

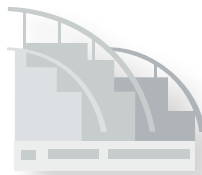


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High Commission of Maldives Hosts the 1446 Iftar Reception

15 March



The High Commission of Maldives in Malaysia hosted Iftar 1446, bringing together the Maldivian community for an evening of reflection and togetherness. The event provided an opportunity to strengthen communal bonds and embrace the spirit of Ramadan.

The High Commission extends its sincere appreciation to all attendees who contributed to making this gathering a meaningful occasion.



Annual Iqraul Quran Competition 1446 Organized by the High Commission

8 March



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with the participants and parents of the Iqraul Quran Competition 1446.

In her remarks, she emphasized the importance of instilling a deep connection to the Holy Quran from a young age, highlighting it as a fundamental pillar of Islamic values. She also expressed gratitude to the parents for their encouragement and support in nurturing the children's engagement with Quranic teachings.



His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen of Malaysia Host Iftar Reception

7 March



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Iftar Reception hosted by His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, and Her Majesty Raja Zarith Sofiah, Queen of Malaysia. The event was a significant occasion, bringing together distinguished guests in the spirit of unity and shared cultural values.

Courtesy Call on Undersecretary of South and Central Asia Division

5 March

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid a courtesy call on H.E. Khairul Nazran, the newly appointed Undersecretary of the South and Central Asia Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.



Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia Hosts Iftar Reception

10 March



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Iftar reception hosted by The Honourable Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad Bin Haji Hasan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.

The reception was graced by Prime Minister YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim and members of the diplomatic corps, reflecting the importance of fostering unity and mutual respect among nations during the holy month of Ramadan.

Embassy of Libya to Malaysia Hosts Iftar Reception

14 March



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Iftar reception hosted by the Embassy of the State of Libya in Malaysia.

High Commissioner Attends Scholarship Awarding Ceremony of Perdana University

5 March

The scholarships, offered in partnership with Perdana University, are part of Bin Zayed's initiative to support underserved communities and strengthen Malaysia's healthcare sector. This program aims to remove financial barriers for students, enabling them to pursue medical education and fulfill their aspirations of becoming doctors. It underscores a commitment to bridging educational gaps and fostering inclusivity in higher education.



EMGS Hosts Iftar Reception

13 March



Second Secretary Ms. Azumeena Abdul Kareem and Third Secretary Mr. Ali Firushaan attended the Iftar reception hosted by Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS).

The event provided an opportunity for engagement on matters concerning student visas and other areas of mutual interest, further strengthening collaboration on education-related services.

Consular Statistics of March

In March, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 299 cases and enquiries. The department remains committed to delivering timely response 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 16 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

► **Certificates of Identity:** A total of 7 emergency travel documents were 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 21 documents were sent for verification, and 56 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 142 email inquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals, family relationship letters, and license verifications.

► **Visa-Related Assistance:** 5 individuals sought assistance with visa-related matters, and a total of 17 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 relevant supporting documents included, for assistance.

► **Meranaa and Medical Services:** A total of 28 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 marital status, passport notifications, and license verification. Furthermore, consular support was given to one individual detained.

