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MRA Blood Donation

MRA COLLECTS 1721 PINTS OF BLOOD

Since 2007, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) celebrates its anniversary by organising blood donation campaigns. This year the MRA Blood Donation took place on Tuesday 09 July at four collection points, namely the MRA Head Office, Ehram Court, Port Louis, Custom House, Mer Rouge, PATS at Plaine Magnien, and at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport. Till date, the MRA has donated 10,561 pints of blood to the Blood Bank.

This event would not have been possible had it not been for the precious involvement and participation of blood donors from across the Island and the unconditional support of the Ministry of Health through the Blood Bank. Year in year out, the personnel of the Ministry go the extra mile to offer the best possible service to blood donors. As for the Ministry of Environment and that of the Local Government, they joined-in to make of the event a green one by donating fruit and flower plants to donors.



All the Municipalities and Local Authorities in Mauritius helped in promoting the event by displaying the information either on their respective electronic display boards or through banners. Friends of the media: radio, television, web TVs and the written press disseminated the information before and during the event. The Word of Mouth (WOM) effect, too, proved to be highly effective.



At the MRA, the organisation of the event had already begun six weeks before. The members of the Organising Committee met on various occasions, along with the representative of the Blood Bank to ponder on ways and means of improving this year's activity. On the day of the event, a whole team of MRA staff was in action since early in the morning to ensure that everything goes well. Others participated in the event without disturbing the daily service offered to customers.

The Director-General of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), Mr. Sudhamo Lal, welcomed the chief guest, Dr. the Honourable Anwar Husnood, Minister of Health and Quality of Life, to the MRA Head Office for the launching ceremony of the MRA Blood Donation 2019. In his address, the Minister of Health and Quality of Life congratulated the MRA for being a regular blood donation organiser and for the considerable amount of blood pints donated to the Blood Bank. Dr. Husnood underlined the existing close working relation between the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life and the MRA and he reiterated his support for even better collaborations.



Mr. Sudhamo Lal, in his speech, thanked Dr. Husnood for gracing the opening ceremony of the MRA Blood Donation for the third consecutive time and acknowledged the special bond that exists between the MRA and the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life. The Director-General also placed on record the support of all Ministries, municipal and district councils which help to make the blood donation a success. Mr. Lal concluded by also thanking all stakeholders and MRA staff involved in this noble gesture. The opening ceremony was live streamed on the MRA Twitter account and the video may be viewed by clicking [here](#).



WCO Scoping Mission

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) sought the assistance of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) to launch a full-fledged Customs Laboratory in Mauritius. A National Scoping Mission was, therefore, conducted by the WCO from Monday 08 to Friday 12 July, 2019 to evaluate the implementation of the Customs Laboratory. The mission met with concerned parties at the MRA Customs Department and Mr. V. Ramburun, Director of Customs, highlighted the importance of such a laboratory in terms of the implementation of 'Test Procedures' set out in the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation. The WCO Scoping Mission also met with stakeholders from other ministries to understand and study best practices performed by other governmental bodies.



Study Tour of Seychelles Delegation

Three delegates from the Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC) conducted a study tour at the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) from Monday 08 to Friday 12 July, 2019. The objective of the visit was to observe the human resources mechanisms in place at the MRA and to learn from same. The delegates paid a courtesy call on the Ag. Director-General, Mr. M. Hannelas, on Monday 08 July 2019 and they had working sessions with the Human Resources and Training Department (HRTD) at the MRA Custom House



Visit of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs official at the MRA

Mr. Osborne, Fiscal Crime Liaison Officer at the HMRC, was at the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) on Thursday 25 July, 2019 to make a presentation on fiscal evasion to the MRA Management Team. A Question and Answer session followed the presentation, whereby the participants exchanged their views with Mr. Osborne. The latter underlined that crimes are committed with the intention of maximising proceeds. It is therefore imperative to crack down on the illegal proceeds of crime.



MRA participates in the Tax Discussion Forum

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) participated in a Tax Discussion Forum on Tuesday 30 July 2019 at the Price Water Cooper House at Moka. Mr. M. Hannelas, Director Large Taxpayer Department (LTD), Mrs. C. Gunnoo, Director Medium and Small Taxpayer Department (MSTD) and Mr. M. Oozeer, Section Head, Operational Services Department (OSD) of the MRA participated in the discussion regarding the Finance Bill. The discussions were centred on the Finance Bill and the fiscal changes involved. The session was an interactive one whereby the audience also engaged in the discussion.



FMSC Tournaments

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) participated in the Fédération Mauricienne des Sports Corporatifs (FMSC) football, cross country and pool tournaments in the months of May, June and July. The MRA football team was ranked 5th in the football tournament with 6 points. In the FMSC cross country, the MRA won the 2nd Best Trophy Award in the 'Men' and 'Women' categories. Finally the MRA pool team reached the 2nd round of the FMSC pool tournament.



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