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Guraidhoo and Komandoo Airport design and survey work underway



Maldives Transport and Contracting Company (MTCC) has been tasked with conducting the design and survey work for the development of Guraidhoo and Komandoo Airports.

The agreement for the Guraidhoo Airport project was signed by Minister of Construction and Infrastructure Dr. Abdulla Muththalib and Chief Project Management Officer at MTCC Ahmed Latheef during a ceremony held in Guraidhoo, Thaa Atoll. This agreement includes airport surveying, design, and environmental impact assessment (EIA).

Similarly, the agreement for the Komandoo Airport project was signed by Minister of State for Construction and Infrastructure Ibrahim Nazeem and Deputy Managing Director at MTCC, Hassan Mughnee, during a ceremony held in Komandoo, Shaviyani Atoll. The ceremony was officiated by Minister of State for Construction and Infrastructure Moosa Fathuhee Adam and attended by the President of Komandoo Island Council Mohamed Sinan, along with other government officials.

These projects are part of President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu's initiative to develop 15 new airports during his term.

SOURCE : PSM

Practical work of road development in Thoddoo commences

Road Development Corporation (RDC) has officially commenced the practical work of developing the roads of Thoddoo, Alif Alif Atoll. The project laying the groundwork for the development of the island's roads was launched by the Minister of Dhivehi Language, Culture and Heritage Adam Naseer Ibrahim.

Speaking at the ceremony, Managing Director of RDC Brigadier General (rtd) Ali Zuhair affirmed that the project will continue without a stoppage. He further emphasised that the developmental works will continue such that it does not negatively impact the tourism of the island.

The development of the roads of the island were entrusted to RDC on September 5, 2023. The project is to be completed within a period of 730 days. The project worth USD 5 million, will be resumed on a design and build basis. Under the project, four roads with a length of 2.5km will be enhanced with the installation of drainage systems and street lights as well.



SOURCE : PSM

Works of land reclamation of Kinbidhoo commences

Minister of Construction and Infrastructure Dr. Abdullah Muththalib has officially commenced the practical works of the land reclamation project of Kinbidhoo, Thaa Atoll.

The land reclamation project of Kinbidhoo has been entrusted to Maldives Transport and Contracting Company (MTCC) on August 21, 2023. The project worth USD 9.6 million is to be completed within a period of eight months. 25ha will be reclaimed on the eastern side of the island under the project.

The ceremony held to officiate the practical works were attended by the Principal Secretary to the President Ahmed Ali Habeeb, MTCC's Chief Project Management Officer Ahmed Latheef, Kinbidhoo Council's President Ali Hussain, several senior officials of government institutes and the residents of the island.

SOURCE : PSM





MMPRC promotes the breathtaking sunny side of life at WTM Latin America 2024



Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC/ Visit Maldives) along with 9 industry partners promoted the Sunny Side of Life at one of the leading travel and tourism exhibitions, WTM Latin America (WTM LATAM) 2024. The event was held from 15-17th of April at José Bernardo Pinto, 333, Vila Guilherme São Paulo, Brazil.

WTM LATAM is one of the major B2B travel and tourism events for Latin America, connecting top experts and professionals from the tourism industry. It facilitates a significant platform for qualified and relevant buyers, influencers and market professionals from the region to network and engage in excellent business opportunities.

MMPRC's participation in the event aligned with our strategies to promote the Maldives as the most ideal holiday destination and maintain brand visibility in the Latin American region. It also provided myriad opportunities to strengthen relationships with top tour operators in the market. Throughout the fair, MMPRC aimed to disseminate the latest information about the destination and our tourism products with the visitors. Additionally, the fair further served as a valuable venue for industry partners to connect with the top travel trade and influencers from the region and showcase their individual products, services, and experiences.

The visitors to the Maldives stand immersed themselves in the beauty of the Maldives through stunning visuals packed with engaging activities. Throughout the stand, we showcased destination videos, allowing visitors to experience the Maldives firsthand. There was also a photo backdrop at the back of the stand for capturing those picture-perfect moments. The visitors to the Maldives stand connected with travel professionals from the Maldives tourism industry, learning more about the destination to plan their dream trip to the Maldives. Moreover, a speed networking session was hosted for the exhibitors, providing an ample opportunity to connect with media representatives.

