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Event: Handing Over of Maritime Artefacts

Component held on Tuesday 29th October 2024

PRESS RELEASE

SPA Donates Maritime Artefacts to the Seychelles Museum

In a gesture celebrating maritime heritage and the preservation of local history, the Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA) officially handed over a collection of historic maritime objects to the Seychelles National Museum through the Department of Culture. This took place in a ceremony on Tuesday 29th October 2024 coinciding with the inauguration of the authority's newest tug.

The artefacts include a replica of the famous lighthouse monument, navigational instruments, a collection of lanterns, and bits and pieces salvaged from the longest-serving pilot launch, 'Riga', which has now been decommissioned. These items hold significant historical value and tell the stories of the port's evolution in the past century.

Secretary General for National Institute of Heritage, Culture and the Arts, Mr David Andre, received this donation on behalf of the Culture Department. Chairman of the SPA Board, Mr Brian Loveday, had the honour to do the handing over.

Mr Andre expressed his gratitude towards SPA for such donations and further encouraged others who were present to also donate precious and invaluable objects and artefacts to be preserved.

These items will now form part of a Maritime Museum looking to be built in the foreseeable future. Present to also witness this significant occasion was the Principal Secretary for the Department of Culture, Ms Cecille Kalebi, along with staff of the National Museum.

The milestone hand-over ensures that the rich legacy of Port Victoria and the maritime industry is properly preserved. Furthermore, it will allow the public and future generations to connect with our country and port's storied past, giving them a chance to step back in time and experience our connection to the sea.