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## The President expresses commitment to fulfilling the aspirations of the people

President Dr Mohamed Muizzu has expressed his commitment to fulfilling the people's aspirations in a timely and efficient manner without wasting even a day or causing delays. He made the remarks while speaking with residents of F. Feeali Island this afternoon.

In his address at Feeali Island, the President articulated his belief that the citizens share his anticipation for the swift and dynamic progress he envisions. He then shared his commitment to work towards achieving this goal.

President Dr Muizzu underscored the significance he places on engaging directly with citizens and actively seeking their perspectives to inform decisions on matters directly impacting them. The President shared his belief that engaging directly with the people helps accelerate the implementation process. He then revealed that several issues highlighted during his ongoing island visits had been immediately addressed through this approach.

Speaking further, the President highlighted that the Feeali Island community raised several concerns and that he will address these issues in a timely fashion. He then reaffirmed his commitment to fulfilling his pledges.

Feeali Island is the last destination in the President's ongoing visit to islands in the North Nilandhe Atoll.



## Maldives wins in Two Categories at The Marine Diving Awards in Japan



Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC/ Visit Maldives) is pleased to announce that the Maldives has been awarded 3rd place in the "Best Area Overseas Division" and 2nd place in the "Best Overseas Destination I Want to Visit for the First Time", in the "Marine Diving Awards 2023," as voted by divers nationwide in Japan.

"Marine Dive Fair " is Japan's largest comprehensive diving fair, which has been leading the diving scene in Japan for over 50 years. Marine Diving Fair is one of Asia's largest SCUBA diving exhibitions, and the Marine Diving Awards are determined by the online vote of divers across Japan. Rankings are determined after a six-month voting period. The 32nd edition of this prestigious award serves as a reference for experienced divers, as well as those who are considering starting diving in the future, and professionals in the diving industry.

The results announcement and top awards ceremony for the "Marine Diving Awards 2023" takes place in April, at the stage of the "Marine Diving Fair 2024" being held in Ikebukuro, Tokyo. Destinations, instructors, and diving shops that ranked highly in all eight categories, including "Seas Worth Diving Into," "Seas to Visit in the Future," "Outstanding Professional Divers," and "Best Diving Shops," are honoured during this time.

The Maldives, which represents approximately 5% of the world's coral reefs, boasts hundreds of diving sites and is home to over 2,000 marine species. Moreover, it is one of the few regions in the world where you can observe manta rays and whale sharks year-round.

Japan is a significant market for the Maldives. Prior to the pandemic, Japan was the ninth top tourist market to the Maldives. From January to March this year, 9,333 Japanese tourists arrived in the Maldives, compared to 2,271 in the same period last year. This 310% increase in arrivals compared to last year signals a great boost to the Maldives tourism industry. Japan is currently ranked 15th in tourist arrivals.

SOURCE : PSM





## President pledges to address Dharanboodhoo needs



President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu has reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to addressing the needs of people in Dharanboodhoo.

Following the President's visit to Faafu Atoll, he conducted an official visit to Dharanboodhoo, where he actively engaged with the Island council and as well as the Women's Development Committee (WDC).

During the meeting, Dharanboodhoo council pressed the stressing need to address coastal erosion, and emphasised several key priorities to President Muizzu. These include, facilitation of soft loans for housing on issued plots of land, completing the multipurpose hall, constructing roads and health facilities, upgrading the football ground, developing a volley court along with the establishment of a park on the island. Moreover, WDC emphasised the budget constraints they face, highlighting the need for assistance to utilise the building for the committee's various programmes and activities.

Addressing the concerns, President Muizzu affirmed that efforts are underway to establish the youth centre and as well shed light on the ongoing work pertaining to the establishment of the football stadium.

President Muizzu further assured the island council that he would address the concerns raised during the meeting. Through the Ministers present, he relayed the latest updates on the key issues raised by the Council, demonstrating his commitment to addressing the development needs of Dharanboodhoo.

SOURCE : PSM

# President Dr Muizzu concludes his official visit to several islands of North Nilandhe Atoll



This afternoon, President Dr Mohamed Muizzu concluded his official visit to several islands in the North Nilandhe Atoll and arrived back in Malé.

During the visit, the President toured several

islands of Faafu Atoll, holding meetings with the councils, Women's Development Committees (WDCs), and the Atoll Council. Throughout these discussions, the President addressed the developmental requirements of the islands and atolls, focusing on the most pressing needs of the residents.

Throughout the ongoing series of visits initiated this year, the President has convened with a total of 168 councils across the Maldives. His objective is to personally visit each inhabited island in the country at least twice over the course of his five-year term.

SOURCE : President's Office

### Required materials dispatched for Thoddoo road development

The necessary materials required for the modernisation of road development have been dispatched Thoddoo, Alif Alif Atoll. The project was entrusted to Road Development Corporation limited (RDC) in September 2023.

The scope of the project includes the tarring of a 2.2km road, installing drainage systems and streetlights. The project worth USD 5 million funded by the government, is contemplated to finish in a period of two years. Floods due to unfavourable weather conditions have been observed to be the biggest challenge the island currently faces. Hence, the development of roads will prove to be a potential solution to address this issue. Additionally, the project outlines the development of the main road of the island, as well as roads in which government administrations have been established.

Thoddoo is an island in which the tourism industry continues to grow through local tourism. While the island encompasses over 50 guest houses, the development of roads will undoubtedly serve as a convenience to provide services within the tourism industry.

SOURCE : PSM

### The President appoints new members, a President and Vice President, to the Employment Tribunal

President Dr Mohamed Muizzu has appointed new members, a President and a Vice President, to the Employment Tribunal. The appointments were made at a special ceremony held at the President's Office this afternoon.

The President appointed Uz Ishag Hussain as the new President, Uza Fathimath Mahyra Mohamed as the new Vice President, and members of the Employment Tribunal. The President also appointed Uza Shaheema Saleem, Uza Ishara Abdul Azeez, and Uza Sausan Ali as members of the Employment Tribunal.

The Supreme Court Justice, Hon Uz Ali Rasheed Hussain, administered their oaths of office during the ceremony.

SOURCE : President's Office