

## ABSTRACT

*Travel and tourism industry has significantly contributed to GDP in the most of Small Island Developing States (SIDS). However, it has also generated negative socio-cultural impact which is contamination of local culture due to tourist's behavior. According to UNEP, it can be occurred because the tourists often ignore local culture, specifically in the host countries where it has a tight control upon appearance and social behavior in public. Among countries which belong to Small Island Developing States (SIDS), the Maldives is an exception in this case. Even though its travel and tourism revenue has an outstanding growth, the Maldivian can still preserve its Islamic culture passionately. Hence, this undergraduate thesis aims to examine on how the Maldives manage travel and tourism industry and preserve its Islamic culture all together.*

*In addition, this undergraduate thesis utilized a qualitative research method with case-study oriented. It is more stressing to interpret data and theory coined by the experts. Indeed, the sources were collected from several documents such as news papers both printed and online, books, institutional reports based on annual period, reviews article in the journal, the constitution, the act of the parliament, and the government reports. Hence, the collection of information and knowledge from various sources is considered can give well interpretation upon both data and theory and can help to deal with the issue as well.*

*Based on the research in which has been conducted, the conclusion is delivered as follows: politics become a main factor to determine how the government should manage travel and tourism industry such as the nature, the style, and the system of this industry. Subsequently, politics is influenced by ideology, values, and political system of a country. Therefore, how the Maldives manage travel and tourism industry and preserve its Islamic culture, it can be answered by examining what a key factor in which affects politics in the Maldives.*

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