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High Commissioner's Cup Street Soccer 2026

16 May



The High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia organised the High Commissioner's Cup Street Soccer 2026 at Sunway South Quay Stadium, bringing together members of the Maldivian community and students residing in Malaysia. The tournament provided an opportunity to promote sportsmanship, community engagement, and healthy competition among participants.

A total of nine teams participated in the tournament, with trophies and medals presented by High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed during the closing ceremony. The High Commission also extends its appreciation to Sunway Medical Centre for providing ambulance and paramedic support throughout the event.



Eid Ufaa Malaysia 2026

27 May



The High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia organised Eid Ufaa Malaysia 2026 in celebration of Eid al-Adha, bringing together members of the Maldivian community residing in Malaysia. Held at Maaz International School in Shah Alam, the event provided an opportunity to celebrate the festive occasion while strengthening community bonds and preserving Maldivian traditions abroad.

The celebration featured a traditional Maldivian Eid lunch, cultural performances, traditional games, and activities for children. Members of the Maldivian student community from various universities also participated in the programme. The event was attended by more than 300 members of the Maldivian community in Malaysia, reflecting the strong spirit of unity and community engagement among Maldivians living abroad.



MNUSU Exposure Trip to Malaysia

20 May



Participants of the Maldives National University Students' Union (MNUSU) Exposure Trip visited the High Commission and met with High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed and senior officials. The visit provided an overview of the work of the High Commission and offered an opportunity for engagement with students on matters relating to education and the Maldivian community in Malaysia.

Surah Yaasin Recitation and Prayers Ceremony

21 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Surah Yaasin Recitation. The Prayers Ceremony held in conjunction with the Official Birthday of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia. The ceremony brought together members of the diplomatic corps, government officials, and invited guests in prayer and reflection.



Meeting with YB Syed Ibrahim Syed Noh

25 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with YB Syed Ibrahim Syed Noh, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability of Malaysia. The engagement provided an opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest and explore potential areas for future cooperation.

Reception on the Occasion of Constitution Day and Armed Forces Day of the Republic of Poland

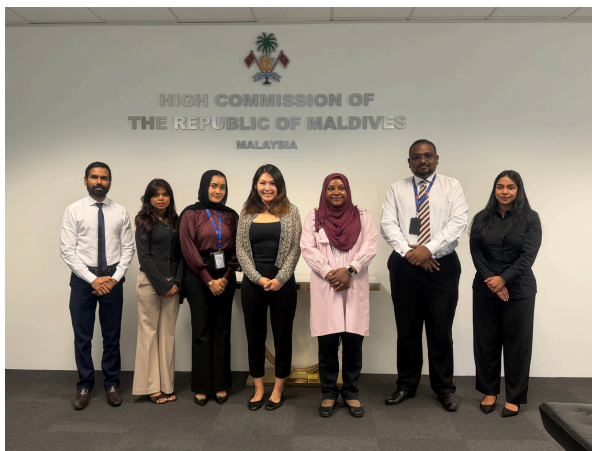
04 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception held in celebration of the Constitution Day and Armed Forces Day of the Republic of Poland. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps, government officials, and invited guests to commemorate the occasion and strengthen diplomatic engagement.



Meeting with Commonwealth Youth Innovation Hub

06 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with representatives of the Commonwealth Youth Innovation Hub. The engagement provided an opportunity to exchange views on youth empowerment, innovation, and potential areas of collaboration involving young people across the Commonwealth.

Urban Vision – Visionary Voices

07 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Urban Vision – Visionary Voices programme. The event brought together policymakers, industry leaders, and experts to discuss sustainable urban development, innovation, and future-ready cities.

Closing and Certificate Presentation Ceremony – MTCP Diplomatic Training Course for International Participants 2026

20 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Closing and Certificate Presentation Ceremony of the MTCP Diplomatic Training Course for International Participants 2026. The programme brought together diplomats and government officials from various countries to enhance professional knowledge and strengthen international cooperation.

Reception on the Occasion of the 108th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan

28 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception held in celebration of the 108th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps and invited guests to commemorate the occasion.

Closing Ceremony – MTCP Negotiation Course for International Participants 2026

21 May

Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb attended the Closing Ceremony of the MTCP Negotiation Course for International Participants 2026. The programme provided participants with practical knowledge and skills in negotiation, diplomacy, and international engagement.

A Journey of Malaysia's Participation under the Convention on the Rights of the Child

22 May

Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb attended the programme titled "A Journey of Malaysia's Participation under the Convention on the Rights of the Child." The event highlighted Malaysia's efforts and achievements in advancing and protecting the rights of children.

Reception on the Occasion of the 69th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Ghana

13 May

Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali attended the reception held in celebration of the 69th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Ghana. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps and invited guests to commemorate the occasion.



7 Mega Growth Strategies 2026

14 May

Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali attended the 7 Mega Growth Strategies 2026 programme. The event featured discussions on economic transformation, innovation, and strategic initiatives aimed at supporting sustainable growth and development.



