

Smart Gate Services is introduced at Velana International Airport.



Velana International Airport, 28 February 2024- Maldives Customs Service, in collaboration with Maldives Airports Company Limited (MACL), has officially introduced Smart Gate services at Velana International Airport (VIA) on Wednesday. With the introduction of Smart Gate services, passenger luggage will now be scanned using radio frequency identification (RFID) tags.

The service was inaugurated by Ibrahim Shareef Mohamed, CEO and Managing Director of Maldives Airports Company Limited, at a special ceremony held at Velana International Airport's passenger terminal this morning. Commissioner General of Customs Yusuf Maniu Mohamed, senior management members of Customs and Maldives Airports Company Limited, and Stakeholders of Velana International Airport were also present at the ceremony.

During the ceremony, Mr. Ibrahim Shareef Mohamed emphasized the role of the newly introduced Smart Gate in enhancing passenger experiences and improving service efficiency. He reiterated MACL's commitment to continually improving airport services to benefit passengers, with the support of stakeholders and partner agencies.

"We are committed, with the support of our stakeholders and partner agencies, to introduce and develop new services to enhance the experiences of passengers, and today's service introduction is an important progress in that endeavor," stated Ibrahim Shareef.

Maldives being one of the world's top tourist destinations, VIA's arrival numbers comprise of a large number of tourists. MACL and Maldives Customs recognize the importance of enhancing passenger

experiences at the country's main air gateway to maintain accessibility to the Maldives and sustain its appeal to visitors.

The introduction of Smart Gate services at VIA represents another significant milestone in MACL and Maldives Customs' ongoing efforts to provide world-class services and facilities to passengers, ensuring a seamless and efficient travel experience.

Note to editor:

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. MACL is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Privatisation & Corporatisation Board of the Maldives. The Corporate Office of MACL is 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 has embarked on one of the biggest projects in the history of Maldives in developing the future Velana International Airport such as the development of a brand new international passenger terminal, a new code F runway, a new cargo terminal complex, and a new fuel farm along with hydrant system and major infrastructure developments at Velana International Airport.

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