

Press Release

Innovation in the Maldives. Maldives introduces most innovative ID Card.

The Maldives are known for their nice beaches and wonderful holiday resorts on many islands. Now the Maldives have also become a place of innovation. Maldives Immigration has just introduced a new, very innovative type of ID card: It can be used for payments, but also serves as a national ID card, as a driver's license as well as a health card and insurance card. Last but not least it is also used like a passport for easy travelling. This is why the new card is called "Passport Card". The innovative card and system was developed by Maldives Immigration, together with DERMALOG from Germany as the technology provider.

Male, 11 October 2017 Citizens of the Maldives do not need to carry many cards around anymore. The famous islands are becoming a country where one single card serves for everything which matters, starting from payment up to driving, health, insurance, travelling and many more different applications. The new card is a so called "multi-purpose-card" which is very special in many ways: Today most bank cards have a durability of maximum 3 years. The new card of the Maldives is the world's first bank card which is made of Polycarbonate material that can last up to 10 years. Furthermore it contains a unique combination of a so called dual-interface chip for contactless and contact card reading. The new card is certified by the Bank of Maldives as well as by MasterCard, allowing the card to be used internationally like any other MasterCard.

What makes the cards more secure than any other payment card are the additional passport security features, which no bank card provides. These additional features allow the Maldives "Passport Card" to be used like a regular passport and works already at all borders of the Maldives, including the new electronic gates. The "Passport Card" is fully confirming to all international standards of a modern passport.



The Passport Card is a so called "multi-purpose-card" which can be used for payment, insurance, health, as a drivers license and also as a regular passport confirming to all international standards of a modern passport.

But the innovative Maldives card can also be used as a driver's license, health card or insurance card. The Controller General of Maldives Immigration, Mr. Mohamed Anwar says: "The door is open for many other government departments and private companies to use our new Passport Card in future. Research and development for the new card and its system has been done in close cooperation with the German company DERMALOG, which is also known for its innovative biometric systems." Gunther Mull, the CEO of DERMALOG, adds: "This is why the cards also contain 10 fingerprints for secure verification. Together with Maldives Immigration we are very proud about this very innovative and secure biometric card and system."

In future the Maldives might not only be known for its wonderful beaches, but also as a place where the future already starts today.

About DERMALOG:

DERMALOG Identification Systems GmbH with head offices in Hamburg is Germany's pioneer for biometry and the largest German manufacturer of biometric devices and systems. One of the shareholders in DERMALOG is the state-owned German "Bundesdruckerei".

DERMALOG employs a team of scientists who continuously develop biometric identification systems (so-called "AFIS" and "ABIS" systems), including cutting-edge fingerprint scanning devices. The product portfolio is complemented by Biometric Border Control Systems and Biometric ID cards and passports as well as Biometric Voting Systems. "FingerLogin", "Finger- Payment" and "FingerBanking" are also solutions developed by DERMALOG, as are systems for automatic Face and Iris recognition.

As well as Germany and Europe, the main markets of DERMALOG are in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. To date, the company has provided its technologies and solutions to more than 200 large scale installations in more than 80 countries.

In addition, DERMALOG offers biometric solutions for banks and for the manufacturers of Automatic Teller Machines. This includes the largest biometric banking project world-wide (USD 50 million), which was delivered by DERMALOG (the so-called "BVN Project"): 23 banks and the Central Bank of Nigeria were provided with DERMALOGs ABIS, which prevents double identities among bank customers by means of finger and face recognition and guarantees the best-possible biometric identification of customers (KYC) for these banks. Furthermore, many ATMs across the globe have been equipped with DERMALOG's fingerprint technology.

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