

Maldives Airports Company Limited Press Release

Ibrahim Nasir International Airport's Expansion Project Commencement Ceremony



Ibrahim Nasir International Airport, Maldives – 6th April 2016– Maldives Airports Company Ltd (MACL) held a grand ceremony to commence Ibrahim Nasir International Airport's (INIA) expansion project with Beijing Urban Construction Group (BUCG) at the Male City town hall “Dharubaaruge” on 6th April 2016. The grand ceremony was attended by cabinet ministers, parliament members, state dignitaries and airport stakeholders. The chief guest of the grand ceremony was the President of the Republic of Maldives His Excellency President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom.

The components of the expansion project under BUCG was to develop a new Runway of 3400 x 60 meters, a new Cargo Complex which would cater for 120,000 tons of air-cargo per year and a brand new Fuel Farm with a storage capacity 45 million liters of Jet A1 fuel along with fuel hydrant system.

The Managing Director of MACL Mr. Adil Moosa gave the opening remarks stating that INIA will be a brand new airport once these developments are completed. Economic Development Minister Mr. Mohamed Saeed gave his speech on government's aim to transform INIA into a modern airport. Mr. Liu Qiang, the Charge d'Affaires from the Embassy of People's Republic of China also spoke on the progressing bilateral relationship with China and the Maldives. Chairman of BUCG Mr. Chen Daihua stated in his speech that with the experience and knowledge in airport infrastructure development, he has the guarantee that BUCG can develop INIA into a modern airport. Vote of thanks was given by MACL's Chairman Mr. Mohamed Umar Maniku.

The highlight of the ceremony was President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom's inauguration of the airport model which represents the components of BUCG's airport expansion project. The much awaited video presentation on airport expansion project was introduced to the public at the ceremony along with the BUCG's corporate video.

Special corporate gifts were awarded by MACL and BUCG to President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom on the occasion and the grand ceremony was concluded by the president's speech which gave hope to the future of INIA.

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 Ibrahim Nasir International

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