

Vision 2020

By the grace of the Almighty Allah, by the year 2020, the Maldives will be one of the top-ranking nations amongst middle-income developing countries. The following is a vision of the progress that would be achieved in various spheres of national life in order to attain that level of development.

The Maldives will be a nation sustaining its freedom and sovereignty, and capable of protecting and defending its rights.

The people of the Maldives will continue to enjoy justice, equality, rule of law, and peace and security, under stable democratic governance.

All Maldivians will be steadfast in adherence of noble tenets and principles of Islam in faith, deed and conduct.

Maldivians will continue to be a cohesive and homogeneous community, united in one faith and one language.

The people of the Maldives will uphold the Islamic faith, Dhivehi language, culture and traditions with love and pride.

Maldivians will be ethical and rational in both private and public life, and will adhere to a strong work ethic with responsibility and initiative.

The Maldivian society will be a more caring one, with familial ties even stronger than at present.

Gender equality will be a reality, with the active participation of men and women in political, social and economic activities on an equal footing.

Ten years of formal schooling will be the minimum standard throughout the Maldives, and good quality tertiary education will be well established in the country. A system for the provision of technical skills for achieving and sustaining social and economic development will also be well established.

The people will have greater awareness of and commitment to healthy lifestyles. All citizens will benefit from good quality medical care in the area in which they live, with easy access to an affordable health insurance scheme enabling them to meet their medical expenses.

The Maldives will be a more urbanized country, providing satisfactory living conditions to all.

Maldivians will be able to take protective measures against the threats to the country from global ecological degradation, and will be pursuing environmentally-friendly lifestyles with the aid of modern technology.

The youth of the nation will be participating fully in the nation's progress and prosperity, and will have the opportunities they need to achieve their full potential.

The Maldives will have established the most conducive conditions for brisk commerce and economic activity, and will have become a hub of regional free trade. The country will have a more diversified economy with export-oriented trade in services and industrial development.

There will be equitable distribution of economic benefits and every citizen will have the opportunity for productive employment. With these developments, by 2020, with the grace of Almighty Allah, the Maldivians will enjoy a standard of living on par with the top-rank of middle-income developing countries.

Modern technology will be widely used in the Maldives, facilitating progress and convenience in all spheres of life.

The Maldives will play an active role in international affairs for the protection of its national interests including the safeguarding of its independence and sovereignty, in accordance with its national self-image and international norms of conduct.