



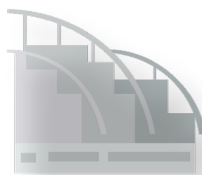
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The High Commission of the Maldives in Malaysia Celebrates the Maldives' 60th Independence Day

26 July



The High Commission of the Maldives in Malaysia celebrated the Maldives' 60th Independence Day with a special flag-hoisting ceremony.

The event was held at the High Commission and attended by High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed, Former High Commissioner H.E. Mr. Ali Hussain Didi, and staff of the High Commission. The celebration commenced with the hoisting of the Maldivian national flag, followed by the national anthem.



During the remarks, the High Commissioner highlighted the significance of the 60th Independence Day and paid tribute to the contributions of both past and present leaders in the nation's development. She also emphasized the enduring strength of the Maldives-Malaysia bilateral relationship.

To mark the occasion, the Maldives Centre launched a guessing game titled 'Mi Eee Kon Rasheh?' and kicked off a Dhivehi 101 session across its social media platforms, both of which received support and engagement from the community.



High Commissioner Featured on Bernama TV’s Diplomatic Dispatch

8 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed was featured as the special guest on Bernama TV’s flagship current affairs programme The Nation: Diplomatic Dispatch. In her interview, High Commissioner highlighted the strong partnership between the Maldives and Malaysia, discussed key diplomatic relations, and shared opportunities for collaboration.



High Commissioner Attends Maldives International Experience Open Day 2025 at MAHSA University

20 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed delivered special remarks at the “Maldives International Experience Open Day 2025,” hosted by MAHSA University. Themed “Discover, Connect, and Thrive,” the event celebrated Maldivian culture, heritage, and people-to-people connections, with the Maldives being featured as the country of the month for July. The High Commissioner expressed her appreciation to MAHSA University for creating a platform that celebrates cultural diversity and fosters meaningful engagement between communities. In her remarks at the event, the High Commissioner highlighted the value of cultural exchange in building lasting relationships and mutual understanding, particularly among youth. She encouraged students to explore the Maldives beyond its natural beauty and to engage with its traditions, language, and way of life.



High Commissioner Speaks at WWEBS 2025 Summit

10 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated as a speaker in the ‘Fireside Chat: Conversations with Women Ambassadors and High Commissioners at the 2025 World Women Economic & Business Summit (WWEBS), sharing the Maldives’ perspective on women’s economic empowerment, innovation, and the role of diplomacy in advancing inclusive growth in small island states.

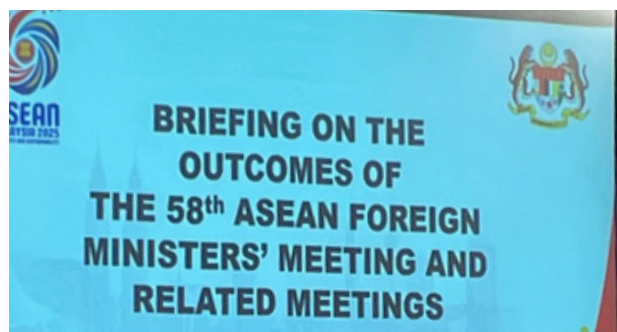
H.E. Mrs. Nineta Bărbulescu, Ambassador of Romania to Malaysia, and Ms. Chong Chye Neo, former Managing Director of IBM Malaysia, also participated. The summit also featured a keynote address by Hon. Dato’ Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, Malaysia’s Minister of Women, Family and Community Development.



Briefing on ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting Outcomes

17 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a briefing by H.E. Dato’ Zanariah Zainal Abidin, Director General of the ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat at Wisma Putra, on the outcomes of the 58th ASEAN Foreign Minister’s meeting held in Kuala Lumpur from 08-11 July 2025.



High Commissioner Attends NCCIM Business Networking Dinner

17 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (NCCIM)'s Business Networking Dinner.

The event, held in Kuala Lumpur, brought together members of the diplomatic corps, Malaysian government officials, and representatives from various sectors.

The Guest of Honour, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Bernard Giluk Dompok, Chairman of SME Corporation Malaysia, delivered special remarks highlighting Malaysia's efforts to strengthen economic resilience, attract investment, and support SMEs.



High Commissioner Joins Royal Charity Gala at TKLMFW

20 July



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Royal Charity Gala of the inaugural Kuala Lumpur Men's Fashion Week 2025 (TKLMFW). The event celebrated Malaysia's fashion industry while raising funds for charitable causes.

High Commissioner Participates in International Healthcare Week 2025

16 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the opening ceremony of International Healthcare Week (IHW) 2025, officiated by Yang Berhormat (YB) Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI).

