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SAIPAN MARATHON REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Registration is open at <u>www.raceroster.com</u> for Saipan Marathon 2022 half-marathon, 10K, and 5K slated for April 9, 2022, in The Marianas.

Registration fees until March 25, 2022, are \$45 for all three courses for both international and resident participants. Special rates for CNMI students only with a valid student i.d. are \$30 for the 10K and 5K. Registration will increased \$10 after March 25, and registration closes on April 1, 2022.

All participants will receive a finisher's T-shirt, a certificate of completion via email, and entry to the awards banquet at 5 p.m. on race day.

"The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) is pleased to bring back our signature and scenic Saipan Marathon this year with the strong partnership of Northern Marianas Athletics," said MVA Managing Director Priscilla Maratita Iakopo. "We are so grateful for all our supporters that, despite the challenges, have stepped up this year to support Saipan Marathon and all our runners. We couldn't do it with you."

The event is sponsored by Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands. In-kind contributors are Century Hotel, Serenity Hotel, and Aqua Resort Club Saipan. Aid stations will be provided by Saipan World Resort, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan,

Triathlon Association of the CNMI, IT&E, Aqua Resort Club Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, Coral Ocean Resort, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan. Supporters are Dept. of Public Safety, Dept. of Public Works, American Memorial Park, Division of Fire & Emergency Medical Services, Div. of Parks & Recreation, and Marianas Health Services.

The race follows some of Saipan's most scenic roadways, starting and ending at Micro Beach and American Memorial Park and providing stunning views of the azure blue lagoon along the Beach Rd. Race packet pick-up will be available on April 8, 2022, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the American Memorial Park amphitheater. Start time on April 9 is 5:45 a.m. for the half-marathon, 6 a.m. for the 10K, and 6:10 a.m. for the 5K.

Awards will be presented to the top three overall male and female finishers for the Half Marathon, 10K and 5K. In addition, only the 1st place male and female finishers in their respective age division category will receive an award. There will be no age divisions for the 5K Run.

The race is a World AthleticsTM-AIMS Certified Course, as World AthleticsTM has agreed to extend the measurement certificates for another 12 months for the Saipan Half Marathon and 10K. This extension will also apply for the courses if used during the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games in June.

For more information, visit The Marianas Calendar at www.mymarianas.com or contact MVA Community Projects Coordinator Ed Diaz at 1.670.664.3210 or ediaz@mymarianas.com.



Registration is open at www.raceroster.com for Saipan Marathon 2022 featuring at Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K on April 9, 2022, in The Marianas.

The Marianas is an archipelago of 14 islands - including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota - in the Western Pacific. The Marianas are home to indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people, as well as over 20 different ethnicities from around the world who live and work in this harmonious tropical paradise. Ancient latte stone limestone monoliths, traditional nature-based ocean navigation not reliant on modern technology, and a culture seasoned by East and West influences are just a few of the experiences found in The Marianas, where pristine sea, sand, and skies are only a 3-4 hour flight from major Asian gateway cities. The Marianas is the first destination with a travel bubble agreement with South Korea, where Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to Saipan from Seoul-Incheon and Air Busan is operating weekly flights in February 2022 from Busan. United Airlines flies daily from Guam. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian is provided by Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com, Facebook/VisitTheMarianas, or Instagram @themarianas.