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Opening Ceremony of DSA & NATSEC Asia 2026

20 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the opening ceremony of DSA & NATSEC Asia 2026. The event was officiated by YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, and brought together representatives from the defence and security sectors around the world.

Meeting with Deputy Chief of Navy, Royal Malaysian Navy

21 April



Brigadier General Mohamed Saleem, Commandant of the Coast Guard of the Maldives National Defence Force, accompanied by Colonel Mohamed Firdous Defence Advisor of Maldives to Malaysia and Ms. Fathimath Shaba, Second Secretary of the High Commission, met with Vice Admiral Datuk Ts. Badarudin Bin Taha, Deputy Chief of Navy of the Royal Malaysian Navy, during his visit to Malaysia for DSA & NATSEC Asia 2026.

Meeting with Deputy Director General (Logistics), Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency

20 April



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Courtesy Visit by Brigadier General Mohamed Saleem

22 april



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed received a courtesy visit from Brigadier General Mohamed Saleem, Commandant of the Coast Guard of the Maldives National Defence Force, during his visit to Malaysia to attend DSA & NATSEC Asia 2026. The engagement provided an opportunity for cordial interaction and discussion on matters of mutual interest.

DSA & NATSEC Asia 2026 Thank You Reception

23 April



Brigadier General Mohamed Saleem, Commandant of the Coast Guard of the Maldives National Defence Force, accompanied by Defence Advisor Colonel Mohamed Firdous, attended the Thank You Reception held in conjunction with DSA & NATSEC Asia 2026. The event featured the closing speech by YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled bin Nordin, Minister of Defence of Malaysia.

Opening Session on Religious Affairs and Civilizational Dialogue

01 april

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Opening Session organised by the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), featuring a keynote address by H.E. Dr Mohammed bin Said bin Khalfan Al Mamari, Minister of Endowment and Religious Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman.



Courtesy Call on Ambassador of Indonesia

22 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid a courtesy call on H.E. Raden Dato' Mohamad Iman Hascarya, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Malaysia. The engagement reflected continued diplomatic relations and included discussions on strengthening commercial cooperation.

Meeting with Rector of Villa College

15 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Dr. Ahmed Anwar, Rector of Villa College. The engagement reflected continued cooperation and discussions on matters relating to higher education and academic collaboration.

Meeting with Senior Political Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia

24 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with YBhg. Datuk Ton Zalani Bin Mat Darus, Senior Political Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. The engagement reflected continued dialogue and commercial engagement on matters of mutual interest.



Courtesy Call by High Commissioner-designate of Sri Lanka

27 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed received a courtesy call from Mr. Dharshana M. Perera, High Commissioner-designate of Sri Lanka to Malaysia. The engagement reflected continued diplomatic relations and cooperation between the Maldives and Sri Lanka.

Book of Condolences for Former President of Algeria

02 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed signed the book of condolences following the passing of H.E. Liamine Zérroual, sixth President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. The High Commissioner conveyed condolences on behalf of the Government and people of the Maldives.

Inter-Civilizational Academic Conference 2026

01 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Inter-Civilizational Academic Conference 2026: IIUM–Oxford–PKU–Fudan Dialogues titled “Islam, Diversity, and Transformation: Perspectives from the East and West”.

BNM Annual Dialogue with Ambassadors and High Commissioners 2026

02 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM)'s Annual Dialogue with Ambassadors and High Commissioners 2026. The event featured a presentation by Dato' Sri Abdul Rasheed Ghaffour, Governor of Bank Negara Malaysia.

Meeting with Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council and Tourism Malaysia

12 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with representatives of the Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC) and Tourism Malaysia during their visit to the Maldives. The engagement reflected continued cooperation in healthcare travel and tourism promotion between the Maldives and Malaysia.

Raya Celebration with Prince Court Medical Centre

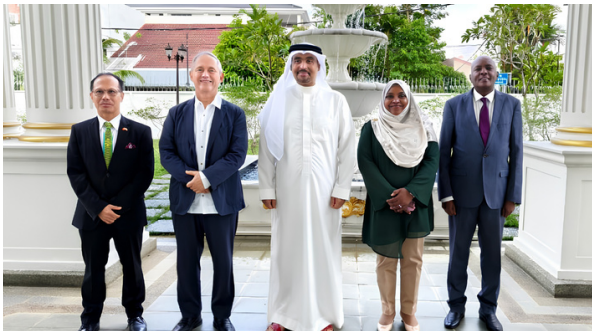
03 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Raya Celebration hosted by Prince Court Medical Centre. The event brought together members of the healthcare sector and invited guests in celebration of Aidilfitri.

Lunch Hosted by Ambassador of Bahrain

23 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a lunch hosted by H.E. Waleed Al Manea, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Malaysia. The gathering provided an opportunity for diplomatic engagement and interaction among members of the diplomatic community.



Farewell Reception for Ambassador of Spain

24 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a farewell reception in honour of H.E. José Luis Pardo Cuervo, Ambassador of Spain to Malaysia. The gathering brought together members of the diplomatic community and esteemed guests.



Lunch Meeting with Her Royal Highness Tunku Muna Najihah

28 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a lunch meeting with Her Royal Highness Tunku Muna Najihah. The engagement provided an opportunity for cordial interaction and exchange.

Courtesy Call by Her Royal Highness Paduka Puteri Tunku Mariamz Binti Al-Marhum Sultan Iskandar

29 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed received a courtesy call from Her Royal Highness Paduka Puteri Tunku Mariamz Binti Al-Marhum Sultan Iskandar. The engagement reflected continued goodwill and diplomatic engagement.