The ceremony marked the start of a week of conferences, exhibitions, and forums focused on improving global cooperation and supporting new ideas in healthcare. Industry leaders, government officials, and healthcare workers from around the world took part in the events.



High Commission meeting with Commonwealth Youth Innovation Hub (CWY)

17 July

Officials of the High Commission of Maldives in Malaysia met with the Commonwealth Youth Innovation Hub to discuss the upcoming Commonwealth ASEAN Summit. The organizers expressed interest in Maldives' participation in the summit. The summit will also launch two key initiatives: the Commonwealth Connect Initiative, a digital platform designed to enhance access to educational opportunities across the Commonwealth, and the Commonwealth ASEAN Trade and Investment Council (CATIC), which aims to strengthen economic ties.

Pre-Launch Dinner for World Tourism Day & WTC 2025

5 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a dinner & pre-launch event marking the upcoming World Tourism Day & Conference 2025, and the 17th Anniversary of Melaka as UNESCO world Heritage City. The event was graced by Malaysia's Deputy Prime Minister, YAB Datuk Seri Utama Dr Zahid Hamidi, and gathered stakeholders from tourism and cultural sectors.



High Commissioner Attends Maritime Capacity Enhancement Ceremony

21 July



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed together with a delegation from Maldives Ports Limited attended the Opening ceremony of the Regional Maritime Capacity Enhancement: Case Studies from Malaysia. The event, officiated by YB Datuk Haji Hasbi bin Habibollah, Deputy Minister of Transport, Malaysia, highlighted Malaysia's best practices in enhancing maritime capabilities and promoting regional cooperation in the sector.

High Commissioner Attends Launch of Malaysia Year of Medical Tourism 2026

24 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Official launch ceremony of the Malaysia Year of Medical Tourism 2026. The event was officiated by YB Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly bin Ahmad, Minister of Health and Co-Chairman of the Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC). This event brought together key stakeholders from the healthcare, travel, and diplomatic communities.



High Commissioner Attends UNFPA Informal Dinner Reception

2 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended an informal dinner reception with UNFPA Deputy Regional Director for Asia and Pacific, Dr Aleksandar Sasha Bodiroza, and UNFPA Country Representative for Malaysia and Country Director for Thailand, Dr Julitta Onabanjo.

High Commissioner Attends Launch of Zhe Chambers

11 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the grand opening of Zhe Chambers, Advocates & Solicitors, part of the Hartamas Group Law Practice. The event celebrated legal excellence and professional expansion, bringing together members of the legal fraternity and diplomatic community.

High Commissioner Attends Argentine Independence Day Reception

9 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a reception hosted by the Embassy of Argentina in Malaysia in celebration of Argentine Independence Day. The event, held in Kuala Lumpur, brought together members of the diplomatic corps, Malaysian government officials, and representatives from various sectors.



High Commissioner Took part in Colombian Cultural Reception

12 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a reception hosted by the Embassy of Colombia in Malaysia in conjunction with 'Colombia in Malaysia: A Celebration – a vibrant cultural bazaar and concert event.

High Commissioner Joined French National Day Celebrations

13 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a reception hosted by the Embassy of France in Malaysia in celebration of the French National Day. The event was attended by the members of the diplomatic corps, Malaysian government officials, and representatives from various sectors.



High Commissioner Attends Farewell Reception for Austrian Ambassador

1 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the farewell reception hosted by His Excellency Andreas Launer, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria. The reception was attended by members of the diplomatic corps and Malaysian dignitaries.

High Commissioner Attends Launch of Family Room Coffee's First International Outlet in Kuala Lumpur

25 July



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the official opening of Family Room Coffee's first international branch at Campus Ampang, Kuala Lumpur. This significant milestone marked the expansion of a popular Maldivian coffee brand into the regional market and celebrated the launch of their "Win a Trip to Maldives" campaign.

In her remarks at the opening ceremony, the High Commissioner reiterated the commitment to supporting Maldivian entrepreneurs and welcomed the brand's contribution to promoting Maldivian culture abroad. The outlet now offers Maldivian-style coffee and local snacks, creating a unique space for cultural exchange and increasing Maldivian presence in Malaysia's growing café scene.



Enhancing Services for the Maldivian Community: High Commission Engages with Concierge Group

10 July

Officials from the High Commission of Maldives in Malaysia met with Mr. Ismail Imran, Managing Director of Concierge Group Maldives at the chancery in Kuala Lumpur. The meeting focused on enhancing support services for the growing Maldivian community in Malaysia.

Discussions included improving travel support at KLIA for Maldivians, resolving airline-related concerns, and exploring collaboration on community and business services, including logistics support for Maldivian exporters.



