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### Important Deadlines

**August 28** Submission of GST return and payment of GST for July 2015

**September 10** Payment of trade fee for September 2015

**September 10** Submission of royalty statement and sales report for August 2015 by duty free shops

**September 15** Submission of Withholding tax return and payment of withholding tax for August 2015

**September 15** Payment of duty free royalty for August 2015

**September 28** Submission of GST return and payment of GST for August 2015

\* If the deadline falls on a public holiday, then the last submission deadline would be the next working day

# MIRA celebrates 5th anniversary

**Faatheen Abdul Latheef, Senior Officer, Marketing and Public Relations**

MIRA held a special event on the occasion of MIRA's 5th year anniversary. The chief guest of the function was the Vice President, Ahmed Adeb Abdul Ghafoor.

The highlights of the event included launching of a commemorative stamp to mark 50 years of independence and the unveiling of MIRA's new corporate identity. The prestigious Ran Laari, awarded to compliant taxpayers who pay the

highest amount of tax to the government were also given to 17 taxpayers in various categories.

Additionally awards of appreciation were handed to institutions such as Maldives Police Service and Maldives Custom Service, various media partners and the outgoing MIRA Board members for their valuable contribution towards MIRA. A special book highlighting the successes of 5 years was also inaugurated in this event. The Commissioner General and chief guest Vice President also spoke in the ceremony.

## MIRA holds an Open Day



**Faatheen Abdul Latheef, Senior Officer, Marketing and Public Relations**

MIRA held an 'Open Day' as part of the tax week conducted to celebrate MIRA's 5th year anniversary. The activities planned for tax week included special presentations to schools, MIRA 'Open Day', a special event

for children and a blood donation camp.

The purpose of the 'Open Day' held on 4 August 2015 was to provide information about MIRA and career prospects available at MIRA. Visitors were given information about all the departments of MIRA, and about a career path they can follow at

MIRA based on their current or intended area of study. Visitors were also able to meet staff of MIRA and ask questions about their work.

'Tax Week' is a part of MIRA's attempt to increase awareness of general public regarding tax and MIRA received the support of the taxpayers

# “Ran Laari” award of 2014 awarded to taxpayers

**Mariyam Himmath Hassan, Senior Officer, International Relations**

The ‘Ran Laari’ award, which was introduced in 2013 to recognize taxpayers who pay the highest amount of taxes to MIRA, will be awarded to the eligible taxpayers this year as well. Ran Laari awards were presented to taxpayers this year during the 5th anniversary of MIRA to

taxpayers who have paid the highest taxes to MIRA from 1 January to 31 December 2014 and who fit the criteria specified in the Ran Laari award policy.

Compared to previous year, two major changes have been brought to Ran Laari award policy. According to the previous policy, taxpayers were categorized based on the nature of business.

However, the restructured policy states that taxpayers would be categorized based on the nature of taxes paid. Also, the current policy would consider the compliance level of taxpayers in filing their returns and making payments to MIRA within the indicated deadline rather than giving significance merely to the amount of taxes paid, as in the former policy.

Winners' name	Award category
Universal Enterprises Pvt Ltd	Business Profit Tax
Kasa Holdings Pvt Ltd	Business Profit Tax
Coastline Investments Pvt Ltd	Business Profit Tax
Huvafenfushi Resort & Spa	TGST- Resorts with bed capacity less than 150
Lily Beach Resort & Spa	TGST- Resorts with bed capacity between 150 to 250
One & Only Reethi Rah	TGST- Resorts with bed capacity more than 250
Sun Hotels And Resorts Pvt Ltd	TGST- Travel Agency
Trans Maldivian Airways Pvt Ltd	TGST- Domestic Air Transport
Hulhule Island Hotel	TGST- Tourist Hotel
Horizon 3	TGST- Tourist Vessel
Askani Thulusdhoo	TGST- Tourist Guest House
Sonee Hardware Pvt Ltd	GGST- Large Businesses
Ego Maldives Pvt Ltd	GGST- Medium Businesses
Pan Ocean International Pvt Ltd	GGST- Small Businesses
Trans Maldivian Airways Pvt Ltd	Withholding Tax
Bank of Maldives Plc	Bank Profit Tax
Maldives Airports Company Ltd	State Owned Enterprises (SOE)

# MIRA unveils “Corporate Identity”



**Mohamed Haamy, Senior Officer,  
Marketing and Public Relations**

The “Corporate Identity” of MIRA was unveiled during the ceremony held on 13 August

2015 to celebrate the 5th anniversary of MIRA. It was unveiled by the Minister of Fisheries and Agriculture, Dr. Mohamed Shainee.

