

# The Maldives Independence Day Special

## Friendly ties drive future progress

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On this festive occasion of Independence Day, I, as the ambassador of the Republic of Maldives to Japan, extend my sincerest greetings to all of our dear citizens residing in Japan, as

well as all Maldivians around the globe. On this momentous occasion, we reflect on the spirit of unity, resiliency and progress that has characterized us as a nation.

Independence Day holds a special place in our hearts; as we raise our national flag aloft and observe its vibrant colors wafting in the wind, let us remember the visionary leadership of our ancestors who steered the nation to independence. Their unwavering determination and affection for our nation have transformed the Maldives into the budding democracy with a



promising future that it is today.

Today, we also recognize the significance of international friendship and cooperation. Our ties with both nearby and distant nations are evidence of our shared desire for a tranquil and harmonious world. Through comprehension, dialogue and collaboration, we can confront the challenges of our time and create a better future for future generations.

As we observe this day, we also extend our deepest appreciation to our friends and allies who have supported us in our endeavors. The ties we have forged across the globe are evidence of our shared values and the mutual cooperation that strengthens our diplomatic ties.

We have overcome obstacles and embraced change with courage over the years, forging onward on a path of devel-



**Left: Many resorts can be found in the atolls of the Maldives. Above: Tourism is the largest sector of Maldives' economy.** MAAAN ABDULLA

opment and progress. We have become a global advocate for environmental conservation, especially among small island developing states.

On behalf of my entire team, I extend my heartfelt best wishes to each of you. May this day be full of happiness, affection and patriotism. Let us come together, united and robust, as we work to improve the future of our country.

Happy Independence Day!

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## Congratulations on the Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Maldives

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