



## Malaysia awards 611 scholarships to Maldivian students

11 September 2024

Maldives and Malaysia have signed an agreement granting 611 scholarships to Maldivian students aspiring to pursue higher education in Malaysia.

The agreement was signed at the Ministry of Higher Education in the Maldives, with the Minister of Higher Education, Labour and Skills Development, H.E. Dr. Maryam Mariya, and the Chief Executive Officer of Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS), Mr. Novie Tajuddin, representing their respective nations.

The MoU paves the way for 611 scholarships across 14 esteemed Malaysian higher education institutions, offering tuition fee discounts ranging from 2% to a full 100%. The scholarships encompass a wide array of disciplines. The 14 institutions include Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation (APU), HELP University, International Medical University (IMU), Infrastructure University Kuala Lumpur (IUKL), Multimedia University (MMU), Management Science University (MSU), Sunway College, Sunway University, Taylor's University, UCSI, UNITAR International University, Universiti Tun Abdul Razak, Xiamen University and Nilai University. This opportunity will allow Maldivian youth to pursue higher education in areas of interest.



## Subang Cup 2024 Futsal Tournament

21 September 2024

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed graced the opening ceremony of the Subang Cup 2024 Futsal Tournament held at X Park, Sunway South Quay.

This was the first time the High Commission participated in the Subang Cup, organised by Maldivian students, in an official capacity.

The event brought together 14 teams, creating a vibrant and competitive atmosphere that highlighted the spirit of community and sportsmanship.

The Subang Cup, known for its enthusiasm for futsal, attracted a diverse crowd, with a special highlight being the "Roboman's Event" for kids, which delighted children and families alike. The event fostered a strong sense of unity among the Maldivian community in Malaysia, making the day truly memorable.





## “Majeedhee Magu” - Maldivian student’s Art Exhibition in KL

14 September 2024



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the solo art exhibition “Majeedhee Magu” by Maldivian student Ms. Reem Mohamed Waheed, held at The One Academy of Communication Design in Kuala Lumpur.

Ms. Reem, a fine arts student, showcased an impressive collection of artworks inspired by Maldivian culture and stories, highlighting the street life and everyday narratives of Majeedhee Magu, one of the most iconic streets in Male’, the capital city of Maldives.

The High Commissioner was deeply impressed by Ms. Reem's exceptional work, noting the depth and cultural significance embedded in each piece. She encouraged Ms. Reem to continue honing her artistic talent and expressed hope that she would further contribute to the art scene in the Maldives.



## Global Goals Festival at Sunway University

25 September 2024



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed represented Maldives at the "Local Action for Global Goals 2024: A Campus With A Conscience" event at Sunway University, where over 25,000 participants gathered to promote the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Speaking briefly to the attendees, the High Commissioner reflected on Maldives' progress on the SDGs and emphasised the nation's commitment to sustainability and global development efforts. The Maldives has undertaken a number of initiatives to enhance water security and sanitation infrastructure, especially in remote islands, through desalination plants, rainwater harvesting systems, and sustainable waste management projects.





## High Commission delegation visits MaxGreen Sdn Bhd Farms

24 September 2024

Diplomats from the High Commission toured the farms and the packaging facility of MaxGreen Sdn Bhd, a leading Malaysian company specialising in tropical fruit cultivation. The visit, hosted by Mr. Ammar Faiz, General Manager of MaxGreen, provided valuable insights into the company's production processes, hygiene standards, and export capabilities.

With over 700 acres of orchards, MaxGreen is a major producer of premium fruits such as durians, jackfruits, and pineapples.

The visit explored potential collaboration opportunities between Maldivian businesses and MaxGreen, particularly in agricultural imports and distribution, contributing to High Commission's commercial diplomacy efforts.



## EMGS welcomes the High Commission to KLIA International Student Arrival Centre

6 September 2024

Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) invited the High Commission for a working visit to the International Student Arrival Centre (ISAC) at KLIA Terminal 1.

The EMGS counters at ISAC assist incoming students from the Maldives and other countries. Staff at these counters offer valuable information, print necessary documents, guide students through immigration procedures, and facilitate their handover to university representatives waiting to receive them.

The visit highlighted EMGS's commitment to ensuring a smooth arrival experience for international students and enhancing cooperation with the High Commission.



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## His Majesty the King's Birthday Celebration

7 September 2024

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated in a ceremony held at Malaysia's royal palace, Istana Negara, to celebrate the birthday of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, the King of Malaysia.

The ceremony was attended by a distinguished gathering of diplomatic representatives, including heads of diplomatic missions, dignitaries, government officials, and other esteemed guests.



## Ceremony to mark the King of Malaysia's Official Birthday

14 September 2024

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Trooping of Colours Ceremony held at Dataran Pahlawan Negara (National Heroes Square) to commemorate the official birthday of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia. Prime Minister, H.E. Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim and several high-ranking government officials were in attendance.





## Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) 25th Anniversary Celebration

10 September 2024



High Commissioner, H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a special ceremony held to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Malaysia's human rights commission (SUHAKAM). The event, officiated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, H.E. Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, reflected Malaysia's progress in the protection and fulfilment of human rights.