The corporate identity will be

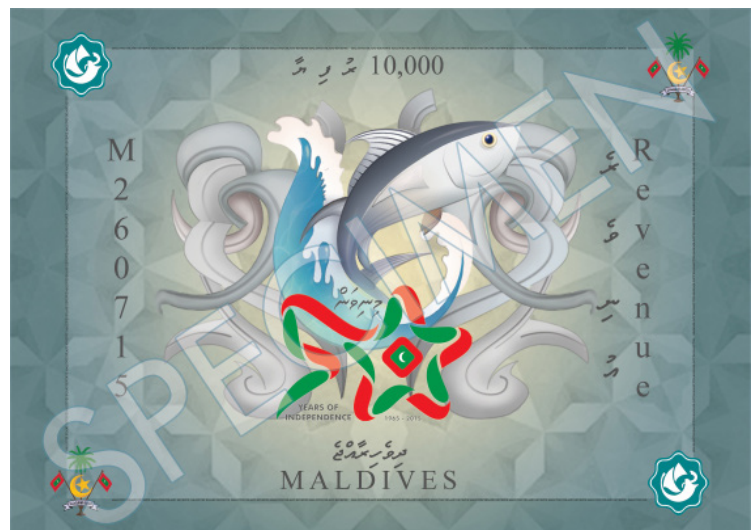
represented on all the marketing materials, written documents and stationaries of MIRA. MIRA believes that the introduction of the corporate identity will ensure the evolvement of their existing brand identity.

## MIRA publishes MVR 10, 000 Revenue Stamp

**Abdul Ghaffar Abdulla. Senior Officer, Marketing and  
Public Relations**

To mark the golden jubilee of independence of Maldives, Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA) introduced a special revenue stamp of MVR 10, 000. The stamp was officially unveiled by the Speaker of the People’s Majlis, Hon. Abdullah Maseeh Mohamed, on 13th August, during the ceremony held to mark 5th year anniversary of MIRA.

Prior to this, the highest denomination of the revenue stamp available under the Revenue Stamp Act was of MVR 5,000.



# MIRA reveals 'Digital Year' targets

**Mohamed Nisam Naseem, Assistant Officer, Marketing and Public Relations**

The targets for this year, which MIRA has intended to be their 'digital year', have been revealed. Unveiled during MIRA's fifth anniversary celebration held on the 13th of August, the targets for the organizations digital year are thirteen in number. These targets are:-

1.Implementation of a customer relationship management system (Customer relationship management system or C.R.M.S is intended to improve communications between taxpayers and the organization, thereby improving compliance of tax laws and regulations and as a result bring about positive changes to government revenue).

2.Launching of the MIRA mobile application (The application is intended to allow taxpayers to comply with their obligations with much more ease, as well as to allow taxpayers easy access to important and essential information).

3.Improve awareness of taxpayers and the general public via e-learning methods.

4.Improve the proficiency by which forensic investigations can be carried out by MIRA's investigation teams.

5.Implementation of an interactive website.

6.Integration of MIRA's systems with those of other government associations.

7.Launching of a special application by which tax collections made by Atoll councils can be transmitted and collected by MIRA offices.

8.Increase the number of options by which Taxpayers can make payments via MIRA's online portal, 'MIRA Connect'.

9.Phase out the current 'sticker system' which vehicle fees are based on and replace it with an online system whereby government agencies which require such information can access it with much more ease.

10.Complete automation of MIRA's current risk profile system which is used to assess and audit potential 'high risk' taxpayers.

11.Automation of MIRA's entire administrative processes.

12.Transfer of additional revenue codes to the S.A.P tax and revenue management system.

13.One third of communication between MIRA and taxpayers to be carried via email.

## Blood Donation Camp 2015

**Mariyam Nahula Abdul Qayyoom, Manager, Enforced Collection**

A blood donation campaign is to be carried out as one of the important activities of the Tax Week being celebrated to mark the 5th Anniversary of MIRA. The "Blood Donation Camp 2015" is to be held in association with Maldives Blood Services on 20th August 2015. MIRA has carried out successful blood donation camps in the previous years as well, as part of the anniversary celebrations and a large number of staff are expected to donate blood during this year's programs as well.







Photos: President's Office

# Information sessions conducted for school students

**Aishath Saana, Senior Officer, Tax Training**

As a part of MIRA's 5th anniversary celebrations, special information sessions were conducted exclusively for school students. Students from secondary grades of Imaadhudheen School, Jamaludheen School and V. Keyodhoo School attended the sessions. The main purpose of information sessions was to improve students' knowledge on Maldives tax system and to create awareness.



# MIRA holds a special 'Thikudhinge Haveeru' event for children

**Faatheen Abdul Latheef, Senior Officer, Marketing and Public Relations**

A special children's event was held on Friday, 14 August 2015, at Kudakudhinge Bageechaa to celebrate MIRA's 5th anniversary and occasion of Minivan 50.

This event, specially targeted for children, included variety of activities. The activities included talent shows, taking selfies, face painting, musical chair, tin throwing, football and many other games.

