



PAKISTAN HOTELS ASSOCIATION

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PHA HOSTS MEETING WITH MALDIVES DELEGATION

December 18, 2018

Pakistan Hotels Association hosted a meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at Karachi Marriott Hotel per request of Director Regional Division (South), Trade Development Authority of Pakistan. The Embassy of Pakistan at Maldives has informed that four members trade delegation will visit Karachi, Pakistan from 18th – 20th December, 2018. The prime objective of the delegation was to develop long lasting strong mutual beneficial relationships with their counterparts. Following are the details of delegation, TDAP and PHA members, who attended the meeting:

1. Mr. Abdul Bari Abdullah, Member of Parliament on Hotels & Restaurants Business
2. Mr. Ahmed Marzooq, Member of Parliament, Republic of Maldives
3. Mr. Mohammad Afraz – Hotel Industry
4. Ms. Fahimath Shaziyya – Textile Business
5. Mr. M. Samnoon Basra, Assistant Director, TDAP Karachi
6. Mr. Hamid Shahinshah, Assistant Director, TDAP Karachi
7. Mr. Mustansir Zakir, Chairman, Pakistan Hotels Association
8. Mr. Aslam Khan, Executive Committee Member, Pakistan Hotels Association
9. Mr. Rehan Faiz Pirzada, Cluster General Manager, Karachi Marriott Hotel
10. Mian Asim Naseer, Cluster Director Sales – South, Karachi Marriott Hotel
11. Ms. Fouzia Azhar, Secretary General, Pakistan Hotels Association

Mr. Abdul Bari Abdullah briefed members facts about Maldives tourism / hotel industry, history, climate, geography, people, culture and local cuisine etc. He apprised member about Maldives tourists destinations, having 118 resorts and 392 guesthouses as well as 17 city hotels and more than 130 Live Aboard vessels. Foreign investments are welcome.

Mr. Mustansir Zakir suggested Maldives to convene a Conference or Seminar inviting Pakistan Tour Operators, Pakistan Hotels Association, FPCCI, KCCI and other stakeholders. He explained about CPEC routes in Pakistan and its benefits to our country's tourism and hotel industry. Delegation was informed that the law and order situation in our country has improved for the last few years and number of tourists are increasing since 2015. New government is focusing on Tourism and Prime Minister has recently convened meetings with this reference and 20 new tourism sites have been selected to provide basic infrastructure inviting public/private partnership to be completed by the year 2020. Government is considering visa relaxation and outbound tourism from Pakistan is also witnessing progress.

Later on delegation members were presented gifts and souvenirs from Association followed by Hi-Tea. We look forward for continuous communication to proceed further in this regard.

Secretary General
Pakistan Hotels Association