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Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2025 (LIMA '25)

20 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed, together with Minister of Defence H.E. Mohamed Ghassan Maumoon and a high-level delegation from the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF), attended the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA '25) held in Langkawi, Malaysia. LIMA '25, one of the most prominent events of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region, showcased cutting-edge innovations in defence, aerospace, and maritime sectors. This unique biennial event serves as a strategic platform for regional cooperation, defence diplomacy, public-private partnerships, blending military advancements with civil and commercial applications.



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a dinner hosted by the Malaysian Ministry of Defence (MINDEF), alongside Minister of Defence H.E. Mohamed Ghassan Maumoon.



Defence Ministers of Maldives and Malaysia Discuss Enhanced Security Collaboration at LIMA' 25

21 May

Minister of Defence H.E. Mohamed Ghassan Maumoon met his Malaysian counterpart H.E. Datuk Seri Mohamed Khalid Nordin on the sidelines of Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2025 (LIMA '25) today. The discussions were focused on matters of mutual security concerns and on strengthening the defence cooperation between both nations.



High Commissioner Participates in the Welcoming Dinner of the 9th Asian Network for Document Examination (ANDEX)

13 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Welcoming Dinner of the 9th Asian Network for Document Examination (ANDEX) together with Controller General of Immigration, Commissioner of Police (Retd) Ahmed Faseeh, hosted by the Director General of Immigration Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur.

Welcoming Dinner Held in Conjunction with the ASEAN Auditor Conference 2025

27 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed, together with Auditor General of Maldives Mr. Hussain Niyazy, participated in the welcoming dinner hosted by the Auditor General of Malaysia, H.E. Dato' Seri Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi. The dinner was organized as part of the ASEAN Auditor Conference 2025, providing an opportunity for delegates to foster professional networks and share insights into regional auditing practices and financial governance.



Signing ceremony of “the Kuala Lumpur declaration on ASEAN 2045: Our shared future”

26 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the landmark signing ceremony of the 'Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future,' held on 26 May 2025. The declaration was endorsed by all ASEAN Leaders, outlining a shared vision for a united, resilient, and people-centred ASEAN community.



Closing Ceremony of the ASEAN Auditor Conference 2025 by The Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia

27 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed together with Auditor General of Maldives Mr. Hussain Niyazy, attended the Closing Ceremony of the ASEAN Auditor Conference 2025, officiated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Courtesy Visit by Controller General of Immigration, CP (Retd) Ahmed Faseeh

14 May



Controller General of Immigration, Commissioner of Police (Retd) Ahmed Faseeh, paid a courtesy visit to High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed at the High Commission of Maldives in Kuala Lumpur during his visit to Malaysia to attend the 9th Asian Network for Document Examination (ANDEX).

Welcoming Ceremony for President of the Republic of Kosovo

2 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed represented the Maldives at the official welcoming ceremony for H.E. Dr Vjosa Osmani Sadriu, President of the Republic of Kosovo, during her state visit to Malaysia from 1 to 4 May 2025. Held at Perdana Square in Putrajaya, the ceremony was attended by senior Malaysian government officials and members of the diplomatic corps.



Official Welcoming Ceremony for Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

26 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated in the official welcoming ceremony of H.E. Pham Minh Chinh, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. The event held at Perdana Square in Putrajaya, brought together high-level officials and members of the diplomatic corps to honour the visit.

Welcoming Ceremony in Honour of H.E. Sonexay Siphandone to Malaysia

26 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed was present at the official welcoming ceremony held in honour of H.E. Sonexay Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, during his official visit to Malaysia. The ceremony took place at Perdana Square, Putrajaya, and was attended by senior Malaysian government officials and members of the diplomatic corps.



Africa Day 2025 Reception

26 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed joined fellow diplomats at the Africa Day 2025 reception held by the African Diplomatic Corps in Malaysia. The event celebrated African unity, progress, and continued cooperation.

Reception on the 107th anniversary of Azerbaijan's Independence

29 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception to mark the 107th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan. On this occasion, the High Commission of Maldives extends warm congratulations to the government and people of Azerbaijan.

High Commissioner Attends National Day Reception of the Republic of Croatia

30 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception hosted in celebration of the National Day of the Republic of Croatia, held in Kuala Lumpur.

The High Commissioner extended warm congratulations to the government and people of Croatia.



High Commission meeting with KPJ Hospital

6 May



The Commercial department of the High Commission held exploratory talks with KPJ Healthcare Berhad, Malaysia's largest private hospital network, to expand medical tourism collaboration for Maldivian patients. Discussions focused on tailored healthcare packages, including specialised treatments in cardiology and orthopaedics, and streamlining visa processes for patients and companions.

KPJ's delegation highlighted their 27 specialist hospitals and JCI-accredited facilities, proposing joint marketing initiatives to position Malaysia as a preferred destination for Maldivians seeking high-quality, cost-effective medical care.

