

Maldives Airports Company Limited Press Release

VELANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WELCOMES INDIGO TO THE MALDIVES



Velana International Airport, Maldives – 15th November 2018 – The Indian Low Cost Carrier, IndiGo launched its first inaugural flight from Kochi to Velana International Airport (VIA) on 15th November 2018. IndiGo will be operating double daily flights to Maldives with their A320 aircraft. A warm traditional Boduberu with water salute welcomed IndiGo at VIA and IndiGo Inaugural flight was celebrated with an official function held at Maamehi Lounge at VIA.

The function was joined by Chief Guest the Ambassador of India to Maldives, His Excellency Mr. Akilesh Mishra ,Representative of Maldives Civil Aviation Authority Mr. Abdulla Rasheed, IndiGo’s, Vice President, Airport Operation & Customer Service Ms. Cynthia Crabill Szadokierski and the Acting Managing Director of Maldives Airports Company Ltd (MACL) Mr. Moosa Solih. Both IndiGo and MACL staff attended the function along with officials from airport related institutions.

At the function, the Acting Managing Director of MACL Mr. Moosa Solih said that he is delighted to have IndiGo as VIA’s newest partner and he is confident that the airline will add value to VIA. He also said that VIA is on the verge of transforming into a brand new airport and the establishment of the Code F runway is the first major milestone of the project. He further said that IndiGo will foster travel and trade between the two countries and thanked IndiGo for choosing VIA in their route expansion.

The Ambassador of India to Maldives, His Excellency Mr. Akilesh Mishra said that both countries relish good relations and with the operations of IndiGo , it has the possibility to have people to people connection from both India and Maldives. IndiGo’s Vice President, Airport Operation & Customer Service Ms. Cynthia Crabill Szadokierski said that her airline will attract more Indian tourists to the Maldives as the Airline will flow traffic from Mumbai, Bangalore and Kochi of India. She also said that IndiGo has grown from 2 aircrafts to 194 aircrafts making the airline the fastest growing low cost carrier in India.

At the function, both IndiGo and MACL exchanged corporate gifts and a special ceremonial cake was cut on the occasion. The function was concluded with an official photo shoot and refreshments.

About IndiGo Airlines

Commenced operations in 2016 IndiGo is amongst the fastest growing low-cost carriers in the world. IndiGo has a simple philosophy: offer fares that are low, flights that are on time, and a courteous, hassle-free travel experience. With a fleet of 195 aircrafts including 12 ATR aircrafts, the airline offers over 1300 daily flights and connects 49 domestic destinations and 13 international destinations.

About MACL

Maldives Airports Company Limited (MACL) is a 100% government owned limited liability company incorporated under the Companies Act of the Rep of Maldives. A Board of Directors appointed by the Privatization & Corporatization Board of the Maldives governs MACL. The Corporate Office of MACL is located on the island of Hulhule', Republic of Maldives

Maldives Airports Company is the operator of Velana International Airport and has been massively involved in destination marketing and bringing in new airlines to the Maldives to boost up the tourism industry. MACL embarked on one of the biggest projects in the history of Maldives in developing the future Velana International Airport. This Mega project includes the development of a brand new international passenger terminal, a new code F runway, a new cargo terminal complex and a new fuel farm, a new sea plane terminal, a new VIP building along with other infrastructure developments at Velana International Airport

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