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## DG, MRA elected as President of CATA



The Director General of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), Mr. Sudhamo Lal, was elected President of the Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA) during the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Conference held in Fiji from Monday 12 to Friday 16 November, 2018.

Mr. Sudhamo Lal has succeeded to Datuk Sabin Samitah of Malaysia and will be in post for the next three years.

After serving as CATA President from 2009 to 2012 and as CATA Chairman from 2015 to 2018, Mr. Lal has again been elected new President of CATA up to 2021.



Mr. D. Ramdin offering a token to Mr. V. Das on behalf of the MRA.

Mr. Visvanath Das, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service was elected new Chairman of CATA for a period of three years.

The theme of the conference was "Building Sustainability and Resilience in Tax Administration". Mr. D. Ramdin, Director, Operational Services made a presentation on Taxpayer Services at the MRA.

The CATA, established in 1978 by a decision of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers, helps member countries through conferences, training programmes, publications and knowledge sharing to develop effective tax administrations that promote sustainable development and good governance. Forty-six Commonwealth countries are currently active members of CATA.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Conference of CATA will be hosted by Sri Lanka in 2019.

## MRA welcomes World Bank delegation

A delegation comprising World Bank Consultants and Economist was welcomed at the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) on Friday 16 November, 2018.

The aim of the delegation's visit to Mauritius was to look into Inequality, Economic Mobility and Labour. The members held several meetings with key governmental bodies from Monday 12 to Friday 23 November, 2018.

The delegation met with the Director-General of the MRA, Mr. Sudhamo Lal, in the presence of members of MRA Management Team.



# MRA Annual Prayer

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) organised its Annual Prayer on Thursday 01 November, 2018, at the Shri Kannanur Mariamen Kovil in Port Louis and saw the participation of staff members from SSR Airport, PATS, Eham Court and Custom House. The prayer is celebrated every year since 29 years and it unites MRA staff of all grades and faith. The Pooja was officiated by Ayer Deven. Devotional songs, sung by MRA staff, accompanied the colourful ceremony.



The Director-General of the MRA, Mr. Sudhamo Lal, congratulated the members of the Organising Committee for the good work. He highlighted the importance of accomplishing one's job with faith and devotion. He urged MRA staff to uphold the MRA values which are Integrity, Responsiveness, Fairness, Transparency and Accountability. He also made reference to other religious activities like St. Mathew's Day in which the MRA family participates to seek the blessings of the divine to help them fulfil their daily tasks with success. He appreciated that the MRA annual prayer this year coincided with the All Saints Day.



The Acting Director of the Customs Department, Mr. J. Audit, thanked the Hindu Maha Jana Sangham for welcoming the Pooja at the kovil every year. He underlined MRA's role of collecting revenue and in preventing illicit products from crossing our borders.

After the Aarti, Mahaprashad was served to everyone present.



# Brand Identification Training at the MRA

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) organized a training on Brand Identification and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), from Monday 05 to Friday 12 November, 2018, at the MRA Custom House.



Around 35 officers were shortlisted to undergo the training and same was facilitated by Mr. Elena Halake, Director of the Anti-Counterfeiting Agency of Kenya, amongst others.



Officers from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, the State Law Office, the Industrial Property Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade and the Anti-Piracy Unit at the Mauritius Police Force attended the workshop. The aim behind bringing together representatives from the various organisations was to develop a better synergy among the sister agencies engaged in Law Enforcement.

# MRA wins 4 medals in the FMSC Athletics Meet

Eighteen staff from the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) participated in the Fédération Mauricienne des Sports Corporatifs (FMSC) Annual Athletics Meet which was held on Thursday 08 and Sunday 11 November, 2018, at the Maryse Justin Stadium, Réduit.

Staff from several companies participated in the track and field events (3000m, 1500m, 200m, 100m, 80m, Shot Put, Javelin, Discus, Jump, High Jump, etc.) over the two days.



The medals won by MRA staffs are as follows:

Track/ Field event	Name	Medal
3000M	Mr. Mohammad Noordin Qoraishi (Taxpayer Education and Communication Department)	Gold
3000M	Mr. Kunal Daby (Customs Department)	Silver
Discus	Miss. Isanie Larche (Customs)	Bronze
Discus	Mr. Louis Dominique Didier Chateau (Internal Affairs Division)	Bronze



Noordin Qoraishi from the Taxpayer Education and Communication Department (TECD) has brilliantly represented the MRA in the FMSC's 3000m race competition.

From running to cycling, swimming to playing football, Noordin is passionate about sports in general. Sports is one his sources of inspiration which contributes in inculcating discipline and rigour in his life and work.

# 7-A-Side Football Festival & Wellness Programme

On Saturday 17 November 2018, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) organized its Annual Football Tournament and Fun Games at the Mauritius Gymkhana Club at Vacoas. More than 300 MRA staff turned-up for the event and, in addition to the 7-a-side football tournament, a series of sport activities was organized, namely: tug-of-war, spoon/lemon race, gouni-bag race, musical hat, etc.

The 'Ready-to-Attack' team comprising staff of the Customs and Human Resources and Training Department (HRTD) won the final 7-a-side football tournament, after defeating the 'Corom Béton' team. The players of the champion team were as follows: Gokhool, Bholah, Chinamun, Angoteea, Nurmohamed, Adolphe, Auckburally, Balluck, Sandapa and Mangar.



The winners of the Fun Games were as follows:

SN	ACTIVITY	WINNER	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE
1	Spoon/Lemon race	Miss. Vaneeda SURJOO	Miss. Parvatee GHOORAH	Miss. Roshni SOOKUN
2	'Gouni' Bag Race Single	Miss. Vaneeda SURJOO	Miss. Parvatee GHOORAH	Mrs. Lina SEWLALL GHOORBIN
3	Musical Hat	Miss. Vaneeda SURJOO	Miss. Natasha RAMBURUTH	
4	Ball & Basket Game	Miss. Hemlata BUNDHOO Miss. Noor-E-Fateemah HOSSENALLY	Miss. Natasha RAMBURUTH Miss. Sai Lomeshwaree CHUMMUN	Miss. Sonia RUSEEAN Miss. Anisha GOWREESUNKER
5	Tie Lace race	Miss. Komal Devi UBHEE Mrs. Sweta D. REEDOYE	Miss. Neelam MATTAROOA Miss. Anusha BOODHUN	Miss. Ashwini BUNGLOLL Miss. Deshika BEETUN GOORAH
6	'Gouni' Bag Race - Double	Miss. Komal Devi UBHEE Miss. Sonia RUSEEAN	Ms. Khushi KOONJEE & Ms. Dhanvee DEGNARAIN	Miss. Vaneeda SURJOO Miss. Parvatee GHOORAH
7	Musical Chair	Miss. Parvatee GHOORAH	Mr. Oumer MEAJUN	
8	Tug of War	Customs Team 'The Vikings'	Trainee Customs Officer I 'Corom Beton'	