High Commissioner Attends Philippine Investment Briefing in Kuala Lumpur

6 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated in a breakfast Briefing on the Philippine investment climate, hosted by the Philippine Trade and Investment Centre (PTIC) at Sentro Rizal, Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Kuala Lumpur.

The session was led by PTIC Director Ms Norjamin Gallardo and provided insights into the Philippines' economic landscape, emerging investment opportunities, and potential areas for bilateral trade.

High Commission met with the Malaysia Tourism Agency Association (MATA)

13 May

The Maldives was invited to the World Islamic Tourism & Trade Expo (WITEX) and World Cultural & Arts Festival (WCAF), a premier event combining tourism promotion, Islamic finance, and cultural diplomacy. High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed and the Commercial Department, participated in the discussions with President of MATA, President Dato Seri Dr Haji Mohamed Khalid Bin Harun. The event showcases halal tourism potential and explores partnerships in hospitality and eco-tourism investments.

Malaysian Firm Explores Procurement Partnership with MIFCO

19 May

The High Commission had a virtual meeting with the management of Asia Pacific Premium Entrepreneurs Consortium Sdn Bhd (APPEC), a Malaysian company specialising in international supply chain solutions, and the International Sales Team of Maldives Industrial Fisheries Company Limited (MIFCO), led by Ms Mariyam Ula Mohamed.

During the meeting, APPEC expressed interest in sourcing fish products from MIFCO, with discussions centred on trade opportunities in the fisheries sector.

High Commission Explores Healthcare Insurance Collaboration with Tokio Marine

20 May

The High Commission held a meeting with Tokio Marine Insurans (Malaysia) Berhad to explore tailored insurance coverage for Maldivians residing in Malaysia.

Discussions focused on specialised healthcare packages, simplified claims processes, and potential integration with the Aasandha health scheme to benefit Maldivian students, travellers, and expatriates.

WAWASANITA Malaysia and the Women Economic Forum (WEF) Malaysia Met with High Commission

26 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed had a meeting with WAWASANITA Malaysia, led by President Datin Dr. Norli Alias, and representatives from the Women Economic Forum (WEF) Malaysia to discuss strengthening women's economic empowerment.

Discussions focused on a proposed exposure programme for the Women's Development Committee (WDC) of Fuvahmulah City, scheduled for 5–9 June, and the establishment of a Maldives–Malaysia Women Entrepreneur Chamber.

High Commissioner Meets with SRI College CEO

14 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Ms. Patricia Louis, Chief Executive Officer of SRI College, to discuss potential educational collaborations and explore new opportunities for Maldivian students in Malaysia.

During the meeting, the CEO expressed interest in welcoming Maldivian students, particularly into its diploma programmes in Police Science, Business Studies, Early Childhood Education, Hajj & Umrah Management, and Aviation Management.

Viewman Engineering Sdn Bhd of Malaysia Seeks Information on the Banking Sector of Maldives

30 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Mr. Azizul Rahman Bin Mohamed Noh, Founder of Viewman Engineering Sdn Bhd.

The meeting focused on investment opportunities in the banking sector of the Maldives. The High Commissioner, along with officials from the Commercial Department, shared detailed information on the Maldives' Banking Act 2015 and related regulatory frameworks to facilitate informed decision-making by the potential investor.



High Commissioner Attends Official Launch of the Sir Jeffrey Cheah Sunway Medical School

8 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the official launch ceremony of the Sir Jeffrey Cheah Sunway Medical School at Sunway University. The event was officiated by the Minister of Higher Education, YB Senator Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry bin Abdul Kadir, alongside Tan Sri Dato' Seri Sir Dr. Jeffrey Cheah KBE AO, the visionary founder of the institution.

The newly launched medical school aims to redefine healthcare education in the region by combining state-of-the-art infrastructure with a commitment to excellence in medical training.



High Commissioner Meets with Founder of Leisure Guide Publishing

29 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Ms Regina Fabiny, Founder and CEO of Leisure Guide Publishing Sdn. Bhd., the publisher of The Guide to Malaysia series, which is widely recognised for its comprehensive portrayal of Malaysia.

The meeting focused on exploring potential collaboration on future publishing initiatives relating to the Maldives. The High Commissioner welcomed Ms Fabiny's expertise and exchanged views on ongoing cultural projects undertaken by the Mission.

