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High Commissioner's Cup Inaugurated with Its First-Ever Badminton Edition

15 November



The High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia hosted the inaugural sporting event under the High Commissioner's Cup series with the Badminton Edition. The tournament was inaugurated by the Maldives Sports Commissioner, Mr. Mohamed Tholal, and officially opened by High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed.

In her remarks at the closing ceremony, the High Commissioner noted that this first edition marks the beginning of a broader High Commissioner's Cup initiative will expand to include sports such as basketball, futsal, marathon, handball and bashi. She highlighted that the tournament served not only as a competitive sporting event but also as an opportunity for the Maldivian community in Malaysia to come together and participate in activities that support collective well-being. This initiative reflects President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu's pledge, "Dhulhaheyo Jeelakah Emmen Ekugaa", which encourages the development of a healthier and more active generation.



More than one hundred matches were played across men's, women's and children's categories with strong participation and support from the community. The Commissioner expressed her appreciation to all volunteers, sponsors and supporters for their contributions to the successful launch of the High Commissioner's Cup series.



2ofUs Band Donates Cultural Items to Maldives Centre

6 November



The High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia held a ceremony to mark the handing over of cultural items by the Maldivian music band '2ofUs' to the Maldives Cultural Centre (MCC). The items, including Bodu Beru drums and a drum set were presented by Band Leader and Founder Mr. Ahmed Adhuham, and were received by High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed.

During the event, Mr. Adhuham also carried out the soft launching of the Maldives Centre Catalogue Book. The High Commissioner expressed appreciation to '2ofUs' for their generous contribution, noting that such initiatives play an important role in promoting Maldivian culture and strengthening community ties abroad.

High Commissioner Attends 8th Convocation Ceremony of GlobalNxt University

1 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the 8th Convocation Ceremony of GlobalNxt University as the Chief Guest. During the ceremony, the High Commissioner delivered the Convocation Address, congratulating the graduating Class of 2025 and commending their dedication and academic achievements.



Top Asia Corporate Ball 2025 – Country Recognition for the Maldives

27 November

The Maldives was honoured at the Top Asia Corporate Ball 2025 with the Country Recognition Award in the category of Asia's Most Serene Wellness Retreat. The prestigious award, presented by RHA Media, highlights the Maldives' continued excellence as a leading global wellness and tourism destination.



High Commissioner Participates in Dialogue with Malaysia Global Alumni

5 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated in the "From Malaysia to the World" Dialogue Session organised for the Study in Malaysia Global Alumni network. In her remarks, the High Commissioner reflected on her experience studying in Malaysia and how it shaped her professional journey, followed by an engaging dialogue with the moderator.

During the event, Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) introduced the MyAlumni App, the MyAlumni Card, and the ETF initiative, launched by YB Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir, Minister of Higher Education. As part of the launch, the High Commissioner received the inaugural MyAlumni Card, recognising her status as a Malaysian university graduate.



High Commissioner Signs Book of Condolence for Her Majesty Queen Sirikit

3 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed signed the book of condolence at the Royal Thai Embassy in Kuala Lumpur following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother of Thailand. The High Commissioner conveyed heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Government and people of the Maldives.



Meeting with Aasandha Company Ltd

20 November



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed held an online meeting with Aasandha Company Ltd. The discussion provided an opportunity to review current collaboration and explore ways to further enhance services available to Maldivians.

Meeting with Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council and Tourism Malaysia

19 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed held a meeting with the Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC) and Tourism Malaysia to explore opportunities for enhanced cooperation ahead of Visit Malaysia Year and Malaysia Year of Medical Tourism 2026.



WOHOMY Networking Lunch at the Parliament of Malaysia

17 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated in the Networking Lunch hosted by the Parliamentary Select Committee on Women, Children & Community Development with Women Heads of Missions (WOHOMY). The event served as a platform to strengthen diplomatic engagement and exchange perspectives on women's empowerment, child welfare, and gender-responsiveness policymaking.



Opening Ceremony of Al-Multaqa Al-Omani

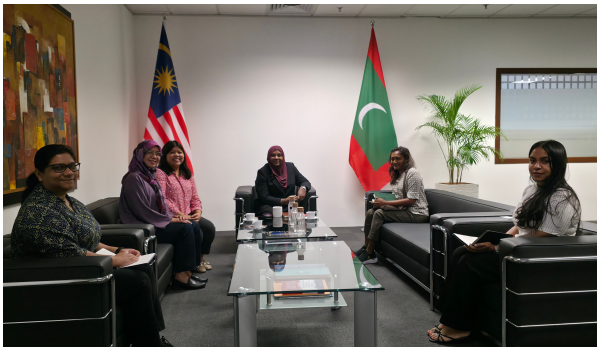
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High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Opening Ceremony of Al-Multaqa Al-Omani, held at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). Organised by the Omani Research and Studies Centre (ORSC), the festival is part of the Ninth Omani Conference and the Global Arabic Islamic Annual Festival 2025.



Meeting with UPM and Former Director General of the Maldives Marine Research Institute

21 November



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed held a meeting with officials from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), including Assoc. Prof. Dr Siti Aqlima Ahmad and Assoc. Prof. Dr Syahida Ahmad, alongside Ms. Shafiya Naeem, former Director General of the Maldives Marine Research Institute. The meeting explored avenues for collaborative research, and discussions were also held regarding Assoc. Prof. Dr Siti Aqlima's upcoming visit to the Maldives, including arrangements for engagements with the Maldives National University (MNU).