The Maldives has seen a surge in popularity among Latin American travellers. Over 2,762 tourists from the region visited us as of February 2024. MMPRC is committed to maintaining this momentum and has exciting marketing activities planned including media and influencer familiarisation trips, as well as targeted digital and social media campaigns. These efforts aim to solidify the Maldives' position as a dream vacation destination for Latin American travellers.

SOURCE : Visit Maldives

ADB praises Maldives' efforts to expand agricultural industry

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has praised the vision of the government to develop the agricultural industry of the nation in the latest outlook publicised.

The 5,900ha land utilised for agricultural purposes produces on 10% of agricultural food items demanded by the residents of the country. ADB stressed the importance of expanding the industry as the outlook indicates that the agricultural industry contributes to only 1.5% of the GDP.

The report sheds light on the various challenges the country faces to expand the agricultural industry. This includes the lack of skilled employees with relevant knowledge and education, difficulties to obtain financial assistances such as loans and the high costs of materials required for agricultural work. However, ADB's report praised the current administration, for the ongoing efforts to expand the industry via modern, eco-friendly technological advancements and techniques to produce agricultural raw materials.



Additionally, the report highlighted the agreement signed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Welfare and VC Group Private Limited, to introduce modern facilities for the agricultural industry. The agreement lays the groundwork to adopt vertical farming policies in Hanimaadhoo, Haa Dhaalu Atoll, aiming to expand the industry to a nationwide level. The report indicated that this project will undoubtedly ensure the production of food items within the country while assuring sustainable environment for agriculture.

In response to a query, President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu revealed that the long-term strategy formulated for the country's advancement includes the production of all the food items that are capable of being produced in the country, while enhancing the food security mechanisms.

SOURCE : PSM





Agreement signed to establish 32MW power plant in Addu City



Fenaka Corporation Limited has signed an agreement with a Chinese company; Dongfang Electric International Corporation, laying the groundworks of establishing a power generator of 32MW in Addu City. The agreement was signed by Managing Director of Fenaka Corporation Muaz Mohamed Rasheed and Vice President of Dongfang Electric Sun Jen Ping.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Managing Director Muaz revealed that despite many coordinated efforts from the previous government to stabilise electricity provision within the city, a permanent resolution was not achieved. Muaz observed that the lack of stable electricity provision has posed residents of the city to face several challenges to this date.

Muaz stated that the establishment of a 32MW-power generator under the agreement, would serve as a viable solution for the next 20 to 25 years. He disclosed that the work to establish the power generators will be completed in various phases. The first phase includes setting up two 9.8MW generator sets which are to last for 15 years. Following that, two 5.8MW generator sets will be established. Muaz further emphasised that the power capacities of the generators within the power plant could be enhanced to provide a maximum of 50MW. The project is to be completed within a matter of six months.

The finance required for the project will be settled by Dongfang Electric International Corporation, with the government repaying back the amount within a period of 12 years. Muaz expressed confidence that the revenue generated through the power plant will be utilised for the repayment with no difficulties.

This initiative aims to eliminate all the obstacles the residents of Addu City have faced for the past years.

SOURCE : PSM

MWSC to complete 16 projects entrusted to other contractors

Managing Director of Male' Water and Sewerage Company Private Limited (MWSC) Abdul Matheen Mohamed has revealed that efforts are underway to resume projects to establish utility systems in 16 islands. The projects were initially launched by the previous administration but came to a halt for various reasons.

During a programme aired on PSM News, Matheen highlighted the ongoing preparations required for the continuation of the projects. This includes holding discussions with the Ministry of Construction and Infrastructure, conducting surveys and monitoring the current stance of the project. Matheen further revealed that a proposal encompassing relevant information collected has also been submitted to the ministry.



Matheen disclosed that the majority of the projects were far from completion. He additionally stated that MWSC took the responsibility of completing such projects, including the establishment of water and electricity systems for 11 islands and the establishment of water systems in five islands. He affirmed that initiatives to establish these facilities will commence within this month.