Visit to the Islamic University of Maldives (IUM)

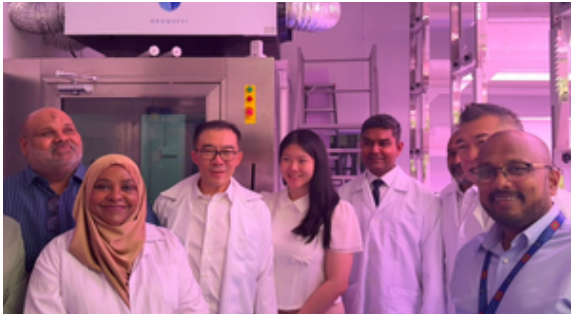
16 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed visited the Islamic University of Maldives (IUM) and met with Dr. Ali Zahir, Vice Chancellor of IUM, together with members of the university's management team. The engagement reflected continued cooperation and dialogue in the field of higher education.

Visit to Double Green Aeroponics Farm

09 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed visited Double Green Aeroponics Farm to observe modern agricultural practices and aeroponics technology. The visit provided insights into innovative and sustainable farming methods relevant to food security initiatives.

King's Day Reception of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

23 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception held in celebration of King's Day of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps and esteemed guests.



Youth-Led Cervical Cancer Awareness Initiative

07 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Soft Launch of the Youth-Led Cervical Cancer Awareness and Elimination Initiative in Malaysia. The programme highlighted efforts to strengthen public awareness and community engagement on health-related issues.

Meeting with APU Maldivian Student Association

24 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed along with officials of the High Commission met with Mr. Mohamed Zeedhan Zaeem, President of the APU Maldivian Student Association, to discuss upcoming initiatives and activities involving the Maldivian community in Malaysia.

Closing Ceremony of the Raajje Futsal Cup 2026

25 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed along with officials from the High Commission attended the Closing Ceremony of the Raajje Futsal Cup 2026 organised by the Maldivian student community of APU and Monash University. The event brought together members of the Maldivian community and student representatives in Malaysia.

Malaysia Energy, Water & Climate Change Summit 2026

09 April

Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb attended the Malaysia Energy, Water & Climate Change Summit 2026. The event featured a keynote address by YAB Datuk Amar Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation.

Meeting with Sky Travel and Tours

16 April



Officials from the High Commission met with representatives of Sky Travel and Tours to explore opportunities for collaboration in promoting travel packages to the Maldives. The engagement reflected ongoing efforts to strengthen tourism promotion within the Malaysian market.

Engagement between UCMI and Maldives National University

16 April

Officials from the High Commission facilitated an introductory engagement between University College MAIWP International (UCMI) and the School of Nursing of the Maldives National University (MNU). The discussion explored opportunities for academic cooperation and collaboration in nursing education and healthcare training.

Opening Ceremony of ASIAWATER 2026

07 April

Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb attended the Opening Ceremony of the 14th edition of ASIAWATER 2026, themed "Building Nations: Leveraging Technology-Driven Water Services for Inclusive Growth". The event was officiated by YAB Datuk Amar Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation.

I AM Maldives Tourism Roadshow in Malaysia

15 April



Officials from the High Commission attended the "I AM Maldives" tourism roadshow organised by the National Hotels and Guesthouse Association of Maldives (NHGAM) in Kuala Lumpur. The event brought together Maldivian tourism operators and Malaysian travel industry representatives to promote the Maldives as a travel destination.

Online Meeting with National Institute for Education (NIE)

22 April

Officials from the High Commission participated in an online meeting with the National Institute for Education (NIE) of the Maldives regarding matters related to RIVEL online classes. The engagement reflected continued coordination in the education sector.

Forum on ASEAN by IDFR

30 April



Counsellor Ms. Aminath Sharafnaz attended the “Forum on ASEAN: ASEAN Centrality and Cross-Regional Cooperation” organised by the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR). Opening remarks were delivered by YB Dato’ Lukanisman Awang Sauni, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. The forum brought together diplomats, policymakers, and regional experts to exchange views on strengthening cooperation between ASEAN and its partners.

MATTA Fair 2026 Opening Ceremony

04 April



Officials from the High Commission attended the official opening ceremony of MATTA Fair 2026 held at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC). The event brought together tourism industry stakeholders and exhibitors, providing a platform to promote tourism cooperation and engagement between Malaysia and the Maldives.

Meeting with Smart World Travel

23 April



Trade Representative Mr. Abbas Adil Riza met with representatives of Smart World Travel to discuss opportunities for promoting the Maldives to Malaysian outbound travellers. The engagement reflected continued efforts to strengthen tourism partnerships and destination marketing initiatives.

Sunway International Schools International Day Celebration

24 April



Counsellor Mr. Abdullah Mamdhooch attended the Sunway International Schools International Day Celebration. The event featured participation from students of various nationalities, including Maldivian students studying at the school.

Meeting with Deputy Minister of National Centre of Arts

13 April

Officials from the High Commission met with Maldivian national Mr. Ali Abdul Kareem to discuss potential collaboration with the Maldives Centre on programmes for the Maldivian community in Malaysia. The engagement reflected continued efforts to strengthen community-based initiatives.

Consular Statistics of April

In April, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 497 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 32 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

Certificates of Identity: 2 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 27 documents were sent for verification, and 100 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 131 email enquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals and family relationship letters, and licence verifications.

Visa-Related Assistance: A total of 48 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 39 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 23 letters were issued. These were provided for marital status, identification letter, medical letter, passport notification, and license verification.



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