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SAIPAN MARATHON REGISTRATION DEADLINE ON APRIL 10

Japanese Comedians Join the Fun

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Runners are reminded not to miss Friday's (April 10) registration deadline for the 10th Saipan Marathon on April 25, 2015.

The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) will close registration at 5 p.m. on Friday to ensure adequate preparations are made for the hundreds of local and international runners signed up to participate.

“The Saipan Marathon is our largest annual race, and we’re working hard to ensure everything goes smoothly,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “We invite everyone who enjoys running to come out and join the fun.”

The “fun” will include the participation of at least eight Japanese comedians, including long-time supporter Kanpei Hazama. He will be joined this year by Shoji Murakami, Tamura Kenji, FUJIWARA, Total Tenbos, Kentaro Uno, Izumono Okuni and Moriyasu Ban Ban Bigaro.

“The Saipan Marathon is race...and also something like a party,” said Duenas. “Many runners opt to wear costumes or other unique attire. We’re looking forward to a great race again this year.”

The 10th Saipan Marathon will feature marathon, half-marathon, 10K, and 50K courses.

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

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 for the 50K and marathon will be 8:30 a.m. at the halfway point in front of Bridge Capital in Garapan.

All competitors are required to pick up their race packets on April 24, 2015, at American Memorial Park, 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 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.

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