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Ministry of Tourism Co-Chairs 36th UN Tourism Commission Meeting in Cebu, Philippines

Male', Maldives – June 28, 2024 – The Ministry of Tourism, in its role as Chair for the Commission for South Asia, played a pivotal role in the successful conclusion of the 36th Joint Meeting of the UN Tourism Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UN Tourism Commission for South Asia (36th CAP-CSA). Maldives also served as the co-chair for this significant regional event. The meeting took place from June 26-28, 2024, in Cebu, Philippines.

Delegates from UN Tourism Member States, Affiliate Members, and international and regional organizations gathered to discuss critical topics including the UN Tourism Programme of Work for 2024-2025 and priorities for Asia-Pacific Member States.

During the meeting, participants engaged in constructive dialogues on various aspects of sustainable tourism, including the enhancement of product development through green transformation and the promotion of environmentally responsible practices. These discussions aimed to foster innovation and resilience within the tourism sector, aligning with the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Education in tourism was also prominently featured, emphasizing its crucial role in enhancing destination competitiveness and sustainability. Participants explored strategies to strengthen training and skills development within the tourism sector.

"The 36th CAP-CSA Joint Meeting provided a valuable platform for advancing sustainable tourism practices and educational initiatives," remarked Minister of State for Tourism, Dr. Abdulla Niyaz who represented the Maldives as Co-Chair. "We are committed to continuing our collaborative efforts with regional partners within the UN Tourism framework to achieve these objectives."

The Ministry of Tourism looks forward to leveraging the outcomes of this meeting to further promote sustainable tourism and strengthen partnerships across the Asia-Pacific region.