SUHAKAM, established in 1999, is an independent commission aimed to promote and safeguard human rights in Malaysia through education, advisory roles, and investigating complaints of human rights violations.

Similarly, in the Maldives, The Human Rights Commission of the Maldives (HRCM), established in 2003, promotes and protects human rights by investigating complaints, advising the government, and conducting awareness programs to safeguard civil liberties and fundamental rights under the Maldivian Constitution and international standards.

## Asia Media Summit Opening Ceremony and AIBD International Media Awards 2024

3 September 2024



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated in the opening ceremony of the 19<sup>th</sup> Asia Media Summit, where H.E. Fahmi Fadzil, Minister of Communications of Malaysia, delivered the keynote speech. The High Commissioner was also present at the Gala Dinner and AIBD International Media Awards held at the Sheraton Petaling Jaya later that evening. Media personnel from Maldives participated in the conference.

The Asia Media Summit, organised by the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), is an annual event bringing together around 500 media professionals, regulators, and experts from around the world to discuss and enhance media standards in the Asia-Pacific region.

## Malaysia International Halal Showcase 2024

17 September 2024

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the opening ceremony of the Malaysia International Halal Showcase 2024 (MIHAS). The ceremony was officiated by H.E. Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, and commenced with welcome remarks by H.E. Tengku Zafrul Aziz, Minister of Investment, Trade & Industry (MITI) of Malaysia. Halal tourism, caters to Muslim travelers, to ensure that services such as accommodation, food, and recreational activities adhere to Islamic principles and are Muslim-friendly.





## Nepal Constitution Day reception

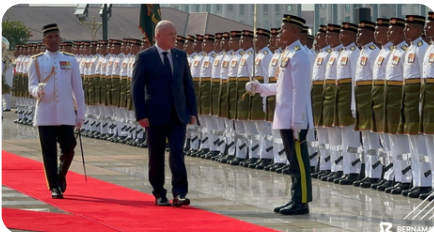
19 September 2024



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception held to mark Nepal's Constitution Day at The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur. As founding members of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), both Nepal and Maldives have been playing key roles in strengthening regional cooperation, sharing common views on international issues, and working together on international forums.

## Welcoming Ceremony for New Zealand Prime Minister

2 September 2024



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed, together with other high-level officials, participated in the official welcoming ceremony for the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt. Hon Christopher Luxon, during his official visit to Malaysia. The ceremony took place at Perdana Square in Putrajaya.

## Art Exhibition marking 55 Years of Malaysia-Romania Relations

5 September 2024



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended an art exhibition organised by the Embassy of Romania, commemorating the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and Romania. The event featured speeches highlighting the historical journey of the diplomatic partnership, emphasising mutual respect, shared values, and continuous efforts to strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries.

## Uzbekistan's 33<sup>rd</sup> Independence Anniversary reception

17 September 2024



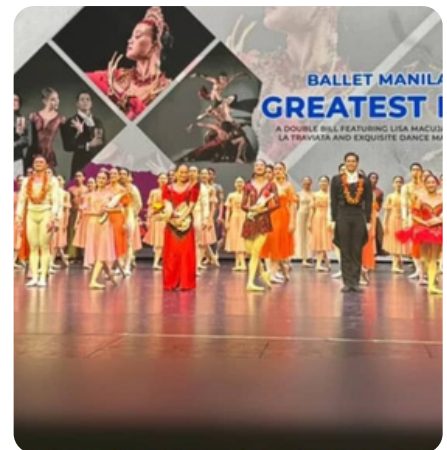
High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception hosted by the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Malaysia to celebrate the 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Independence of Uzbekistan. Maldives and Uzbekistan established bilateral relations on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1994.

## Gala Celebrating 60 Years of Malaysia-Philippines Ties

6 September 2024



High Commissioner, H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception and opening gala hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and the Philippines.



The event featured a special performance by Ballet Manila at the Petaling Jaya Performing Arts Centre, showcasing "Ballet Manila's Greatest Hits" with a diverse range of choreography, and celebrating cultural ties through the inclusion of Malaysian performers, a local choral group, and dancers selected from local ballet schools.



## Opening ceremony of LSBF College

25 September 2024



Counsellor Abdullah Mamdhoo and First Secretary Fathimath Sanyan attended the grand opening of the London School of Business and Finance (LSBF) College in Malaysia. The event was officiated by the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, YB Datuk Ts. Mustapha Sakmud.

LSBF College, formerly known as Elite International College (EIC) since its founding in 1998, is a prestigious private educational institution located in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The college offers a range of courses, including Accounting, Banking & Finance, Business Administration, Technology, and Hospitality Management, providing students with globally recognized qualifications.

## 4<sup>th</sup> World Islamic Tourism Conference

25 September 2024



High Commissioner, H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the opening of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Islamic Tourism Conference (WITC). The event, organised by the Islamic Tourism Centre (ITC), was officiated by YB Khairul Firdaus Akbar Khan, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia. The ITC plays a crucial role in promoting Malaysia as a key destination for Islamic tourism, focusing on enhancing the Muslim-friendly travel and hospitality sector.

