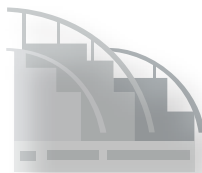




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National Cancer Congress Malaysia 2025 (NCCM'25)

21 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed delivered remarks on strengthening cancer control in the Maldives during the National Cancer Congress Malaysia 2025. She highlighted the Maldives' growing efforts in cancer prevention and care, emphasizing the urgent need for global cooperation to tackle the rising cancer burden.

The High Commissioner underscored the landmark generational tobacco ban in the Maldives, a bold measure prohibiting the sale of tobacco to anyone born on or after January 1, 2007, aimed at protecting future generations from addiction. She also outlined the importance of early detection and community-based outreach, noting the expansion of cancer screening services across the atolls and strengthened patient support through local partnerships. High Commissioner concluded by stressing the need for continued collaboration and innovation to improve cancer control and patient care in the Maldives and beyond.



High Commission Celebrates Eid al-Adha 1446 with the Maldivian Community in Malaysia

7 June



The High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia hosted a vibrant celebration of Eid al-Adha 1446, themed "Eid Ufaa," in collaboration with Maldivian students and residents living in Malaysia. The event, held at Asia Pacific Schools, brought together the Maldivian community to honour Islamic traditions and promote unity and cultural heritage.

Following Eid prayers, celebrations continued with a traditional Maldivian Eid breakfast. Through High Commission arrangements, participants also fulfilled the Udhiyah (sacrifice), with meat later distributed to Maldivian families as part of 'Ulhiya Kathilun'. The day featured diverse cultural and recreational activities for all ages, including basketball, tug-of-war, and traditional games like 'bashi'. Attendees also enjoyed card and board games, fostering a warm atmosphere of camaraderie. Cultural performances, including 'boduberu', traditional dances, and singing by Maldivian university students, added vibrant colour to the occasion. A creative display of Bodumas (big fish) made from palm fronds showcased Maldivian craftsmanship and storytelling.

High Commissioner Attends Official Ceremony Celebrating the Birthday of His Majesty King of Malaysia

2 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the official ceremony at Istana Negara to commemorate the birthday of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia. The ceremony included a Royal Salute, Guard of Honour, the playing of the national anthem Negaraku, and a 21-gun salute in honour of His Majesty.

The event brought together dignitaries and members of the diplomatic corps in a celebration of national unity and respect for the monarchy. The High Commission of Maldives extends warm congratulations to His Majesty and the people of Malaysia on this occasion.



High Commissioner Participants in the Briefing on Outcomes of ASEAN and ASEAN-GCC Summits

3 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a high-level briefing conducted by H.E. Zanariah Zainal Abidin, Director General of the ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.

The briefing focused on the outcomes of the 46th ASEAN Summit, the 2nd ASEAN-GCC Summit, and the ASEAN-GCC-China Summit, all of which were successfully convened from 26–27 May 2025 in Kuala Lumpur. The session emphasized key developments in regional cooperation, multilateral dialogue, and future strategic partnerships among ASEAN member states, GCC nations, and China.

High Tea Ceremony Honouring His Majesty the King of Malaysia

4 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the High Tea Ceremony held at Istana Negara on 4 June 2025 in conjunction with the official birthday celebration of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia. The event was graced by Their Majesties the King and Queen of Malaysia and brought together dignitaries, Cabinet Ministers, Diplomatic Corps, and prominent figures from across Malaysian society.

Hosted in the Main Banquet Hall, the ceremony featured cultural performances, a video screening of the Federal Awards Ceremony, and a symbolic cake-cutting officiated by His Majesty. The occasion reflected the unity and diversity of Malaysia, with Their Majesties warmly engaging with guests, in a gesture of goodwill and celebration.

The Inauguration Ceremony WEF (The Women Economic Forum) Asean 2025

19 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Inauguration Ceremony of the Women Economic Forum (WEF) ASEAN 2025. The ceremony was graced by the presence of YABhg Dato Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, wife of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, and YB Senator Datuk Seri Utama Tengku Zafrul Abdul Aziz, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry.

The event brought together women leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders from across the ASEAN region to engage in transformative discussions and initiatives aimed at advancing inclusive economic leadership and shaping the future of the “Sheconomy” in ASEAN. The inauguration was followed by a fireside chat session and a networking evening tea, offering opportunities for dialogue and regional collaboration.

High Commissioner Attends Launch of i-RISE, a New Centre of Excellence in Islamic Economics

10 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the official launch of the Centre of Excellence for Research and Innovation in Islamic Economics (i-RISE). The event was officiated by YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, during the high-level forum titled "Reshaping the Future: Islamic Economics for a Humane and Sustainable World."



Networking Dinner on Legal Workshop Addressing SLAPPs and Public Participation

3 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the networking reception and dinner hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei Darussalam in partnership with the Legal Affairs Division of the Prime Minister's Department (BHEUU).

The event brought together senior judges, legal experts, and human rights defenders from across Southeast and South Asia, in conjunction with the regional dialogue titled "Safeguarding Public Participation – Tackling Business-related SLAPPs through Judicial Action." Representatives from The High Court of Maldives and the Public Interest Law Centre of Maldives also participated in the reception.

