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INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY 2017

The International Customs Day (ICD) 2017 was celebrated on Thursday 26th January 2017 at the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Custom House, Mer Rouge. Honorable Dharmendar Sesungkur, Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms, was the Chief Guest of the event and he was welcomed by the Director-General of the MRA, Mr. Sudhamo Lal, in the presence of Mr. D. Manraj, Financial Secretary.

The ICD 2017 was dedicated to Data Analysis and the theme of the celebration was identified by the World Customs Organisation (WCO) as being 'Data Analysis for Effective Border Management'. Through this theme, the WCO stresses that data analysis and risk management are key components of the Customs modernisation process and that members are expected to gear their efforts in that direction.

In his keynote address, the Chief Guest Honorable Sesungkur urged the MRA Customs to become the first rampart against drug trafficking and smuggling. He underlined that the Government is determined to curb social evils and that the necessary assistance will be given to the MRA Customs in its fight against drug trafficking. The Director-General of the MRA, Mr. Sudhamo Lal, thanked the Honorable Minister for his presence at the ICD 2017 celebrations and emphasised that the MRA maintains a continuous reform agenda thru the following projects:

Single Window initiative, Web-Based Customs Declaration, e-Auction Sale System, Time Release Study and the Harmonised System 2017.

In the same vein, the Director, Customs, Mr. V. Ramburun, said that several drivers of change are contributing to the rapid evolution of the international trading landscape and that Customs modernisation is the sine qua non element.

The Honorable Minister launched the e-Auction Sale System. The TRS report and the HS 2017 were presented respectively by Mr. Dev Manraj and Mr. Sudhamo Lal to him. After awarding the WCO Certificates of Merit to MRA staff and external stakeholders, Honorable Sesungkur was offered a token as recognition for his first function as Minister at the MRA.



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