collecting over 100 pounds of trash.

JSTA was again joined by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), a number of tourism industry companies, and community members in their efforts to pick up trash from American Memorial Park to the Carolinian Affairs Office along roadways and the beach.

“JSTA has been a valuable partner through the years in leading this semi-annual cleanup of Garapan before our busiest tourism periods in the summer and during the holidays, and the MVA is pleased to again join them,” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “We thank all the companies and community members who support this cleanup year after year, and we look forward to more participation at the next cleanup.”

Other participating companies were: Northern Marianas Dive Operators Association, Japan Society of the Northern Mariana Islands, Himawari Kenbukan, Pau Pau Tours, Aqua Connections, Saipan World Resort, Marianas Sports Club, CMLC, Pacific Micronesia Tour, S2 Club, H.I.S., PDI, K.C.A, Make Sure Diving, Big Eye Diving, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, R&C Tours, and Tasi Tours & Transportation.



Sixty-eight tourism industry representatives, students, and community members joined the cleanup organized by the Japan Saipan Travel Association in Garapan on April 23, 2016.



Students and parents of kendo school Himawari Kenbukan joined the island cleanup organized by the Japan Saipan Travel Association in Garapan on April 23, 2016.

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](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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