

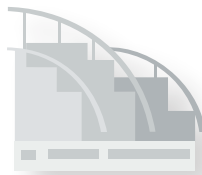


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Maahefun 2025 Celebration

22 February



The High Commission hosted Maahefun 2025, bringing together 168 members of the Maldivian community in Malaysia for a meaningful celebration of unity and tradition.

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed welcomed the attendees, expressing gratitude for their participation and extending heartfelt greetings for the upcoming holy month of Ramadan. The event provided a warm opportunity to reconnect, share festive meals, and celebrate cultural traditions in preparation for the sacred month.



Maldivian Eve 2025

8 February



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended Maldivian Eve 2025, an event organized by Maldivian students at Asia Pacific University (APU). The event showcased the students' creativity, innovation, and talent, making it a memorable celebration of Maldivian culture and heritage.

Additionally, the High Commissioner visited the students' booth featuring cultural exhibits at Maldivian Eve 2025. The exhibition, organised in collaboration with students from MMU, Nottingham, Sunway, Taylor's, and the University of Cyberjaya, highlighted the rich cultural heritage of the Maldives.



High-Level Dialogue on Science Diplomacy & Book Launch

13 February



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated as a panellist at the High-Level Dialogue on “Advising Government About Science,” organized by the International Institute of Science Diplomacy & Sustainability at UCSI University, in collaboration with the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT).

Other distinguished panellists included Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Dr. Syed Hamid Bin Tan Sri Syed Jaafar Albar, Former Foreign Minister of Malaysia; Dato’ Seri Mustapha Mohamed, Former Minister of Investment, Trade, and Industry of Malaysia; and H.E. Karima El Korri, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malaysia.

During the discussion, the High Commissioner highlighted the urgent climate threats facing the Maldives, including rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and biodiversity loss. She emphasised the Maldives’ commitment to climate action, aiming for a 26% reduction in emissions by 2030, and reiterated the country’s ambition to achieve more significant environmental targets despite its challenges as a small island nation.



Students from CHSE Visit the High Commission

25 February



The High Commission of Maldives in Malaysia welcomed students from the Centre for Higher Secondary Education (CHSE) as part of their exposure trip to Malaysia. High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed engaged with the students, providing insights into the mission’s work and its role in fostering diplomatic relations. The visit offered a valuable learning opportunity, and we extend our best wishes to the students in their future endeavours.



High Commissioner Calls on CEO of Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC)

13 February

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid a courtesy call on Dr. Mohamed Ali Abu Bakar, CEO of the Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC). The meeting facilitated discussions on strengthening collaboration and enhancing healthcare services for Maldivian patients seeking medical treatment in Malaysia.



International Mother Language Day (IMLD) 2025 Celebration

22 February



Deputy High Commissioner Ibrahim Shaaz Habeeb attended the International Mother Language Day (IMLD) 2025 celebration, organised by the High Commission of Bangladesh. The event highlighted the importance of linguistic diversity and cultural heritage.

Maldivian students from the University of Nottingham actively participated in the celebration, presenting various aspects of Maldivian life.

Soft Launch of SME Venture@ASEAN 2025

17 February

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the soft launch of SME Venture@ASEAN 2025, organized by SME Corp. Malaysia. The event was officiated by YB Datuk Ewon Benedick, Minister of Entrepreneur and Cooperatives Development.

The initiative aims to foster regional collaboration, drive innovation, and strengthen SME development across ASEAN. It serves as a platform for entrepreneurs and industry leaders to exchange insights, explore new opportunities, and enhance economic cooperation within the region.



High Commissioner Meets with Maldives Olympian Association Representative

12 February



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Mr. Naseer Ismail, a member of the Maldives Olympian Association and head coach of Naseer Sports Academy (NSA), to discuss enhancing sports-related educational opportunities for Maldivian students.

Their discussions involved exploring potential collaborations for organizing sports events for the Maldivian community in Malaysia, in partnership with the Maldives Centre.



Reception on the Occasion of the 77th Anniversary of the Independence of Sri Lanka

4 February

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception celebrating the 77th Anniversary of Sri Lanka’s Independence. On behalf of the government and people of Maldives, the High Commission extends its warmest congratulations to the government and people of Sri Lanka on this significant occasion.

Official Welcoming Ceremony for the President of Türkiye

11 February

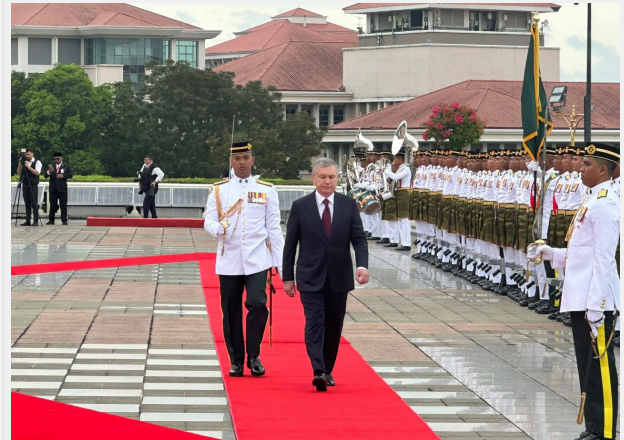
High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the official welcoming ceremony for H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye, in Malaysia.

The ceremony was marked by the official reception of H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan by Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, attended by dignitaries, including Malaysian Cabinet members and representatives of the diplomatic corps.



Official Welcoming Ceremony for the President of Uzbekistan

5 February



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the official welcoming ceremony held in conjunction with the official visit of H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to Malaysia.

H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev was officially received by Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, accompanied by distinguished guests, including Malaysian Cabinet ministers and members of the diplomatic community.

Reception on the occasion of National Day of Japan

10 February

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception hosted in celebration of the 67th National Day of Japan



Consular Statistics of February

In February, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 314 cases and enquiries. The department remains committed to delivering timely 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 13 individuals. Application for passports are accepted for those with long term visa.

► **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. The newborns obtaining a birth certificate from Malaysian authorities is a prerequisite for a travel document application.

► **Document Verification and Attestation:** A total of 32 documents were sent for verification, and 75 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 87 email inquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals, family relationship letters, and license verifications.

► **Visa-Related Assistance:** Ten individuals sought assistance with visa-related matters, and a total of 22 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 relevant supporting documents included, for assistance.

► **Meranaa and Medical Services:** A total of 58 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:** Five letters were issued for marital status, passport notifications, and license verification. Furthermore, consular support was given to four individuals detained at the airport. In an effort to improve accessibility, we provided delivery service through Grab upon request to deliver visa-related documents

