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Tourism Pioneer, Mr. Ahmed Ismail Manik Passes away

One of the pioneers of tourism in Maldives, Mr. Ahmed Ismail Manik passed away yesterday, whilst being treated at Nawaloka Hospital in Sri-Lanka.

Since the introduction of tourism in Maldives, in 1972, Late Ahmed Ismail Manik has served and contributed towards the sustainable growth of the industry, for which he has received awards such as the National Award of Recognition in 1997 and National Award of Honour in 2005. He also received an award from the Ministry of Tourism, in recognition of his role in pioneering the tourism industry in the Maldives.

Late Ahmed Ismail Manik served in the government for more than 23 years and held executive positions such as the Under Secretary at the Foreign Ministry, Second Secretary at the Office of the Maldivian High Commissioner in Ceylon, Representative of the Maldives at the United Nations, Manager at the Shipping Department, Under Secretary at the President's Office and Deputy Minister of Fisheries Ministry.

The Honorable Minister, Dr. Mariyam Zulfa attended the funeral of Late Ahmed Ismail Manik in Sri Lanka as a special envoy of the President.

In the name of the staff of the Ministry of Tourism and the Tourism Industry, we offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Late Ahmed Ismail Manik and pray to the Almighty Allah to give them strength during this difficult time.

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