High Commission Explores Opportunities at Food & Drinks Malaysia by SIAL 2025

1 July



Officials from the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia attended the Food and Drinks Malaysia by SIAL Exhibition at MITEC, Kuala Lumpur. The event featured participation from over 12,000 industry professionals and more than 400 companies across 25 countries.

The High Commission engaged with key exhibitors to explore innovations in food production, packaging, and safety that could benefit Maldivian consumers and businesses.

High Commission Visits Malaysia International Machinery Fair 2025

10 July



Officials from the High Commission of Maldives in Malaysia visited the Malaysia International Machinery Fair (MIMF) 2025 at MITEC, Kuala Lumpur. The event, themed “Smart, Halal and Sustainable,” showcased advanced technologies from over 700 vendors and attracted more than 100,000 trade visitors.

The visit provided valuable exposure to innovative industrial solutions, including automation, smart manufacturing, and Halal-compliant systems. It also allowed the High Commission to explore potential opportunities that could benefit Maldivian industries aiming to adopt more efficient and sustainable practices.

High Commission Welcomes Red Money Group for Discussion on Islamic Finance Collaboration

16 July

The High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia welcomed Ms. Jaya Chitra, Subscription Development Director at Red Money Group, a media organisation with extensive experience in Islamic finance. Ms. Chitra shared the company's interest in collaborating with the Maldives' Islamic finance sector and referenced prior engagement with the Islamic University of Maldives (IUM).

High Commission Participates in Maldives Independence Day Celebration at MSU

28 July

Officials from the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia attended the 60th Independence Day celebration organized by the Maldivian student community at Management and Science University (MSU). The event, held at the Performing Arts Theatre, was officiated by YBhg. Prof. Tan Sri Dato' Wira Dr Mohd Shukri Ab Yajid, President and Founder of MSU.

Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb joined the celebration and interacted with students who showcased traditional Maldivian culture through vibrant performances and creative displays.



SIGS Visits UPM as Part of Educational Tour

28 July

The Small Islands Geographic Society (SIGS) of Maldives, accompanied by the winning team of the “Aa Ehcheh: Challenging Plastics” innovation TV show, visited Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) on 30 July 2025 during their educational study tour to Malaysia from 26 July to 1 August.

At UPM, the delegation explored the research laboratory and attended a session by the REMDII group, who shared insights on their research and innovations. Officials from the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia were also in attendance, and discussions focused on exploring future business collaboration opportunities between REMDII and the Maldives.



High Commission Explores Education Collaboration with Asian Women’s Leadership University College

4 July



The High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia met with Professor Sushila from the Asian Women’s Leadership University College (AWLUC) to discuss potential collaboration in the higher education sector. Professor Sushila shared that AWLUC currently offers a postgraduate programme and is preparing to launch six new undergraduate programmes and a foundation course in the coming year.

MNU’s Centre for Educational Technology and Excellence (CETE) Explores Collaboration Opportunities in Malaysia

24 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Ms. Roza Ibrahim, Lead Instructional Designer and Acting Head of CETE at Maldives National University (MNU), to discuss potential academic collaborations with Malaysian technological universities. Ms. Roza shared CETE’s focus areas including lecturer training, instructional design, educational technology, and online learning.

High Commissioner Attends Pre-Opening Gathering of IMAS International School’s New Campus

12 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the pre-opening gathering of IMAS International School’s new campus in Malaysia. She congratulated the school on its upgraded facilities and reaffirmed the High Commission’s commitment to supporting educational initiatives that benefit the Maldivian community in Malaysia.

Meet-and-greet with the Maldives U16 National Cricket Team

1 July



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with the Maldives U16 National Cricket Team following their participating in the ACC U16 East Zone Cricket Tournament. She congratulated the young athletes for their dedication and efforts in representing the Maldives with pride and encouraged them to continue excelling in the sport.



High Commissioner Meets Professor Prem Kumar Shanmugam

4 July

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Professor Prem Kumar Shanmugam, Founder and CDEO of Solace Asia Addiction Retreat in Malaysia, on 4th July 2025 at the High Commission. Professor Kumar, a distinguished figure in the field of psychology with over a decade of experience, shared insights into his work on addiction recovery and mental health support. The meeting provided an opportunity to explore possible collaboration on psychosocial support services for Maldivians in Malaysia.

Consular Statistics of July

In July, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 332 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 11 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

Certificates of Identity: A total of 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 7 documents were sent for verification, and 83 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 114 email enquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals and family relationship letters, and licence verifications.

Visa-Related Assistance: A total of 2 individuals sought assistance with visa-related matters, and a total of 31 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 63 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: 6 letters were issued for marital status, passport notification and license verification.

