

Velana International Airport to Host the Prestigious Air Service World Congress 2024



Velana International Airport: July 21, 2023 - Maldives Airports Company Limited (MACL) is thrilled to announce that Velana International Airport (VIA) will be the official host of the prestigious Air Service World Congress 2024. This marks a historical milestone as it is the first time the Maldives will host this esteemed global event.

The Air Service World Congress 2023 event held at Oakland, San Francisco Bay Area from 17 to 19 July 2023 reached a successful conclusion with the handover to Velana International Airport. Mr. Mahjoub Shujau, MD, and CEO, welcomed the attendees, inviting them to explore the aviation industry of Maldives alongside the significant upgrades at Velana International Airport.

The upcoming event, scheduled to take place in July 2024, is expected to attract international representatives from the route development community and provide a platform to discuss the future of global air service development. As a hub of connectivity in the Indian Ocean, Velana International Airport is honored to facilitate such important industry conversations in our home, the Maldives.

Throughout the event, participants can look forward to engaging in insightful industry discussions, one-on-one meetings, and an array of networking opportunities. These interactions will undoubtedly provide avenues for knowledge sharing, fostering collaboration, and exploring innovative solutions for air service development. This event is not just about industry discussions and networking. We are incredibly excited to showcase our beautiful

islands, offering delegates the opportunity to experience the Maldives' breathtaking natural beauty.

"It is with immense pleasure that we announce Velana International Airport as the host for the 2024 Air Service World Congress. This pivotal event emphasizes our dedication to continual growth and development in the aviation industry. Over the years, we have made significant strides in transforming our infrastructure and expanding our operational capacity," said Mahjoob Shujau, MACL's CEO and Managing Director.

"From innovative projects such as the development of the New Seaplane Terminal to building a new Code F runway along with other facilities, we have continuously elevated our services to meet the evolving needs of our passengers and airlines. This Congress will present an invaluable opportunity for us to showcase these advancements and open the gates to prospective partnerships with global airlines. We believe the Air Service World Congress 2024 will set the stage for a new chapter in the growth story of Velana International Airport, further reinforcing our path as a leading airport operator in the region."

We eagerly anticipate welcoming delegates to the Air Service World Congress 2024 and believe that our island paradise will leave an indelible imprint on all who attend.

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.

About air service world congress

AIR SERVICE WORLD CONGRESS is a step up to satisfy increasing demand from international delegates for a live, face-to-face networking. They remain a global air service development event with continuous formal and informal networking. AIR SERVICE WORLD CONGRESS is a meaningful platform for Airlines/Airports/ Tourism Authorities to work in partnership for the development of their air services.

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