

## THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE

For the past decade the people of the British Virgin Islands (BVI) have experienced an expanding economy, rising standards of living and better conditions of living. Our economy has become more integrated in global markets, our people more exposed to international competition and our natural environment has become more challenging. During the past decade government, in its drive for good governance and democracy, has come to understand, respect and strive for the aspirations of the people of the British Virgin Islands. Today, as a key feature of its leadership philosophy, the Government of the BVI has committed itself to satisfy the desire our people unconditionally.

### Strong and solid

- ◆ We believe that British Virgin Islanders aspire for a strong and diversified economy that is growing in a sustainable way to ensure financial security.

### Sustainable environmental

- ◆ We have learned that our people are conscious of their environment and simultaneously they want it used in a sustainable way to ensure that future generations might benefit equally from it.

### Good governance

- ◆ We understand that British Virgin Islanders want more than accountability, transparency, responsibility and responsiveness. They want a government that uses their resources efficiently to obtain the best from their level of resources.

### Healthier, longer

- ◆ We are aware the British Virgin Islanders want to benefit from advances in medical technology and that nutrition impacts on life and regular exercise is beneficial to health. British Virgin Islanders want to live healthier, longer lives.

### Better educated and

- ◆ We realize that the future production processes of this globalized world economy will be highly dependent on Information and

Knowledge. In fact, as we cross from the Information Age to the Knowledge Age, British Virgin Islanders want to be better educated and better trained to face the challenges of the globalized world.

**Safe and well-serviced communities**

- ◆ We have seen that British Virgin Islanders desire to live in communities in which they feel there is common ground and they are accepted. Our people desire to live in safe, ordered and well serviced communities.

**A socially cohesive**

- ◆ We are cognizant of the importance of social cohesiveness and the desire of British Virgin Islanders to live in a society where social groups and networks are the foundation. British Virgin Islanders want to live in a socially cohesive society.

**Connectedness with the**

- ◆ We observed the importance of knowing what is happening and participating in activities with the Rest of the World. The export industries of tourism and financial services dictate our constant awareness of what is happening in the world community. British Virgin Islanders have this burning desire to be well connected to the Rest of the World.