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High Tea Reception Hosted by Her Majesty the Queen of Malaysia

23 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed graced the High Tea Reception hosted by Her Majesty Raja Zarith Sofiah, Queen of Malaysia, in conjunction with the Eid al-Fitr celebrations. The event offered a gracious platform for cross-cultural appreciation and diplomatic interaction.



High Commissioner Joins “MEET ANWAR @ IIUM” Programme

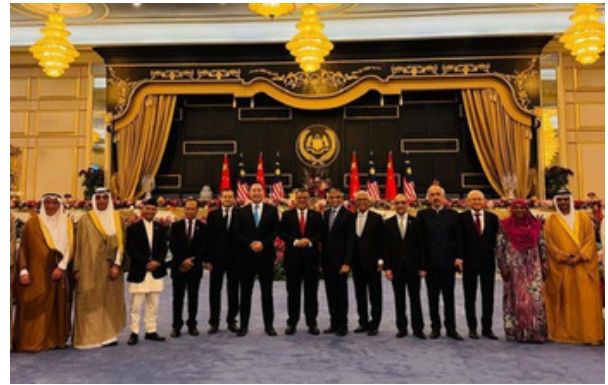
12 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed joined the “MEET ANWAR @ IIUM” programme, organized by the IIUM Board of Governors to welcome Prime Minister YAB Dato’ Seri Anwar Ibrahim to his alma mater. Prime Minister YAB Dato’ Seri Anwar Ibrahim was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Law by Shenandoah University, United States. The doctorate was awarded to Anwar in recognition of his contributions to leadership and community development.



High Commissioner Attends State Banquet Hosted in Honour of President Xi Jinping

16 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the State Banquet hosted by His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, in honour of H.E. Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China, during his State Visit to Malaysia from 15 to 17 April 2025.

State Funeral of the Late Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi

16 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid respects at the State Funeral of the late Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the 5th Prime Minister of Malaysia, on behalf of the Government and the people of Maldives. The ceremony was a solemn tribute to a leader remembered for his statesmanship and contributions to Malaysia’s development.

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia Hosts Eid al-Fitr Reception

14 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed was present at the Eid al-Fitr reception hosted by the Honourable Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad bin Haji Hasan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.

The Right Honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia Hosts Eid al-Fitr Celebration

12 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed took part in the Eid al-Fitr celebration hosted by The Right Honourable YAB Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation of Malaysia.

Deputy Prime Minister Zahid Hosts Eid al-Fitr Celebration

14 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated in the Eid al-Fitr celebration hosted by YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid bin Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Rural and Regional Development of Malaysia.



Capital A Berhad Raya Open House Celebration

14 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed joined the Raya Open House hosted by Capital A Berhad (formerly AirAsia Group), celebrating the festive occasion of Eid al-Fitr.



Closing Ceremony of Raajje Futsal Cup 2025

20 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed officiated as chief guest at the closing ceremony of the Inter-University Raajje Futsal Tournament, organised by the Maldivian Society of the University of Nottingham Malaysia. The tournament brought together Maldivian students from over 12 universities across Malaysia, promoting sportsmanship, unity, and youth engagement.

Courtesy call on the President of NCCIM

19 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed held discussions with YBhg. Dato’ Seri N. Gobalakrishnan, President of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (NCCIM), to explore avenues for enhanced collaboration between Malaysian business chambers and the Maldives, particularly in trade and investment promotion.



Courtesy Call on Deputy Secretary General for Bilateral Affairs

14 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid a courtesy call on YBhg. Dato’ Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Deputy Secretary General (Bilateral Affairs) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. Discussions focused on strengthening Maldives–Malaysia ties and reviewing upcoming bilateral initiatives.

Courtesy Call by Ambassador of Nepal

18 April



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed received a courtesy call from H.E. Dr. Netra Prasad Timsina, Ambassador of Nepal to Malaysia. The meeting reflected the friendly ties between the two countries and explored opportunities in education, trade, and collaboration in sports.

High Commissioner Attends Independence Day and National Day Reception of Bangladesh

17 April

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed took part in the reception on the occasion of the Independence and National Day of Bangladesh 2025. The Republic of Maldives extends warm wishes to the Government and people of Bangladesh for continued peace, progress, and prosperity.

UMSC Hospital met with High Commission

7 April

The Commercial Department, led by Trade Representative Mr. Abbas Adil Riza, met with UMSC Hospital officials to discuss preferential healthcare schemes for Maldivians in Malaysia.

The discussion focused on enhancing medical collaboration between Malaysia and the Maldives



Commercial Department participated in the Opening of MATTA Fair 2025

19 April

The Commercial Department attended the opening of MATTA Fair 2025. The event showcased Malaysia’s tourism, cultural, and medical packages.

Asia One Healthcare Group met with High Commission

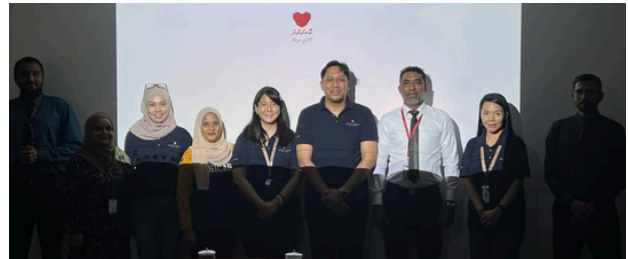
17 April

The Commercial Department, led by Trade Representative Mr. Abbas Adil Riza, held discussions with Asia One Healthcare Group to explore preferential healthcare schemes for Maldivians seeking treatment in Malaysia.



Prince Court Hospital Malaysia participated in the Maldives Vacation Expo 2025

17 April



Prince Court Hospital Malaysia participated as the first Malaysian healthcare provider at the Maldives Vacation Expo 2025 in Male’.

The event, coordinated with the Commercial Department, highlighted medical care options for Maldivians. Prince Court’s delegation also met with Aasandha to explore healthcare cooperation between the Maldives and Malaysia.

Commercial Department facilitated key talks between Labuan FSA and MIFSA to finalize an MOU

21 April

Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb along with the Commercial Department, facilitated key talks between Labuan FSA (Financial Services Authority) and Maldives International Financial Services Authority (MIFSA) to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The agreement will strengthen collaboration in financial services, Islamic finance, and digital innovation, supporting the growth of the Maldives International Financial Centre (MIFC) and fostering new investment opportunities.



Consular Statistics of April

In April, the High Commission’s Consular Department processed a total of 360 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: were processed for 3 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

Certificates of Identity: A total of 4 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 26 documents were sent for verification, and 65 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 180 email enquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals, family relationship letters, and license verifications.

Visa-Related Assistance: A total of 9 individuals sought assistance with visa-related matters, and a total of 25 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 31 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: 15 letters were issued for marital status, passport notification and license verification.

