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New Ministerial website goes online

Minister for Tourism, Commercial Affairs, Public Transport and the Port, Neil Costa MP today launched a new ministerial website <u>http://ministryoftransport.gov.gi/</u> which will be packed with timely information on all his Ministerial portfolios.

There will be illustrated sections on tourism, the literary festival, airlines, the port and commercial affairs together with a selection of lively photographs, highlighting the latest news and developments in each area of responsibility.

One of the main features of the website will be a series of regular podcasts recorded by Mr Costa and his team on various topical subjects including the improvements to beaches in the run-up to summer, the importance of tourism to the wider economy and the expansion of port services.

The first of the podcast screenings will be dedicated to the refurbishment and improvement works to all local beaches and new podcasts will be uploaded regularly to keep the website up to date on how different projects are progressing.

There is an archive section where the public will be able to access current and past press releases related to Mr Costa's various responsibilities and a 'Contact Us' section.

A 'Meet The Team' segment also introduces the dynamic team of employees at the Ministry who are kept busy fulfilling their daily tasks.

Mr Costa said he was delighted with this new web based initiative that will allow for a better flow of information from his Ministry and facilitate improved communication with the community.

He said: "This is an exciting project for all of us at the Ministry. To have a dedicated website where we can be in touch with the public is a great mechanism and a great asset in ensuring that we can provide regular updates of the many, new exciting ideas and projects that we are working on."