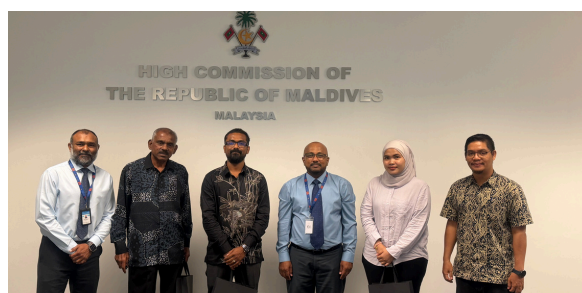
Opening Ceremony of the Malaysian Women Tourist Guides Association (MWTGA) 20th Anniversary Celebration

15 May

Counsellor, Ms. Aminath Sharafnaz attended the Opening Ceremony of the Malaysian Women Tourist Guides Association (MWTGA) 20th Anniversary Celebration. The event recognised the contributions of women tourist guides and highlighted developments within Malaysia's tourism industry.

Meeting with MYDIN

13 May



Officials from the High Commission met with representatives of MYDIN to discuss potential avenues for commercial cooperation. The engagement provided an opportunity to exchange views on supply capabilities and explore opportunities to support future trade-related initiatives between the Maldives and Malaysia.

Meeting with MSAM Executive Committee

07 May

Officials from the High Commission met with the Executive Committee of the Maldivian Students' Association Malaysia (MSAM). The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss ongoing initiatives and strengthen cooperation in supporting the Maldivian student community in Malaysia. Discussions also focused on enhancing student participation in upcoming events and activities organised by the High Commission and MSAM.

Meeting with Maldivian Student Representatives of Universities in Malaysia

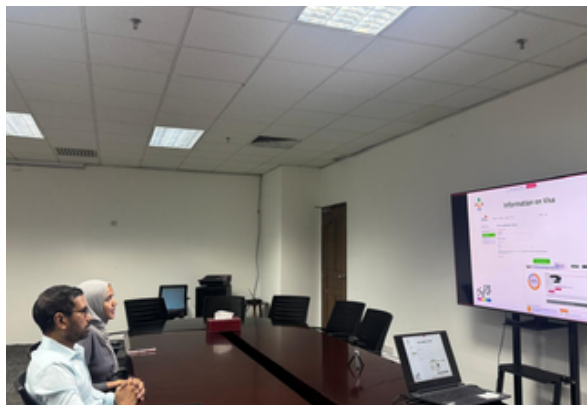
08 May



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Maldivian student representatives from several Malaysian universities, together with members of the Executive Committee of the Maldivian Students' Association Malaysia (MSAM). The meeting focused on upcoming student initiatives and activities, while exploring ways to strengthen collaboration and engagement within the Maldivian student community in Malaysia.

“Eku Ekeegai” Online Orientation Programme

09 May



The High Commission conducted the “Eku Ekeegai” Online Orientation Programme for newly enrolled Maldivian students pursuing their studies in Malaysia. The session provided practical guidance on student life in Malaysia and introduced participants to the support services available through the High Commission and the Maldivian student community.

Meeting with Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN)

12 May



Officials from the High Commission met with representatives of Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) to discuss opportunities for strengthening educational cooperation. The engagement focused on higher education opportunities for Maldivian students and explored potential avenues for future collaboration.

Virtual meeting was held between UPSI and MNU

18 May

The High Commission facilitated an online meeting between representatives of Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) and the Maldives National University (MNU). Discussions focused on exploring opportunities for cooperation in higher education, research, training, academic exchange, and sports-related programmes. The engagement reflected the shared commitment of both institutions to strengthening academic collaboration.



Online Meeting with IIUM

07 May

Officials from the High Commission participated in an online meeting with representatives of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and the Russian Cultural Centre (Russian House) regarding the upcoming Joint Maldives–Russia Exhibition. The discussion focused on preparations for the exhibition, which will feature architectural drawings of the historic Hukuru Miskiy of the Maldives alongside heritage mosques in Russia, produced by students of IIUM's Heritage Department.

LA VERA EAFC Championship 2026

17 May

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the LA VERA EAFC Championship 2026 held in Kuala Lumpur. Organised jointly by the Sunway Maldivian Association, the Asia Pacific University Maldivian Student Association, and the Maldivian Students' Association Malaysia (MSAM), the event brought together Maldivian students from across Malaysia through esports and friendly competition.

The championship provided a platform for students to interact and strengthen community ties while highlighting the growing interest in esports among the Maldivian student community.



Maldives- Malaysia Run Dialogue in Putrajaya

14 May



Maldives- Malaysia Run Dialogue in Putrajaya Deputy High commissioner Mr.Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb along with the officials from mission joined a discussion on upcoming Maldives - Malaysia run in Putrajaya. The engagement explored potential collaboration and participation in community-based sporting initiatives.

Consular Statistics of May

In May, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 380 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 37 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

Certificates of Identity: 1 emergency travel document was 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 9 documents were sent for verification, and 77 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 102 email enquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals and family relationship letters, and licence verifications.

Visa-Related Assistance: A total of 35 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 41 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: A total of 7 letters were issued. These were provided for marital status, identification letter, medical letter, passport notification, and license verification.



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