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8TH MARIANAS COFFEE TRAIL ON JAN. 24, 2015

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The 8th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run will be held on Jan. 24, 2015, featuring some of the greatest views and most challenging terrain of all foot races in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Starting at sea level at American Memorial Park in Saipan, the Marianas Coffee Trail Run heads up 1,500 feet to the highest point of the island, going around the summit of Mt. Tapochau before heading back to American Memorial Park. Sites along the way include Japanese-era coffee plantations and the Marianas Coffee Co. plantation.

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall Male and Female finishers in both the long course and short course. Course lengths will be announced shortly.

Early bird registration fees through 5 p.m., January 22, 2015, are: \$10 for ages 12 and under, \$15 for ages 13-18, and \$25 for ages 19 and up. An additional \$10 will apply after the early bird deadline. Entry fees included a Finishers t-shirt, certificate of participation, and entry to the awards banquet on race day at 1 p.m. Applications are now downloadable under the Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com.

“The Marianas Coffee Trail Run is a great opportunity to explore some of the most scenic trails on Saipan,” said Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “It’s also one of the few races where you can brag you ran along the top of the

mountain chain that starts in the deepest place on the face of the earth – the Marianas Trench.”

Show time and late registration on race day is at 5:30 a.m., with the race starting at 6:30 a.m.

In January 2014, 88 competitors joined the race. Top place honors in the 20K course Male Category went to Charlie Sendin in 1:48:24. In the Female Category, Mamiko Berger (2:13.33) placed first. On the 10K course, the top Male finisher was Jack Kabirial (54:09) of Saipan, while the top Female finisher was Amy Sletten (1:05:53) of Saipan.

The race is sponsored by Marianas Coffee Co., MVA, KFC Triathlon Club of Japan, and Team PDI. Select prizes are also donated by Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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Kathy Ruzala of Saipan finished first in her age division on the 20K course of the 7th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run on Jan. 25, 2014.

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 flights from Seoul and Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Tianjin, Hangzhou and Wuhan 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. For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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