



PRESS RELEASE

Breaking ground to expand the skies with the brand new terminal: INIA

A new milestone was reached at INIA on 19th December 2011, as ground was broken for **the new terminal**, which is located at the eastern side of the Hulhule' Island. The resort terminal is scheduled to open in 2014.

"Today we are making history," said Chairman of the GMR Group Mr G M Rao "We are building a great infrastructure that will benefit the Maldives people for generations to come."



He further continued, "Since the time we came here, the love and affection of the wonderful people of Maldives, has been a cause of great comfort for all of us, and we are grateful to this nation, for making us feel welcome, and be 'one' with you."



More than 400 guests, including His Excellency the President of the Republic of Maldives, Mr Mohamed Nasheed, Ministers of State of the Maldives; distinguished guests from India;; corporates; business partners; friends from the media and government and community representatives, gathered in a colorfully decorated tent on the site of the future facility, with the dredging of the reclamation land is at work.

One of the highlights of the program was the fly past of four Maldivian registered aircrafts with two of them dropping flowers from the sea planes that added to the festive

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atmosphere which made the crowd cheer as the dignitaries dug their shovels into the earth of the recently reclaimed land, to symbolically break ground.



TAN SRI BASHIR AHMAD MANAGING DIRECTOR MALAYSIA AIRPORTS stated, "Please allow me to convey, on behalf of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, the Government of Malaysia and the people of Malaysia, our warmest greetings and congratulations for this auspicious day on the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of a new terminal for Ibrahim Nasir International Airport of the Republic of Maldives."



"This new facility embodies our hopes and indeed our dreams for future generations of the Maldives," he said. "Through our strategic partnership with GMR Group, we aim to develop Ibrahim Nasir International Airport into a global standard airport by the year 2014. The airport is well connected with major airports around the world, serving as the main gateway into the Maldives."



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It is our aspiration that this partnership will be the bedrock of a longer and endearing collaboration between all parties involved, especially between the Government of Malaysia with the Government of the Republic of the Maldives. Today's event is an auspicious milestone of the exciting journey that we will take together towards a mutually successful future.



The airport is positioned as the gateway to the Maldives and today's ground breaking milestone symbolizes our commitment to turn the dream of a new airport into reality.

About GMR Male' International Airport Pvt Ltd(GMIAL), Maldives

GMR Infrastructure Limited won the bid in June 2010 to build, operate, modernize and expand the Male' International Airport now INIA as of July 26th 2011, Maldives for a 25 year concession period extendable by another 10 years. In this Joint Venture, GMR holds 77% and the remaining 23% is held by Malaysian Airports Holdings Berhad. The expansion project is expected to be complete by June 2014.

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