

Maldives Travel Awards hosted in Dubai concludes

DUBAI, UAE, May 8, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A Special Edition of Maldives Travel Awards 2015 was hosted abroad for the first time, at Dusit Thani Dubai, on 5th May 2015. Maldives Travel Awards, marked as the premier recognition for travel businesses in Maldives, features a total of 33 categories, out of which winners were announced in ten selected categories, during the special event hosted in Dubai. The special edition of the Travel Awards in Dubai was scheduled coinciding with the Arabian Travel Market 2015, in collaboration with Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Cooperation, MMPRC. Minister of Fisheries & Agriculture Dr. Mohamed Shainee was the chief guest of the Awards function. In addition, Deputy Speaker of the parliament Mr. Moosa Maniku, senior executives from MMPRC and representatives from the leading top travel brands were present to celebrate this occasion.



Launched in 2012, 2015 marks the 4th edition of the travel awards, and also marks a milestone, as the awards is hosted abroad for the first time. During the past four years, Maldives Travel Awards has grown successfully in popularity and in number of categories and nominations. This year, more than 110 nominees are competing in 33 categories, covering wide spectrum of the service sector. Guest houses, Hotels, Resorts, Airlines and service providers like dive schools are represented in the Travel Awards. In 2015, 10 new categories were introduced to complement with the changing landscape of the industry, and to accommodate the emerging service sectors, like guest houses and community tourism.

Speaking at the function, the President of MATATO Mr. Abdulla Ghiyas reiterated on the success of the awards and assured that MATATO will continue its efforts to collaborate with the key stakeholders of the industry to take Maldives travel awards progressively forward.

In addition, MATATO also presented awards of Special recognition, to ClubMed Finolhuvillas (Gasfinolhu) and Mr. Faisal Naseem, for outstanding achievement in design and innovation. ClubMed Finolhu Villas was awarded for the innovative development of the island as the first fully solar powered resort in the Maldives, making this property 100 percent carbon neutral. Mr. Faisal Naseem was recognized for his continued service in the tourism sector, especially for outstanding achievements, in architecture and design.

Winners of the remaining categories of Maldives Travel Awards will be announced in September 2015, at the grand Award Night to be hosted by COCO Boduhithi.

Winners- MATATO Maldives Travel Awards 2015 - Dubai Edition :

1 Leading International Airline -
Srilankan Airlines

2 Leading Low Cost Carrier -
Fly Dubai

3 Leading Travel Technology Partner -
Viewtual

4 Leading Human Resource Management -
Sun Island Resort and Spa

5 Leading Private Island -
Coco Prive' Kuda Hithi

6 Leading Meeting and Conference Resort -
Bandos Maldives

7 Leading Eco Resort -
Sonevafushi

8 Leading Airport/City Hotel -
Hulhule' Island Hotel

9 Leading International Hotel/Resort Brand -
Anantara Hotels and Resorts

10 Leading Guest House -
Arena Beach Maldives

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