

Maldives Airports Company Limited Press Release

Ibrahim Nasir International Airport now becomes Velana International Airport



Velana International Airport, Maldives 1st January 2017 – A special function was held at the airport on the inauguration of Velana International Airport at 0000hrs on 1st January 2017.

The function was attended by cabinet ministers, parliament members, government officials and airport stakeholders along with MACL board members and Staff. The chief guest of the function was the President of the Republic of Maldives His Excellency President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom who inaugurated Velana International Airport.

Velana International Airport's Aerodrome license was handed over by Maldives Civil Aviation Authority to Maldives Airports Company Ltd along with two Ministers responsible for the two Institutions. A short video song was shown about the history of INIA, the triumph of the president and his government.

A water salute was given to the first aircraft (Maldivian Q2-701) to Velana International Airport along with fireworks after the flight landed . The president met the captain and congratulated him for being the first aircraft to the Airport.

The government of Maldives on 26th December 2016 had announced to rebrand and change the name of Ibrahim Nasir International to Velana International Airport effective from 1st January 2017. The new name of the airport “Velana” is the family name of Ibrahim Nasir, the second President of the Republic of Maldives who brought Independence to Maldives as well as opened the first ever Maldivian Airport at Hulhule island on 12th April 1966.

Maldives Airports Company Limited (MACL) is a 100% government owned limited liability company incorporated under the Companies Act of the Rep of Maldives. MACL is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Privatisation and Corporatisation Board of the Maldives. The Corporate Office of MACL is on the island of Hulhule’, Republic of Maldives

Maldives Airports Company has been massively involved in destination marketing and bringing in new airlines to Maldives in order to ensure its responsibilities to the nation and more specifically to the tourism industry. MACL has big plans for future developments such as new terminal, new cargo facility and the new fuel farm along with hydrant system and major infrastructure developments at Velana international Airport

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