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3R Award for Tourist Resorts

3R AWARD CRITERIA DOCUMENT-2018

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



1. Introduction

Maldives is a small island nation vulnerable to various environmental hazards and threats. Among the various environmental threats faced by the country, the issue that is most prominent and visible is the issue of the waste management. Improper waste management practices has become a threat to the human health, natural beauty and biodiversity of Maldives. During the 6th Regional 3R forum for Asia and the Pacific in 2015, 16th August 2015 was celebrated as a National 3R day. In the event held to mark the national 3R day over 90 resorts participated and signed the Male 3R Declaration “Resorts in Maldives for the Promotion of 3Rs and Resource Efficiency towards Protection of Local Environment and Marine Ecosystem”

2. What is 3R Award?

The national 3R award was announced during the 6th Regional 3R Forum for Asia and the Pacific, held in Maldives from 16th to 19th August 2015. This award is a recognition for outstanding solid waste programs and facilities in the Tourist Resorts that have signed the Male’ 3R declaration.

This is a self-nominated award, requiring some data collection and background information on the business operation of the nominated resorts. Winner of the 3R award receives an Award and a Certificate of Excellence,

The Award recognizes the programs that divert waste from landfills in one of the following ways;

- Significantly reduce solid waste generated
- Develop methods to re-use resources,
- Implement recycling programs

3. Objective

The next generation of tourist visitors are expected to be more conscious about the environment of the country they visit. Therefore it is anticipated that tourist would be considering many factors while selecting a location of their next visit.



Among these factors, most likely they would want to acquire information on what type of foods that they would they will be served. From whether the product is organic to end process of the management of the food waste produced by the Resort.

Customers' satisfaction is the core of any service industry and this is what Maldives tourism industry thrives on. In this respect many of the tourist resorts in the Maldives have adopted a Declaration in August 2015 at 3R Regional Forum by voluntarily committing to practice and implement 3R and resource efficiency measures under the Male 3R declaration. Therefore, the main objective of this award is to provide opportunities and encourage the resorts to continuously practice and implement 3R and resource efficiency measures by adopting a sustainable waste management system.

4. Who is Eligible?

- Only the signatories of Male' 3R Declaration
- Declaration is still open for adoption on request

5. Entry

- MEE invites the signatories of Male' 3R Declaration to submit award application form
- Application is through a simple form along with a proposal based on entry criteria,
- A two month period will be given to for application process
- Application Deadline is 15th July 2018/ Sunday
- Entrants who have won previous year must prove at least 20% improved performance under 3R works

6. Judging

- MEE forms a committee of 5 members
 - Government agencies
 - Private Sector
 - NGO(s)
- 3 stages of Judging



- Preliminary Assessment – Judges assess the application proposals and score under the given criteria
- Field visits - Parties that score above 75 will be subject to field visits for further inspection
- Final Selection - Re-assess the proposals and data collected for final decision making process

7. Judging Criteria

I. System Overview (10 points)

- Describe the facilities and programs in your integrated system. Include information on the annual tourist arrival, average monthly imports (products purchased) and amount discarded (tonnages/kilograms). What makes your system exception deserving the award?
- Do you have a waste management plan and if so, is it approved by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)? Attach a copy of the waste management plan for our reference.

II. System Design and Planning (25 points)

- What considerations were included in the planning process? How did you decide on the system design? What were the most influencing factors? Describe how the system is compatible with environment.
- Discuss the overall impacts (positive/negative) of the system. Have you had to make any operational change, and if so, what prompted the changes? How has new changes improved your system? Is your system registered at EPA? If so, attach a copy of the registration for our reference.

III. Equipment and Technologies (10 points)

- Describe equipment used at the facility, including its efficiency and effectiveness. What equipment or technologies are innovative and how it contribute to reduce the impact on the environment and resource conservation.



- Explain the waste screening procedure.

IV. Performance, Economics and Cost Effectiveness **(20 points)**

- How do you measure success for the entire waste management system?
- Does your system bring positive impact on your business operation? Do you receive complains from your customers and if so, how frequent and what measures were taken?
- How do you determine whether your system is cost effective?

V. Education and Occupational Health and safety **(10 points)**

- Describe employee training frequency and topics.
- What safety procedures are in place and how do you enforce them?
- Discuss your outreach program. Does it include both your customers and employees?

VI. Environmental Benefits and Regulatory Compliance **(25 points)**

- Explain how the entire system complies with environmental laws and regulations.
- Describe how the residual wastes are being transferred for final disposal. Do you have a contract with a third party and if so, how do you determine your contractor is legal and how do you ensure that the waste is being properly transferred to Thilafushi?

8. Awarding Procedure

- If the scores of two or more entrants draw, they are all considered winners
- Winner(s) will be announced at a ceremony hosted in celebration of the 3R Day (16th August 2018)