

## The MRA reinforces its team of Customs Officers



Sixty-six new Customs Officers have been appointed by the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA). After the successful completion of their one-year intensive training programme on Customs issues, laws and processes, and physical training, they received their letter of offer on Wednesday 20 July 2022 during a 'Passing Out' ceremony. The event was held at the Integrated Customs Clearance Centre (ICCC) at Plaine Magnien, in the presence of Mr. D. Ramdin, MRA Acting Director-General, Mr. V. Ramburun, Director of Customs, Mr. D. Maunikum, Director of Human Resources & Training, and close relatives of the new recruits.

In his address, Mr. D. Ramdin emphasised on MRA core values namely integrity, responsiveness, fairness, transparency and accountability. He underscored the importance of the MRA Oath of Confidentiality to sustain their daily task.

Commitment and lifelong learning are the key drivers, he said. The wearing of the coveted Customs uniform should be a matter of pride and honour, he added. Mr. D. Ramdin commended the newly appointed Customs Officers and wished them a long and fruitful career in MRA Customs.



On his part, Mr. D. Maunikum congratulated the new recruits for their hard work and dedication involved during their one-year training. He made an appeal to them to serve the MRA and the nation with diligence and honesty for a promising future.

Mr. V. Ramburun explained the challenges that Customs Officers face in their career. He underlined the evolution of the tasks of a Customs Officer from revenue collection to border protection and the protection of society at large against money laundering and drug trafficking.

During the ceremony, the Customs Officers made a solemn pledge by way of an Oath of Confidentiality and Commitment, to truly serve the MRA to the best of their abilities and to fulfil their obligations with professionalism, diligence, integrity and honesty.

The MRA has a workforce of approximately 1500 people out of which 637 Customs Officers including the new recruits. It is worth underlining that, since its inception in 2006, the Organization has been living up to its commitment of being an equal opportunity employer.