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High Commissioner Participates in UMPOLAR25 Forum on Antarctic Exploration and Climate Action

24 September



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated in the panel discussion “Universiti Malaya & Frozen Horizon: 25 Years of Antarctic Exploration, Tropical Linkages & Climate Action” (UMPOLAR25) organised by Universiti Malaya.

In her remarks, the High Commissioner emphasised that for small island nations such as the Maldives, climate justice is about equitable finance, including concessional funding, debt relief, and blended finance. She highlighted that the Maldives is not merely underscoring its vulnerability but is also asserting its moral leadership and reminding the international community that climate change is ultimately a question of equity and the right of every nation to exist.



Courtesy Call on Deputy Secretary-General (Multilateral Affairs), Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia

24 September



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid a courtesy call on His Excellency YBHG. Dato' Bala Chandran Tharman, Deputy Secretary General (Multilateral Affairs), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia. Discussions focused on further strengthening multilateral cooperation between the Maldives and Malaysia.

Meeting with the High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam

19 September



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with His Excellency Dato Mahmud Saidin, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Malaysia. The discussions focused on exploring avenues for enhanced bilateral collaboration and strengthening multilateral cooperation between the Maldives and Brunei Darussalam.

Meeting with Minister of Health of Maldives

01 September



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid a courtesy call to H.E. Abdulla Nazim Ibrahim, Minister of Health of the Republic of Maldives. Discussions were held on strengthening cooperation in the health sector and exploring areas of mutual interest.

Meeting with the Minister of Cities, Local Government, and Public Works of Maldives

02 September

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid a courtesy call to H.E. Adam Shareef Umar, Minister of Cities, Local Government, and Public Works of the Republic of Maldives. Discussions focused on areas of mutual cooperation and matters of relevance to the Maldivian community in Malaysia.



Meeting with Minister of Islamic Affair of Maldives

01 September

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid a courtesy call to H.E. Dr Mohamed Shaheem Ali Saeed, Minister of Islamic Affairs of the Republic of Maldives.

The meeting focused on strengthening cooperation between the Ministry and the High Commission.



Meeting with The Maldives National University

03 September



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with representatives from the Maldives National University (MNU). The meeting focused on enhancing collaboration in the education sector and exploring opportunities for future cooperation.



Visit by CEO of National Social Protection Agency (NSPA)

29 September

Ms. Heena Waleed, Chief Executive Officer of the National Social Protection Agency (NSPA) paid a courtesy call on High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed. The discussions explored avenues for strengthening cooperation and enhancing collaboration in areas of mutual interest.



Global Halal Talk (GHT) – Global Halal Summit 2025

17 September



The High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Global Halal Talk, held in conjunction with the Global Halal Summit 2025. The event, organised by the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) and graced by YAB Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, showcased the significance of halal industries in fostering sustainable growth and cross-border collaboration.

Dinner in Honour of the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines

10 September

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a dinner hosted by H.E. Maria Angela A. Ponce, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to Malaysia, in honour of General Romeo S. Brawner Jr, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.



Opening Ceremony of the 46th AIPA General Assembly

18 September

The High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the opening ceremony of the 46th ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) General Assembly. The event was officiated by H.E. Tan Sri Dato' Johari bin Abdul, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malaysia and brought together parliamentarians from across ASEAN member states to deliberate on regional priorities and cooperation.



Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Conference

22 September

Counsellor Mr. Hussain Jahhaz represented the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives at the Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Conference with Diplomatic Missions. The conference, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, provided a platform to discuss global best practices and Malaysia’s initiatives in promoting transparency and good governance.



Pre-Conference Welcoming Dinner by POLITY and Global Asia Consulting

29 September



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the pre-conference welcoming dinner hosted by POLITY and Global Asia Consulting. The evening served as a networking platform for regional and international participants ahead of the main conference programme. POLITY, a Malaysian-based public policy think tank chaired by Madam Nurul Izzah Anwar.

SEA Women’s Leadership Conference 2025

30 September

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Southeast Asia (SEA) Women’s Leadership Conference 2025, held under the theme Women, Peace & Security (WPS). The conference was officiated by Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Johari bin Abdul, Speaker of the Malaysian Parliament, and highlighted the critical role of women in advancing peace, security, and leadership across Southeast Asia.



Reception on the 34th Anniversary of Uzbekistan’s Independence

09 September

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception to mark the 34th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The event was attended by members of the diplomatic corps, government officials, and other distinguished guests.



Reception on the 95th National Day of Saudi Arabia

23 September

The High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception marking the 95th National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The celebration brought together diplomats, dignitaries, and government officials.



National Maulidur Rasul SAW Celebration 1447H / 2025M

05 September



Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali represented the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives at the National Maulidur Rasul SAW Celebration 1447H / 2025M. The ceremony, graced by His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, reflected Malaysia's rich Islamic traditions and its continued efforts to promote peace, compassion, and unity through religious observance.

Closing Ceremony of MTCP 2025: Energy Transition Through Sustainability and Technology Approach

12 September

Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali represented the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives at the Closing Ceremony of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) 2025, held under the theme "Energy Transition Through Sustainability and Technology Approach." The program celebrated the achievements of participants from various countries and highlighted Malaysia's efforts to promote sustainable development and regional cooperation. Two participants from the Maldives also took part in the training programme.



Opening Ceremony of CyberDSA 2025

30 September

Defence Advisor Col. Nasrullah I. Majdee, along with officials from the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives attended the opening ceremony of CyberDSA 2025, officiated by the Honourable Tuan Gobind Singh Deo, Minister of Digital. The event showcased innovations in digital security and underlined Malaysia's commitment to advancing cybersecurity at the regional and international level.