The 11 islands in which MWSC undertook the responsibility of establishing utility systems are as follows: Fehendhoo, Fulhadhoo, Kihadhoo, Kudarikilu, and Dhonfanu in Baa Atoll, Naalaafushi and Raimandhoo in Meemu Atoll, Magoodhoo in Noonu Atoll, Noomaraa and Bileffahi in Shaviyani Atoll and Kunahandhoo in Laamu Atoll. Meanwhile, the five islands in which water systems are to be established are as follows: Landhoo and Miladhoo in Noonu Atoll, Madifushi and Dhiyamigili in Thaa Atoll and Fenfushi in Alif Dhaalu Atoll.

Furthermore, Matheen also unveiled that efforts to expand the harbours of Gan from Laamu Atoll, Villingili from Gaafu Alif Atoll and Hithadhoo in Addu City.

SOURCE : PSM



HDC acquires additional dredger to expedite land reclamation



Housing Development Corporation Limited (HDC) has acquired an additional dredger to accelerate the land reclamation process for Hulhumale' Phase III.

The land reclamation project, which began on April 4, initially utilised dredgers with a capacity of 12,000 cubic meters of sand. HDC announced the addition of another dredger, the TS HD Prins De Nederlandans, to expedite the process. This new dredger has twice the capacity of the current ones, capable of handling 22,000 cubic meters of sand. HDC expects the project to progress rapidly with the utilisation of these two additional dredgers.

The project to reclaim 63 hectares of land for Hulhumale' Phase III will be completed in three main phases. The first phase involved reclaiming 10 hectares of land. Following its completion, the second phase, which encompasses 29 hectares, began on December 30, 2023. As of now, five out of the 29 hectares have been fully dredged. The third phase of the project involves dredging an additional 24 hectares.

HDC has previously stated that the reclaimed land in Hulhumale' will be utilised for various purposes, including housing, industrial, and marina purposes. Furthermore, decisions have been made to allocate

SOURCE : PSM

MMPRC extends deadline for participation in ITB China 2024



Maldives Marketing & Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC / Visit Maldives) is proud to announce that Maldives has been chosen as the Official Destination Partner for ITB China 2024. Due to the positive industry responses, the deadline for Maldivian tourism industry partners to participate in the fair has been extended. Companies now have until Thursday, April 25th, 2024 by 1:00 PM to submit their applications to join Visit Maldives at this key trade fair.

ITB China, a leading B2B trade show focusing exclusively on the Chinese travel market, will be held from May 27th to 29th this year, at the Shanghai World Expo Exhibition and Convention Center.

China remains a critical market for the Maldives tourism industry, having recently regained its position as the top source of arrivals following the reopening of borders. This extended deadline provides an exceptional opportunity for Maldivian tourism stakeholders to connect with key decision-makers and potential partners within the booming Chinese travel sector. MMPRC encourages all interested companies to submit their applications by the revised deadline.

SOURCE : Visit Maldives

Maldives initiates development of World Class Surfing and Body Boarding stadium



Ministry of Sports, Fitness and Recreation has handed over the development of a world-class surfing and bodyboarding arena in Maldives to the Chinese firm Rotime Engineering Technology Private Limited. The agreement for the project was formalised in a ceremony held at the Housing Development Corporation (HDC), where Minister Abdulla Rafiu and Managing Director Zhou Weidong signed the venture agreement.

During the ceremony, Minister Rafiu underscored that the project was initiated in response to a request from the Maldives Surfing and Bodyboarding Association, with the primary objective of overcoming challenges in hosting international competitions on a larger scale.

Meanwhile, Managing Director Zhou Weidong emphasised the importance of sports like surfing and bodyboarding in revitalising Maldivian culture and traditions, expressing his commitment to seeing the sports thrive in the future. Rotime Engineering and Technology has previously undertaken the development of a swimming pool in Hulhumale' and are currently involved in developing a tennis complex.

President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu confirmed during the Ahaa Forum that discussions have taken place with two surfing associations, and efforts are underway to expedite the construction of the new stadium. This aligns with the administration's commitment to promoting sports in the Maldives.

Minister Rafiu has stressed the importance of optimising sports resources and structuring them in a manner that best benefits athletes, reflecting the ongoing efforts to enhance the sports landscape in the country.

SOURCE : PSM