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Pre-Launch and Media Conference of INTAC 2026

27 January



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the pre-launch and media conference of the International Tourism, Arts and Culture Exhibition & Conference 2026 (INTAC 2026). The event highlighted Malaysia's role as a regional hub for tourism, arts, and cultural exchange, and it brought together representatives from the tourism, arts, creative, and media sectors

Ministry of Education Bilateral Tea Reception

27 January



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Ministry of Education Bilateral Tea Reception themed "Tea & Ties: Forging Educational Futures Together," hosted by YB Fadhlina Sidek, Minister of Education of Malaysia. The reception brought together members of the diplomatic corps and education stakeholders to promote dialogue and strengthen educational cooperation.

U.S. Ambassador's Farewell Reception and Launch of "Freedom250" Exhibit

27 January



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the farewell reception hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Malaysia in honour of H.E. Mr. Edgard D. Kagan, Ambassador of the United States of America to Malaysia, and Ms. Cynthia L. Gire, spouse of the Ambassador, alongside the launch of the "Freedom250" exhibition.

Reception on the Occasion of the 77th Republic Day of India

27 January



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception hosted in celebration of the 77th Republic Day of the Republic of India. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps, government officials, and esteemed guests.



Launch Ceremony of the National Education Plan 2026–2035

20 January



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Launch Ceremony of the National Education Plan 2026–2035, hosted by the Ministry of Higher Education of Malaysia. The ceremony was officiated by YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, and brought together senior government leaders, policymakers, and education stakeholders.

Signing of Book of Condolences at the Embassy of Yemen

22 January



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed signed the book of condolences at the Embassy of the Republic of Yemen in Kuala Lumpur following the passing of the late Mr. Ali Salem Al-Beidh, former Vice President of the Presidential Council of Yemen and former Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the Yemeni Socialist Party. The High Commissioner conveyed heartfelt condolences on behalf of the government and people of the Maldives.

Premier Talk at IIUM: From the Gulf to Kuala Lumpur

22 January



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Premier Talk titled “From the Gulf to Kuala Lumpur: Building Trust Through Strategic Communication”, delivered by YBhg. Dato' Sri (Dr.) Syed Hussien Abd Kadir AlHabshee, Adjunct Professor at the Department of Communication, Abdulhamid Abusulayman Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM).

Launching of the National Defence Industry Policy (DIPN)

21 January



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the launching of the National Defence Industry Policy (DIPN). The event was honoured by YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

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Engagement with Orion Group Malaysia

14 January



Officials from the High Commission of Maldives held engagements with Sailion Shipping Sdn Bhd and Orion Maritime Sdn Bhd. The meetings explored potential areas of cooperation in aviation connectivity and maritime education, including opportunities for Maldivian students through relevant training programmes.

Meeting with AirAsia Editorial Team

16 January



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed, together with officials of the High Commission, met with the Editorial Team of AirAsia. The engagement explored opportunities for cultural promotion through potential media features highlighting Maldivian heritage, crafts, cuisine, and key economic sectors.

Aviation Collaboration Engagement

29 January

Officials from the High Commission of Maldives facilitated a virtual engagement between Sailion Shipping Sdn Bhd and Island Aviation Services to advance discussions on potential aviation cooperation. The meeting was also attended by H.E. Badli Hisham Adam, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Maldives and Sri Lanka, who welcomed the engagement and encouraged continued dialogue.

Malaysia Trade Performance 2025: Shaping New Opportunities

27 January



Officials from the High Commission of Maldives attended the Malaysia Trade Performance 2025 event hosted by the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE). The event gave details about Malaysia's export performance and priority growth sectors, supporting ongoing efforts to identify opportunities for enhanced bilateral trade and investment cooperation.



MATRADE Signing Ceremony with MIFF

29 January



Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb, accompanied by officials of the High Commission attended the official signing ceremony hosted by MATRADE to formalise collaboration with the Malaysian International Furniture Fair (MIFF). The engagement supports efforts to facilitate broader participation by Maldivian businesses in regional trade exhibitions and strengthen commercial linkages.

Meeting with Traders Hotel Kuala Lumpur

23 January



Officials from the High Commission of Maldives held a meeting with Traders Hotel Kuala Lumpur, managed by Shangri-La. The meeting provided an opportunity for an exchange on hospitality standards and sectoral engagement, including an overview of the hotel's facilities and guest services.

Meeting with Malaysia Basketball Association

12 January

Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb met with officials from the Malaysia Basketball Association (MABA). The meeting focused on collaboration in relation to the High Commissioner's Cup 3x3 Basketball Tournament, including technical support and organisational arrangements.



Consular Statistics of January

In January, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 451 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 22 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

Certificates of Identity: A total of 6 emergency travel document 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 22 documents were sent for verification, and 91 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 145 email enquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals and family relationship letters, and licence verifications.

Visa-Related Assistance: A total of 30 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 50 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: A total 12 letters were issued. These were provided for marital status, passport notification and licence verification.



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