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High Commission Hosts Iftar 1447 Reception

07 March



The High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia hosted Iftar 1447, bringing together members of the Maldivian community in Kuala Lumpur for an evening of reflection and togetherness. The gathering provided an opportunity to strengthen community bonds and embrace the spirit of Ramadan.

The event was generously sponsored for the fourth consecutive year by The Hawks Pvt Ltd, and the High Commission extends its sincere appreciation to all who attended and contributed to making the gathering a meaningful occasion.



Aidilfitri Open House 1447H

28 March



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Aidilfitri Open House held in conjunction with the Aidilfitri celebration 1447H, hosted by YB Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad bin Haji Hasan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, and his spouse, YM Raja Datin Seri Dato' Hjh Salbiah Binti Tengku Nujumudin.

International Women's Day Celebration 2026

10 March



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the International Women's Day Celebration 2026. The event was organised by the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia and officiated by YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Signing of Book of Condolences at the Embassy of Indonesia

04 March



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed signed the book of condolences at the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Kuala Lumpur following the passing of Mr. Try Sutrisno, sixth Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia (2001–2004) and Head of the Indonesian Delegation to the Indonesia–Malaysia Eminent Persons Group (2008). The High Commissioner conveyed heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Government and people of the Maldives.

Courtesy Call on Undersecretary of South and Central Asia Division

03 March



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid a courtesy call on H.E. Nuryante Mohd Yazid, Undersecretary of the South and Central Asia Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. The engagement reflected continued diplomatic engagement and cooperation between the two sides.

IIUM Iftar Reception 2026

04 March



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Iftar Reception hosted by the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) Gombak Campus. The event was graced by Her Royal Highness the Tengku Ampuan of Pahang, Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah binti Al-Marhum Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj, Constitutional Head of IIUM, and brought together members of the university community and invited guests.

Q Study Malaysia Raya Open House

30 March



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Q Study Malaysia (My Q Study Expo Maldives) Raya Open House, which brought together Maldivian students from various universities across Malaysia. The event provided an opportunity for engagement with the students and highlighted continued support for the Maldivian student community in Malaysia.

Iftar Gathering Hosted by Pacific Inter-Link Sdn Bhd

01 March

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended an Iftar gathering hosted by Dato' Dr Fouad Hayel Saeed Anam, Chairman & Group Chief Executive Officer of Pacific Inter-Link Sdn Bhd. The event brought together members of the diplomatic and business community in the spirit of Ramadan, fostering goodwill and engagement.

Institut Masa Depan Malaysia (MASA) Iftar 2026

16 March



Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali attended the Institut Masa Depan Malaysia (MASA) Iftar 2026 held in Kuala Lumpur. The event was graced by YB Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin Haji Mohd Yassin, former Prime Minister of Malaysia, and brought together members of the diplomatic community and invited guests in the spirit of Ramadan.

Commonwealth Observance Day 2026

09 March

Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb attended the Commonwealth Observance Day 2026 organised by the Royal Commonwealth Society Malaysia. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps and invited guests to commemorate shared values and cooperation among Commonwealth nations.

Visit to Go Travel Expo

13 March



Officials from the High Commission visited the Go Travel Expo held at the Mid Valley Exhibition Centre. The engagement provided an opportunity to explore travel trends and identify potential avenues for collaboration in tourism and related sectors.

Visit to Malaysia International Furniture Fair (MIFF) 2026

04 March

Officials from the High Commission visited the Malaysia International Furniture Fair (MIFF) 2026 held at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC). The engagement focused on identifying export opportunities and strengthening partnerships within the furniture and design sector.

Facilitation of MHTC

Participation at Vacations Expo

12 March



The High Commission facilitated the participation of the Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC) in the 7th Vacations Expo 2026 to be held in the Maldives. The initiative supports the promotion of Malaysia's healthcare and wellness tourism offerings while strengthening cooperation between the Maldives and Malaysia in the medical tourism sector.

Consular Statistics of March

In January, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 494 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 34 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 26 documents were sent for verification, and 85 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 175 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 52 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 3 letters were issued. These were provided for marital status, passport notification, and licence verification.



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