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**Tourism Minister Dr. Mausoom Meets with NBAM Executive Board**

The Minister of Tourism, Dr. Abdulla Mausoom has met with Executive Board Members of National Boating Association of Maldives (NBAM) today.

During the meeting held via Zoom, on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021, NBAM members shared key concerns faced within the boating industry. Some of the raised issues included; Foreign Vessels competing with local boats on an unfair basis, assistance with further financial aid for businesses, as well as, importance of border re-opening for Southeast Asia market as we go into the low season.

Another issue that was emphasized was the huge difficulty faced due to inability to bring back key foreign staff from Southeast Asian countries due the existing restriction. Additionally, finding a convenient way for local staff to visit their home islands without going through a long quarantine. Furthermore, one of the key concerns raised was the possibility of quarantine of guests and crew on boats instead of land facilities were conversed as well. This has been an issue raised from the beginning and something which could greatly assist the boating sector as well as relieve the pressure on land-based quarantine facilities as we move towards the high season.

Also highlighted during the meeting was introducing 'Vaccination Vacation' with a proper strategy, could be another channel to market and promote Maldives. This is depending on the availability of vaccination and also finalizing a proper guideline.

Minister affirmed his full support for all future endeavors of the boating association and concluded the meeting with both parties looking forward to work in confederation for further expansion of the Boating sector.

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