

Launching of “Fahiali Bandharu”



“Fahiali Bandharu” was launched on the Male' North Harbor on 22 July 2013. The programme was launched by the Minister of Environment and Energy, Dr. Mariyam Shakeela. “Fahiali Bandharu” is one of the three components of the “Fahiali” programme which was launched during May 2013. The programme was developed with the intention of negating the effects of climate change, as well as reducing the amount of money spent on electricity. During the ceremony, an MoU was signed between the Ministry and Maldives Ports Limited regarding the maintenance and installation of Energy Efficient Harbor Lights which were donated by the Ministry.

Under this programme, 200 Energy Efficient Harbour Lights were donated to 5 regions throughout the Maldives. These regions are; Male', Kulhudhufushi, Thinadhoo, Fuvahmulah and Hithadhoo. Upon installation of these 200 Lights, 0.87 million Rufiyaa is expected to be saved from the electricity bill.

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Mariyam Shakeela stressed upon the importance of the energy sector in the progression of sustainable development. She also stated that energy usage in the Maldives is increasing yearly, thus the need for energy efficiency and energy conservation. Concluding her speech, Minister said that she expects this programme to provide further assistance in achieving the goal of carbon neutrality and have a direct benefit on the Maldives economy.



The ceremony was attended by several Ministers, Heads of the Departments of the Ministry and council members from the five regions receiving lights. Symbolic handing over of the Energy Efficient Harbor Lights to the council members also took place during the ceremony.