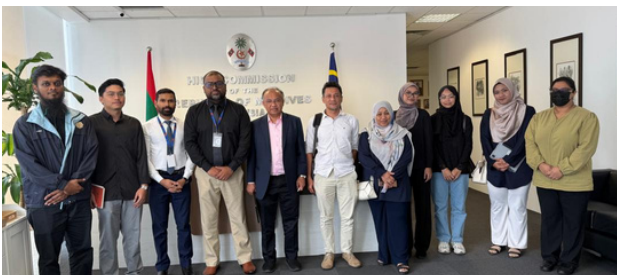


IIUM Delegation Visits High Commission Ahead of Heritage Study Trip to Maldives

20 May

The High Commission held a meeting with a senior delegation from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), representing the Department of Architecture, Kulliyah of Architecture and Environmental Design (KAED), to discuss an upcoming academic visit to the Maldives.

The meeting focused on preparations for a heritage study trip planned for September 2025, as part of the final-year curriculum for students enrolled in Heritage Studies.



Diversity: One World, Many Voices – University of Cyberjaya

26 May



Deputy High Commissioner Mr Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb, represented the High Commission at the "Diversity: One World, Many Voices" event held on 26 May 2025 at the Grand Hall of the University of Cyberjaya. Organised by the university's student body, the event featured cultural performances, traditional storytelling, and exhibitions celebrating global multiculturalism.

Maldivian students participated in the performances and secured third place in the overall rankings.

High Commission Engages with Maldivian NGO SIGS on Educational Tour to Malaysia

22 May

The High Commission held a virtual meeting with Save the Islands Group Society (SIGS), a leading environmental NGO based in the Maldives, to discuss its upcoming educational tour to Malaysia. The tour is aimed at building knowledge and collaboration in environmental conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable development. During the session, SIGS outlined its objectives, which include engaging with Malaysian institutions and NGOs active in environmental protection and sustainability practices.

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed welcomed the initiative and expressed the High Commission's support, offering to facilitate meetings with relevant government agencies, academic institutions, and civil society partners in Malaysia.

Dhivaysia 3x3 Swish Basketball Tournament

13 May

Deputy High Commissioner Mr Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb, attended the Dhivaysia 3x3 Swish Basketball Tournament as Chief Guest. Held on Sunday, 11 May 2025, at Asia Pacific Schools, Subang, Selangor, the event was jointly organised by Aajeelakah Events and Dhivaysia. The tournament featured boys' and girls' teams with matches held throughout the day. The Deputy High Commissioner commended the organisers and highlighted the importance of community sports in fostering unity and engagement among Malaysians in Malaysia.



Sunway Clubs & Societies Grand Carnival

9 May



Deputy High Commissioner Mr Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb attended the Sunway University and College Clubs and Societies Grand Carnival, held from 6 to 9 May 2025 at the Sunway campus. The vibrant multi-day event featured booths, performances, and interactive activities by various student-led organisations.

High Commissioner Meets with Aasandha Company

27 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed held an online meeting with representatives from Aasandha Company Ltd to discuss matters related to the Merana health scheme.

The meeting focused on key concerns raised by Maldivian citizens residing in Malaysia and explored areas for improving access and service delivery under the scheme.



Dhi-Smash Badminton Tournament 2025

17 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Dhi-Smash Badminton Tournament 2025 as Chief Guest at Top Arena Empire, Cheras. Organised by the Maldivian Students' Association at Asia Pacific University (APU), the tournament brought together Maldivian students from various institutions in Kuala Lumpur.

In her remarks, the High Commissioner congratulated the winners and appreciated the efforts of the organisers. She encouraged students to maintain a healthy balance between academic excellence and active participation in sports, growing into responsible citizens who contribute meaningfully to national development.



Consular Statistics of May

In May, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 360 cases and enquiries. The department remains committed to delivering timely response and professional support across a range of consular services.

Here's a breakdown of the services provided:

Passport Renewals and Cancellations: Passport renewals and cancellations were processed for 18 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

Certificates of Identity: A total of 5 emergency travel documents were issued for cases involving lost passports and newborns. Citizens are advised to report any lost passport to the nearest police station immediately. For newborns, obtaining a birth certificate from Malaysian authorities is a prerequisite before submitting a travel document application.

Document Verification and Attestation: A total of 22 documents were sent for verification, and 67 documents were attested as true copies during the month. Documents are verified with the relevant Maldivian authorities before attestation. The document verification process generally takes three to five working days, and early submission is strongly recommended to avoid delays.

Email Correspondence: The consular department managed a total of 159 email enquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals and family relationship letters, and licence verifications.

Visa-Related Assistance: A total of 5 individuals sought assistance with visa-related matters, and a total of 19 visa-related letters were issued. Students and families are advised to request assistance through email and maintain communication via the same channel. For expedited visa processing, students should initially consult their university for assistance. If the issue is not resolved within the designated timeframe, the High Commission may be contacted, with all the relevant supporting documents included, for assistance.

Meranaa and Medical Services: A total of 37 applications were verified. Applicants are strongly advised to upload updated visas and ensure all details are accurately completed to prevent the application from getting rejected.

Miscellaneous assistance provided: 5 letters were issued for marital status, passport notification and licence verification.