Agri Malaysia 2025 Exhibition – Exploring Agri-Tech Solutions

12 September

Trade Representative Mr. Abbas Adil Riza represented the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives at the Agri Malaysia 2025 exhibition to explore advanced agricultural technologies. Engagements with exhibitors showcased innovations such as vertical farming, smart irrigation systems, and solar-powered greenhouses. The participation aimed to identify sustainable technologies adaptable to the Maldives’ unique environment, with the goal of strengthening food security and agricultural resilience.



Smart City Expo Kuala Lumpur 2025

17 September



Trade Representative Mr. Abbas Adil Riza represented the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives at the launch of Smart City Expo Kuala Lumpur 2025, officiated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato’ Seri Anwar Ibrahim. The Expo highlighted over 120 solutions in climate resilience, urban mobility, and AI-driven services. The officials from the High Commission identified technologies relevant to the Maldives, particularly in flood management and urban planning, and established contacts to support climate-resilient development initiatives.

Closing Ceremony of the MTCP: Malaysia Sustainable Plastic Industry

12 September

Counsellor Mr. Abdullah Mamdhoo represented the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives at the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) on Malaysia Sustainable Plastic Industry, organised by the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA). The programme underscored Malaysia’s commitment to a sustainable and competitive plastic industry, addressing environmental challenges linked to plastic waste. Two participants from the Maldives Waste Management Corporation (WAMCO) took part in the training.



MIHAS 2025 – Kazakhstan Trade Dialogue

18 September

Trade Representative Mr. Abbas Adil Riza represented the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives at the Kazakhstan Networking Session during MIHAS 2025. The session brought together officials and business leaders from Malaysia and Kazakhstan to discuss trade and investment, especially in halal-certified products, renewable energy, and the digital economy.



BMW Art & Innovation Event

18 September

Officials from the Commercial Department of the High Commission attended an exclusive event hosted by BMW Group Malaysia, combining luxury automotive innovation with contemporary art. The showcase featured works by Mr. Paris Brosnan, curated by Mr. Marcus Schaefer. The event provided a platform to engage with corporate leaders while gaining insights into advancements in electric mobility and sustainable technology relevant to the Maldives.



Food & Hospitality Malaysia 2025 Exhibition

23 September



Trade Representative Mr. Abbas Adil Riza represented the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in the Food & Hospitality Malaysia (FHM) 2025 exhibition. The event facilitated connections with global industry leaders and suppliers, with the aim of creating new opportunities for Maldivian businesses.

Healthcare Collaboration with IMM Carehub

26 September

Trade Representative Mr. Abbas Adil Riza and officials from the High Commission engaged with IMM Carehub to explore potential areas of collaboration in healthcare services. The discussions focused on identifying ways to enhance access to quality healthcare for the Maldivian community in Malaysia. Both sides expressed interest in continuing dialogue to explore mutually beneficial initiatives in the future.



Beauty Expo & Cosmobeauté Malaysia 2025

30 September

Trade Representative Mr. Abbas Adil Riza represented the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives at the Beauty Expo & Cosmobeauté Malaysia 2025, the country's largest beauty trade show. The officials engaged with key stakeholders, including the CEO of the Halal Development Corporation, to explore opportunities in halal-certified beauty products. The participation aimed to foster investment, build international partnerships, and support the growth of halal certification standards in the Maldives.



Meeting with International Islamic College (IIC)

03 September

Officials from the Education Department of the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia met with representatives from the International Islamic College (IIC), where they were received by Chief Executive Officer Mr. Shaik Farihudheen Anverdeen. The meeting provided an opportunity to learn about IIC’s academic initiatives under IIUM Holdings and to discuss avenues for future collaboration. Both sides expressed interest in strengthening academic cooperation and exploring potential partnerships in education and capacity development.



Closing Ceremony of the MTCP: On Nuclear Leaders for Energy Transition (NLET)

14 September



First Secretary Ms. Fathimath Sanyan represented the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives at the closing ceremony of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), which concluded the Nuclear Leaders for Energy Transition (NLET) course, aimed at strengthening leadership and understanding of nuclear energy as a sustainable power source. The training covered global best practices, safety standards, and the role of nuclear technology in achieving clean energy goals. A participant from the Maldives took part in the training.

Meeting with MSU Medical Centre

18 September

Officials from the Commercial Department of the High Commission met with the Management Science University (MSU) Medical Centre to explore new areas of cooperation in healthcare. Discussions focused on tailored healthcare packages for Maldivians in Malaysia, student internships, and collaboration with Maldivian insurance providers. The meeting also highlighted possibilities for MSU’s potential participation in healthcare expos in the Maldives.

Meeting with Parents of Online Quran Class

30 September



A meeting was held at the High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia to discuss updates to the ongoing online Quran classes conducted under the supervision of the National Centre for the Holy Quran of Maldives. The discussion focused on restructuring the programme to better serve the Maldivian community residing in Malaysia. The session concluded with remarks from High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed, who engaged with the parents and reaffirmed the High Commission’s commitment to supporting community educational initiatives.

Consular Statistics of September

In September, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 335 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 30 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

Certificates of Identity: A total of 3 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 12 documents were sent for verification, and 78 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 142 email enquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals and family relationship letters, and licence verifications.

Visa-Related Assistance: A total of 28 visa-related letters were issued. Students and families are advised to request assistance through email and maintain communication via the same channel. To expedite visa processing, students should first contact their university for support. If the issue is not resolved through the university within the designated timeframe, the students may contact the High Commission with the relevant documents.

Meranaa and Medical Services: A total of 19 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 passport notification and licence verification.

