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**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 30TH TAGAMAN TRIATHLON ON MAR. 30,
2019**

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Marking 30 years of existence, the Tagaman triathlon is slated for March 30, 2019, on the island of Saipan in The Marianas.

Registration is available online at www.saipantriathlon.com or www.webscorer.com by searching the event name or Race ID 148748. The early bird registration fee through Dec. 31, 2018, is \$80/solo and \$180/team.

Tagaman is an annual signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), aimed at attracting visiting athletes and media to the tropical shores of The Marianas. Organization is co-organized by MVA and Triathlon Association of the CNMI (TRAC).

“Thirty years of Tagaman is just incredible and speaks to the endurance of this premier event as the longest-running triathlon in Micronesia,” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “We have to give a lot of credit to the founders of the race and the other members of Taga Inc. for seeing the great potential of this event all those years ago and organizing it for the first successful 25 years. Now we are injecting new blood into the event through the MVA’s close partnership with TRAC, and we see it slowly making a comeback to its glory days at the peak of visitor arrivals to The Marianas. Tagaman has been a key event in promoting The Marianas as an

ideal sports destination, and we anticipate it will continue to do so for years to come. We invite all triathletes and teams who have not yet experienced this beautiful course to take the challenge in 2019.”

With its 2K swim, 60K bike, and 1.5K bike, Tagaman is named for the ancient indigenous Chamorro chief Taga, renowned for his legendary feats of strength. Tagaman welcomes athletes of all levels and ages. The starting point and swim leg will be Kanoa Resort Saipan. Bikers will transition at Kilili Pavilion parking lot in Susupe, head south to Airport Rd., north to Banzai Cliff, and back south to Mina’chom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe for the finish line.

“This 30th Tagaman Triathlon will be a reunion of sort. We will revisit some sights and sounds of the first triathlon what was introduced some years ago,” said TRAC President Ricky Castro.

Cash prizes await the Top 3 finishers in the women’s and men’s open categories: \$1,000 for 1st place, \$700 for 2nd place, and \$500 for 3rd place. Medals will be awarded for the Age Group Division, team and individual finishers respectively.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2019, registration will jump to \$120/solo and \$200/relay team, while rates will again increase on Mar. 1, 2019, to \$150/solo and \$240/relay team. The last day to register is Mar. 28, 2019.

Early sponsors for the 30th Tagaman triathlon are Kanoa Resort Saipan as the official hotel of the 30th anniversary, Neo System as the official timer, KFC Triathlon Club of Japan, and Tri Tour of Korea.

Tagaman race series events to prepare for the main event will be announced in the coming months.



Online registration is now open for 30th Tagaman triathlon on Mar. 30, 2019, on the island of Saipan in The Marianas. Athletes may register at www.webscorer.com for early bird rates up until Dec. 31, 2018.

The Marianas are a chain of idyllic islands including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the Western 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 looking for new travel discoveries will find them in The Marianas, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four to five from Korea, China and other parts of Asia and Australia. The Marianas are served seasonal flights from Japan, with regular flights to begin in Winter 2018. From Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Jeju Air also provides service from Busan. From mainland China, direct flight service is available from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hangzhou. HK Express and Hong Kong Airlines provide service from Hong Kong. United Airlines has daily flight connections from four cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made to Saipan via Seoul-Incheon, Hong Kong, or Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul or Hong Kong. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian is provided by Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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