Islam-Confucianism dialogue, organised by International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and the International Confucian Association of China

16 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Islam-Confucianism Dialogue jointly organised by the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and the International Confucian Association of China.

The dialogue aimed to foster mutual understanding and philosophical exchange between the Islamic and Confucian traditions. Leading the Chinese delegation was Madam Sun Chunlan, President of the International Confucian Association and former Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China.



Official Welcoming Ceremony in conjunction with the Official Visit of the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

4 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Official Welcoming Ceremony held in honour of H.E. General Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embaló, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, on the occasion of his Official Visit to Malaysia. The ceremony took place at Perdana Square, Putrajaya, and was attended by senior Malaysian government officials and members of the diplomatic corps.



Official Welcoming Ceremony in conjunction with the Official Visit of the President of the Republic of Poland

10 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated in the Official Welcoming Ceremony held in honour of H.E. Andrzej Duda, President of the Republic of Poland, during his official visit to Malaysia. The ceremony was held at Perdana Square, Putrajaya, with the participation of Malaysian senior officials, diplomatic corps, and high-level delegates.

Reception to mark the 77th birthday of His Majesty King Charles III, hosted by the High Commission of British

19 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a reception hosted by the British High Commission in Malaysia to mark the 77th birthday of His Majesty King Charles III.



Reception on the occasion of the Italian National day

6 June



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

Reception occasion of the National Day of the Russian Federation

11 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a reception hosted by the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Malaysia to commemorate Russia's National Day. The event was attended by diplomats, government officials, and members of the international community.

High Commissioner Attends Reception on the occasion of the Canada Day

25 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception hosted on the occasion of Canada Day. On this occasion, the High Commission conveys its warmest greetings and best wishes to the Government and people of Canada.



WAWASANITA Hosts Women's Empowerment Session for Visiting Maldivian Delegation

8 June



The High Commission of Maldives, in collaboration with the Women Entrepreneurs Association of Malaysia (WAWASANITA), successfully hosted a special session on women's empowerment frameworks for the visiting Women's Development Committee (WDC) of Fuvahmulah City. The event, held at the High Commission, was graced by High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed and featured a keynote address by Datin Dr Norli Alias, President of WAWASANITA.

The session explored Malaysia's experiences in advancing women's leadership and entrepreneurship, with engaging discussions on policy models, skill-building initiatives, and cross-border partnerships. A networking lunch after the session offered space for meaningful exchanges between WDC members and representatives from the Women Economic Forum Malaysia, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), and other invited guests. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to future collaboration through training programs and advocacy efforts.



Meeting with Thoughtful Minds Academy

12 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with representatives from Thoughtful Minds Academy (TMA) to discuss avenues for enhancing support for Maldivians with autism, with a particular focus on long-term care solutions. During the meeting, TMA expressed keen interest in collaborating with the Maldives Autism Association and shared their vision of potentially establishing a branch in the Maldives to provide specialized support services.

The High Commission welcomed the initiative and reaffirmed its commitment to supporting efforts aimed at improving the quality of life for Maldivians with autism.

UPSI and Maldives Explore Academic and Sports Collaboration

13 June

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Professor Dr Ramlee of Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) to discuss potential areas of collaboration in higher education and sports between the Maldives and Malaysia.

During the meeting, UPSI expressed strong interest in establishing partnerships with Maldivian institutions, highlighting its academic strengths in education, IT, economics, and sports science. Both parties agreed to explore formal cooperation through the Ministry of Higher Education of the Maldives, with particular emphasis on teacher training programmes and sports development initiatives.



High Commissioner Pays Courtesy Call on Ambassador of Yemen

17 June



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid a courtesy call on H.E. Dr. Adel Mohammed Bahumaid, Ambassador of the Republic of Yemen to Malaysia.

During this visit, the ambassador shared insights into the Embassy of Yemen's experience in obtaining the international quality management standard, ISO 9001 certification. The High Commissioner congratulated the Ambassador on this notable accomplishment.

As part of the visit, the Consular Team of the Maldives High Commission had the opportunity to explore the consular operations at the Embassy of Yemen. The Yemen embassy staff also provided a detailed briefing on the ISO 9001 certification process and shared insights to support the Maldives High Commission's own service improvement initiatives.



High Commission Hosts Appreciation Lunch for Eid-Al-Adha 2025 Volunteers

24 June

The High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia hosted an appreciation lunch to recognize and thank the volunteers from the Maldivian community who contributed to the successful Eid-Al-Adha celebrations earlier in the month.

Held at the High Commission, the lunch brought together the community members who had offered their time and dedication during the Eid event on 7 June. Certificates and letters of appreciation were presented to the volunteers in recognition of their valuable support.



High Commission Welcomes Maldives U-16 National Cricket Team

18 June

The High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia welcomed the Maldives Under-16 National Cricket Team participating in the ACC U16 East Zone Cricket Tournament, held in Malaysia from 22 June to 5 July 2025.

Deputy High Commissioner Ibrahim Shaaz met with the young athletes and extended his best wishes on behalf of the High Commission. He conveyed the High Commission's full support for the team throughout the tournament and commended their dedication in representing the Maldives on the regional sports stage. The team's participation highlights the growing presence of Maldivian youth in international sporting events.



Consular Statistics of June

In June, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 300 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 12 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 54 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 160 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 18 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 34 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: One letter was issued for licence verification.

