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SAIPAN MARATHON REGISTRATION DEADLINE ON MARCH 18

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The last day to register for this year's 11th Saipan Marathon on April 16, 2016, will be Friday (March 18) at 5 p.m.

Registration for the 50K and marathon is \$65.00 for US and NMI participants (\$100 for international participants), and \$55.00 for half-marathon and 10K participants (\$70 for international participants). Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

"We'll looking forward to receiving all registrations by Friday. This will allow us properly coordinate this big event and make sure everything goes smoothly on race day," said Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas.

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. Payments must be made at the MVA office in cash.

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 Navy Hill/Commonwealth Health Center intersection for the 50K and across from Bridge Capitol office for the full marathon.

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

The MVA will also be offering an additional estimated \$8,000+ in cash prizes to the fastest runners in all categories, as contributed by celebrity marathon supporter Kanpei Hazama and Kofuji Distribution Co. of Japan.

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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 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 <u>www.mymarianas.com</u>.

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