International Sama' Hadith Sahih Muslim 2025

28 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Closing Ceremony of the International Sama' Hadith Sahih Muslim 2025, organised by the Malaysian Islamic Dakwah Foundation (YADIM), the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), and the Malaysian Bukhari Council. The ceremony was officiated by YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, and graced by Al-Allamah Sheikh Abu Bakar bin Ahmad Al-Malibari, Grand Mufti of India.



Meeting with UPM and IIUM

6 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with officials from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). The discussions focused on strengthening academic cooperation and identifying opportunities for collaborative research initiatives.



High Commissioner Attends IDFR Networking Hi-Tea 2025

21 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the IDFR Networking Hi-Tea 2025. Welcoming remarks were given by Dato' Zainol Rahim Zainuddin, Director General of the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR). The event brought together members of the diplomatic community, and government representatives.



Meeting with SEGi University & Colleges

4 November



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with representatives from SEGi University & Colleges. The engagement focused on strengthening institutional collaboration and enhancing opportunities for Maldivian students studying in Malaysia.

Heads of Mission Ladies' Luncheon Hosted by the Ambassador of Switzerland

28 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended an exclusive Ladies' Luncheon hosted by the Ambassador of Switzerland, H.E. Chantal Moser.

The gathering brought together women Heads of Mission in Kuala Lumpur for an engaging conversation with the Right Honourable Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat, former Chief Justice of Malaysia and the first woman to hold the nation's highest judicial office.



Gala Dinner of the 5th Global Youth Work Conference

18 November

Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali attended the Gala Dinner held as part of the 5th Global Youth Work Conference, organised by Universiti Putra Malaysia (IPSAS) and the Commonwealth Alliance of Youth Workers Association (CAYWA).

The evening brought together policymakers and international delegates promoting stronger global networks.

"Flamenco Tribute" – A Celebration of Spanish Heritage

20 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended "Flamenco Tribute," a vibrant dance and music performance commemorating the 15th anniversary of flamenco's recognition as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage.



Reception on the Occasion of the National Day of the Sultanate of Oman

24 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception hosted in celebration of the National Day of the Sultanate of Oman. The gathering featured diplomats and officials commemorating Oman's national achievements and longstanding cultural heritage.



Reception on the Occasion of the 54th Armed Forces Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

25 November



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception held in honour of the 54th Armed Forces Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The event provided a platform for members of the diplomatic corps and defence representatives to recognise the service and contributions of the Bangladeshi armed forces.

Reception on the Occasion of the 71st Anniversary of Algeria

4 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception hosted in celebration of the 71st Anniversary of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps and government officials to commemorate Algeria's national day.



National Day Celebration of the Republic of Uganda

6 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the National Day celebration of the Republic of Uganda. The reception gathered diplomats, dignitaries, and invited guests to honour Uganda's national day and celebrate the country's cultural and national identity.

Reception on the Occasion of the 54th Anniversary of the National Day of the United Arab Emirates

26 November



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception celebrating the 54th Anniversary of the National Day of the United Arab Emirates. The ceremony brought together diplomats and dignitaries to commemorate the UAE's national milestones and its development over the decades.

Reception on the Occasion of the National Foundation Day and Armed Forces Day of the Republic of Korea

17 November

Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maa'il Ali attended the reception marking the National Foundation Day and Armed Forces Day of the Republic of Korea. The event brought together members of the diplomatic community to celebrate Korea's rich history and acknowledge the contributions of its armed forces.



Welcoming Ceremony of the Putrajaya Festival of Ideas (FOI)

4 November



Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maa'il Ali attended the Welcoming Ceremony of the Putrajaya Festival of Ideas (FOI), officiated by YAB Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia. The event showcased innovative initiatives and policy ideas designed to support Malaysia's development agenda and strengthen regional collaboration.

High Commissioner Engages with Villa College Students in Malaysia

4 November

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed warmly welcomed a group of students from Villa College's Master of Science in Counselling and Master of Clinical Psychology programmes, who are currently in Malaysia under the student mobility partnership between Villa College and the University of Cyberjaya (UoC).

During the visit, the High Commissioner engaged with the students and shared insights on the mission's work, highlighting the importance of international exposure and practical training in shaping future mental health professionals. The High Commissioner encouraged the students to make full use of the opportunities available to them and to continue contributing to the growing field of mental health in the Maldives.



ASEAN Roads & Traffic Expo 2025

3 November



Officials from the High Commission of Maldives attended the ASEAN Roads & Traffic Expo 2025 at MITEC, where they explored innovative solutions in sustainable mobility, intelligent traffic systems, and resilient road infrastructure. The engagement offered insight into emerging technologies relevant to the Maldives' future transport and urban development initiatives.

Selangor Islamic University Convocation Ceremony

26 November

Counsellor Mr. Abdullah Mamdhooh attended Convocation Ceremony of Selangor Islamic University, held from 26–27 November 2025. The ceremony was officiated by Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tengku Permaisuri Hajah Norashikin, Chancellor of the University.

Malaysia International Wood Expo 2025

10 November

Officials from the High Commission of Maldives participated in the Malaysia International Wood Expo 2025, observing sustainable timber products, modern wood technologies, and environmentally conscious material innovations. The exhibition provided exposure to high-quality solutions applicable to construction and tourism-related development in the Maldives.



Consular Statistics of November

In November, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 224 cases and enquiries. The department remains committed to delivering timely responses 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 28 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

Document Verification and Attestation: A total of 20 documents were sent for verification, and 70 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.

Visa-Related Assistance: A total of 39 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 48 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 birth registration, passport notification and medical letter.

