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Malaysia Airlines resumes direct flights to Maldives

1 August 2024



Malaysia Airlines has resumed direct flights to the Maldives after a seven-year hiatus. The inaugural flight on 1st August 2024 was celebrated with a special event at Kuala Lumpur International Airport, attended by the High Commissioner of Maldives to Malaysia, Her Excellency Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed and Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb.

With the return of Malaysia Airlines, travelers between Malaysia and the Maldives will enjoy increased accessibility and convenience. This development is also expected to stimulate tourism and facilitate cultural exchanges between the two countries.



Malaysia continues to be a popular destination for Maldivians, driven by a growing student population and increasing tourist numbers.



High Commission of Maldives organized an event for Maldivian students in Malaysia to celebrate the 59th Independence Day of Maldives

31 August 2024



The High Commission of Maldives hosted a special event for Maldivian students living in Malaysia commemorating Maldives' 59th Independence Day, bringing together Maldives students and families residing in the country. The occasion was a way to honour the nation's important milestone and to remind everyone of the value of maintaining the country's independence for future generations.



During the ceremony, High Commissioner, H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed, spoke about the need for collective action and vigilance to safeguard nation's sovereignty. The High Commissioner also stressed the importance of education in helping young people stay connected to their national identity and Islamic values. She emphasized that this connection is essential for them to contribute positively to their country and ensure that its traditions and values remain strong.





High Commissioner attends Malaysia's Independence Day Celebrations

31 August 2024

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed, attended the celebration along with representatives from all diplomatic missions and international organisations based in Kuala Lumpur.

The 67th Independence Day celebration of Malaysia took place on 31st August 2024 at Dataran Putra in Putrajaya. The event commenced with the arrival of dignitaries, followed by the arrival of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, marking the start of the official ceremony.



The Maldives and Malaysia, both former territories of the British Empire, have shared diplomatic relations since 1968, fostering a longstanding and cooperative friendship between the two nations. As members of both the Commonwealth of Nations and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Maldives and Malaysia have continued to strengthen their ties. Malaysia has played an important role as a partner in the Maldives' development, contributing significantly to various sectors and further solidifying the close relationship between the two countries.

Nilai University visits the High Commission of Maldives

8 August 2024

A team from Nilai University visited the High Commission and discussed areas for collaboration. Mr. Mahendran, the Director of Marketing & Corporate Communications, provided an overview of Nilai University, and shared information on available courses, ranging from aircraft engineering to nursing.



High Commission meets with Management Science University (MSU)

16 August 2024

A delegation from the High Commission had a productive discussion with the senior management of Management Science University (MSU) of Malaysia, on student related issues and areas of collaboration, specially on Scholarship opportunities for Maldivian Students at MSU.

In a separate meeting, the High Commission's team with the President of MSU, Professor Tan Sri Dato' Wira Dr. Mohd Shukri AB Yajid and some of the Maldivian students studying at MSU.



CEO and Program Advisory Chairman of Mega Jati Academy paid a courtesy call to High Commissioner

3 August 2024



Datuk Hashim Bin Abu Hussain, Program Advisory Chairman and Dr. Muhammad Arkam Bin Che Munaaim, Chief Executive Officer of Mega Jati Academy paid a courtesy call to High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed.

Their visit to the High Commission preceded their trip to Maldives during which they will discuss areas of collaboration with Ministry of Education.

Mega Jati Academy is a training institute in Malaysia primarily focused on Technical, Vocational, Education and Training (TVET) programmes.



High Commission participates in the opening ceremony of AITEX 2024

23 August 2024

A team from the High Commission attended the opening ceremony of the 2nd edition of the Asia Islamic Tourism & Trade Expo (AITEX 2024). This prestigious expo serves as a vital platform for promoting Islamic tourism and trade across Asia, bringing together industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders from various sectors.



The High Commission's participation underscores the Maldives' commitment to fostering strong ties within the Islamic tourism sector and exploring new avenues for trade and cooperation.

High Commissioner attends National Day reception of Singapore

27 August 2024

High Commissioner, H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed was present at the reception commemorating the 59th National Day of the Republic of Singapore.

Singapore and the Maldives shares a strong and enduring friendship, with diplomatic relations officially established on 20th February 1975. Over the decades, the two nations have continued to build upon their diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties, fostering cooperation in various sectors.



High Commissioner attends World Islamic Tourism & Trade Award 2024 Gala Dinner

28 August 2024

High Commissioner, H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed and Counsellor Hussain Jahhaz attended the World Islamic Tourism & Trade Award 2024 Gala Dinner hosted by the President of the Malaysia Tourism Agency Association (MATA) and Chairman of AITEX. The event celebrated excellence in Islamic tourism and trade, recognizing key contributors to the industry. It also provided a valuable platform for connecting with leaders and stakeholders within the sector.



High Commissioner attends Victory Day Reception of Türkiye











30 August 2024

High Commissioner, H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed was present at the reception commemorating 102nd Anniversary of the Victory Day of Republic of Türkiye's. Relations between Maldives and Türkiye have flourished since President H.E. Dr. Mohamed Muizzu took office. The recent established of a resident diplomatic mission of Maldives in Türkiye marks a significant milestone in the expanding relations between the two countries. The establishment of this mission, on 10th December 2023, is a significant step in fostering closer political, economic, and cultural cooperation between the two nations.





CONSULAR STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 2024

	Attestation as True Copy ¹	61		Certification of Identity	1
	Verification of Documents ²	33		Meranaa	13
	Passport Applications ³	28		National ID	2
	Visa Related Letters and Assistance ⁴	27		Emergency Cases	0
	Queries via Emails and Phone Calls ⁵	150		Other Letters (Marital Status, Identification, Medical Visa etc..)	16

- 1. Attestation as True Copy:** This service is the most popular, accounting for 61% of all inquiries. This could be due to various reasons, such as the requirement for attested documents related to visa, educational, or official.
- 2. Verification of Documents:** This service is the second most popular, accounting for 33% of inquiries. It is required to verify the documents before attestation by sending the documents to the relevant authorities in the Maldives.
- 3. Passport Applications:** This service accounts for 28% of inquiries. Malaysian Immigration Department requires passports to have a validity of minimum 18 months for visa application.
- 4. Visa Related Letters and Assistance:** This service accounts for 27% of inquiries, reflecting the necessity for assistance with visa applications and related matters. Students need to apply for visa at least 3 months prior to expiry date to avoid complications.
- 5. Queries Received via Emails and Phone Calls:** This category is significant, with 150 emails and phone calls attended during the month. This includes queries related to visas, attestation, traveling, passport renewals, etc.