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## SAIPAN MARATHON EARLY BIRD DEADLINE ON FEB. 26, 2016

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands** (**NMI**) – Feb. 26, 2016, is the early bird registration deadline for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Saipan Marathon on April 16, 2016, in the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI).

Early registration for the 50K and marathon is \$55.00 for US and NMI participants (\$90 for international participants), and \$45.00 for half-marathon and 10K participants (\$60 for international participants). An additional late fee of \$10.00 will apply to registrations submitted after Feb. 26. The last day to register for the event will be on March 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

The Marathon will again include half-marathon, 10K, and 50K courses, as well.

"Promotions for the Saipan Marathon are well underway through our off-shore offices, and we're looking forward to a strong local turnout again this year, as well," said MVA Managing Director Perry Tenorio. "The Saipan Marathon is another great signature event bringing visitors and residents together. Due to the large number of participants, we encourage early registration so we can plan proper and deliver a great event."

The start will take place at the American Memorial Park at 4:00 a.m. for the 50k and the Marathon, at 5:00 a.m. for the half-marathon, and at 5:45 a.m. for the 10K. The cut-off time will be 8:30 a.m. at the halfway point at the Dept. of Public Safety sub-station in Garapan.

All competitors are required to pick up their race packets on April 15, 2016, at 4 p.m. at Paseo de Marianas without exception.

Entry forms are available at the MVA office located in on Beach Rd. in San Jose or on the MVA official website Event Calendar at www.mymarianas.com. For more information contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at 664-3210 or through email at ediaz@mymarianas.com.

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, Nagoya, and Osaka in Japan by Delta Air Lines and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. China is served regularly from Shanghai, Guangzhou and seasonally from Beijing. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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