



The Academy of Dhivehi Language  
Male', Republic of Maldives

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Dhivehi Oratory Competition for Foreigners – 2022

**1. Introduction:**

This program is designed as a series of episodes on television. This is the “Dhivehi Oratory for Foreigners – 2022”, a partnership between Dhivehi Bahuge Academy and VTV. Below, are the general rules and guidelines for the competition.

**2. Rationale**

The rationale for hosting a program for foreigners to speak in Dhivehi is to encourage foreigners to use proper structure and grammar when speaking in Dhivehi, and to inspire them to attain fluency in Dhivehi speech and usage.

**3. Eligibility:**

Participation in the program is open to all foreigners living or working in the Maldives. All participants must be able to communicate in Dhivehi to some extent.

**4. Entry Period:**

All participants must submit their application to Dhivehi Bahuge Academy or VTV before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 2pm (1400 hrs). All participants are required to submit proof of identity (Passport or Work Permit).

**5. Organization of the Program:**

The program is to be conducted in the form of a competition, with judges commenting on the participants' performance and the public voting through SMSs. The applicants will be interviewed and auditioned, and a selection of 20 participants will be shortlisted for the series of episodes to be aired on TV.

Dhivehi Bahuge Academy, in partnership with VTV, will conduct orientation and training sessions and give guidance on all segments of the program.

**6. Winner Selection:**

The winners will be selected with 70% of the marks from the 3 judges and 30% on public voting (sms). Winners will be announced at the final program.

The winner of the competition will receive a prize money of MVR 10,000.00 (Ten thousand Maldivian Rufiyaa). The Runner-up would receive MVR 3000.00 (Three thousand Maldivian Rufiya), and Third place winner is to receive MVR 2000.00 (Two Thousand Maldivian Rufiya)