Diplomats from the commercial section of the High Commission accompanied the High Commissioner at the event.

## Launch of Malaysia's Aviation Decarbonisation Blueprint

5 September 2024



A delegation from the High Commission participated in the official launching ceremony of the Malaysia Aviation Decarbonisation Blueprint, organised by the Ministry of Transport of Malaysia. The event, inaugurated by the Honourable Minister of Transport Mr. Anthony Loke Siew Fook, marked a significant milestone in Malaysia's commitment to sustainable aviation practices.

The blueprint outlines Malaysia's strategic direction towards reducing carbon emissions within the aviation sector, ensuring a sustainable future for the industry while aligning with global environmental goals.

## Opening ceremony of the MATTA Fair 2024

9 September 2024



A delegation from the High Commission attended the opening of the Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) Fair 2024, held at the Malaysia International Trade & Exhibition Centre (MITEC). MATTA Fair is Malaysia's largest travel and tourism exhibition, attracting exhibitors and visitors from around the world to showcase various travel deals and destinations. The event brought together tourism stakeholders from across the region, providing valuable insights into the Malaysian tourism market.

The fair provided valuable insights into the Malaysian tourism market. It also presented opportunities to strengthen ties with local travel agents, explore potential collaborations, and understand current trends among Malaysian travellers.

## Kenya Exhibition and Networking Event 2024

28 September 2024



A delegation from the High Commission attended the Kenya Exhibition and Networking Event 2024 hosted by the High Commission of Kenya in Kuala Lumpur.

The event showcased Kenya's rich agricultural exports, including tea, coffee, flowers, and avocados, while promoting investment opportunities.

The Maldives maintains strong bilateral relations with African countries, with diplomatic ties to Kenya officially established on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1995.

## Brazil National Day reception

12 September 2024



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed and First Secretary Fathimath Sanyin attended the reception on the occasion of the Brazil National day on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Maldives and Brazil have had diplomatic relations for over 36 years.

## Chile's National Day and 45 Years of Diplomatic Relations with Malaysia

26 September 2024



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a reception celebrating the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Chile and Malaysia and the celebration of Chile's National Day.

Diplomatic relations between the Maldives and Chile were established on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1987, and since then, the two countries have nurtured a close and collaborative partnership.

## Saudi Arabia's 94<sup>th</sup> National Day reception

23 September 2024



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed and Minister Counsellor Aishath Samaha attended a reception hosted by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Malaysia to celebrate the country's 94<sup>th</sup> National Day.

Maldives and Saudi Arabia formed bilateral diplomatic relations on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1981 and have had a mutual commitment towards Islamic and cultural values. The two nations have had close friendship and cooperation for over 43 years of bilateral relationship.

## Putrajaya Culture Festival 2024

21 September 2024



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the opening ceremony of Putrajaya Culture Festival 2024, which was officiated by Prime Minister of Malaysia, H.E. Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim. The event organised by the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture (MOTAC) in collaboration with the Putrajaya Corporation, featured the MADANI Colourful Gala Night, along with interactive heritage exhibitions, craft sales, and various performances, all designed to enhance public awareness of Malaysia's cultural significance.

## Maulidur Rasul celebration

16 September 2024













High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed and Counsellor Abdullah Mamdhoooh attended the Maulidur Rasul SAW 1446H/2024M celebration organised by the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM).

The event, held at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC), was graced by the presence of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, the King of Malaysia. Muslims in Malaysia celebrated the day with various meaningful programmes and colourful processions.



## CONSULAR STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

 Attestation as True Copy <sup>1</sup> <b>64</b>	 Certification of Identity <b>1</b>
 Verification of Documents <sup>2</sup> <b>73</b>	 Meranaa <b>23</b>
 Passport Applications <b>22</b>	 National ID <b>2</b>
 Visa Related Letters and Assistance <sup>3</sup> <b>53</b>	 Emergency Cases <b>1</b>
 Queries via Emails and Phone Calls <sup>4</sup> <b>27</b>	 Other Letters (Marital Status, Identification, Medical Visa etc..) <b>15</b>

- 1. Attestation as True Copy:** This was the second most requested service, with 64 requests.
- 2. Verification of Documents:** This was the most requested service, accounting for 73 requests. The High Commission verifies the documents through the relevant authorities in the Maldives Government before endorsing them.
- 3. Visa Related Letters and Assistance:** Visa-related services ranked third, with 53 requests. The High Commission recommends students to submit their applications at least three months prior to the commencement of the programme to allow sufficient time for visa processing. The High Commission is not directly involved with the EMGS visa process. However, in case if a student's visa application is delayed beyond the expected processing time, the High Commission shall send a request to the EMGS or Immigration. In such cases, the High Commission will first notify the university of the delay and maintain regular communication.
- 4. Queries Received via Emails and Phone Calls:** A total of 101 emails were responded to during the month related to various issues such as visa assistance, inquires, attestations, and other consular matters.