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Development and Expansion of Maafaru Airport – Phase II awarded to MTCC Plc.

Development and Expansion of Maafaru Airport – Phase II has been awarded to MTCC Plc by Ministry of National Planning, Housing and Infrastructure of the Government of Maldives. The agreement was signed at a ceremony held today. CEO Adam Azim signed on behalf of MTCC and Ms. Fathimath Shaana Farooq, Director General signed on behalf of the Ministry.

With a population of 16,706, Noonu Atoll is a thriving tourist destination with seven luxury tourist resorts which provides ample amount of employment opportunities for the residents. The commencement of airport service with the completion of the phase one of N. Maafaru International Airport dawned to a new beginning for the residents and the tourism industry, making it the main gateway to the flourishing economic activities of the atoll.

Island Aviation Services (IAS) which operates the N. Maafaru International Airport revealed that it is the second airport in the Maldives with the highest arrival rates after Velaana International Airport. Reflecting on statistics revealed by IAS for the year 2022, more than 300 jets have arrived at the Airport as of November 2022 while 80 additional jet arrivals are expected in the upcoming high season. The contract signed with the government of Maldives and MTCC today towards the expansion of the airfield runway and taxiway of Maafaru International Airport will further expand the capacity of the airport and thus improve the economic outlook of the atoll and the whole economy of the Maldives.

Scope of the project signed today includes:

Airport development and expansion

- Extension of the airfield-south runway by 650m
- Reclamation of 1,045,925cbm of land to make way for the extension work
- Construction of a 5700m revetment
- Asphalt laying of 32,300 sqms on the airfield and 5600 sqm on the taxiway along with paint markings and landscaping.



Upgrading the existing airfield

- Asphalt laying of 100,000 sqm and upgrading the boundary fencing along with paint markings and landscaping.
- Installation of airfield lights

The project signed today is valued at USD 27.18 million and the project is to be completed within 365 days.

Over the past 41 years, MTCC has delivered various developmental projects in different regions of the country. As an important partner in nation building, we have gained nationwide trust and recognition for our capacity and expertise in delivering diverse types of infrastructure development projects.

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