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Reopening of Shangri-La's Villingili Resort, Addu City

The Government of the Republic of Maldives is pleased to announce the forthcoming reopening of Shangri-La's Villingili Resort, Addu City, which has remained closed since March 2020 due to the COVID-19. The re-opening of this Resort is a presidential pledge by President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu.

The resort, leased by the Government to Addu Investments Private Limited for development and operation, has long been a vital pillar of Addu City's economy. From its opening in 2009 until its closure, Shangri-La Villingili made significant contributions to both local livelihoods and enhanced connectivity through Gan International Airport. Prior to the closing of the resort, the resort employed more than 500 staff.

The Government has undertaken sustained engagement and comprehensive discussions with Addu Investments Private Limited and all relevant stakeholders to address the resort's prolonged closure. These efforts have culminated in a firm commitment from Addu Investments Private Limited to resume operations and reopen the resort by 31 December 2025.

The reopening of Shangri-La Villingili will bring renewed economic and social benefits to Addu City, strengthen tourism diversification across the Maldives, and support the Government's vision of expanding tourism opportunities beyond the central region while promoting development in the outer atolls.

The Government welcomes this positive development and extends its appreciation to Shangri-La's management and Addu Investments Private Limited for their commitment to reopening this landmark property.

