Activities and Developments since Workshop II

Republic of Maldives

Capacity Building Program on Tourism Statistics for Asia and the Pacific
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Inbound Tourism Statistics

- Conducted the Maldives Visitor Survey 2011
- Implemented the reviewed regulation on collection of data for the compilation of tourism statistics
- Online data collection system has been established and is being tested
- Work is ongoing to establish a new database at immigration border control
- With technical assistance from the World Bank, three models to forecast tourist arrivals to the country have been developed
Inbound Tourism Statistics

- Goods and Service Tax (GST) and Business Profit Tax (BPT) introduced in 2011

- Tourism lease rent formula changed from a bed based rent to a land rent
  - New revised formula is US$ 8 per square meter

In 2011, travel receipts calculated based on GST figures
- As per GST records, travel receipts was close to US$ 2 billion in 2011

With the help from World Bank, a customized model for Tourism Receipts is being developed
THANK YOU!