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High Commission Hosted the 4th Orientation Programme “Ekuekeegai”

25 October



The High Commission of the Republic of Maldives in Malaysia hosted the fourth session of the “Ekuekeegai” orientation programme for Maldivian students.

The session was inaugurated by High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed, who emphasized the importance of equipping students with essential knowledge to ease their transition and minimise challenges during their studies in Malaysia.

“Ekuekeegai” provides guidance on key aspects of student life, including immigration procedures, adapting to Malaysian culture, understanding local regulations, and connecting with the Maldivian student community. The programme also offers a platform for students to engage with the High Commission and foster stronger connections with one another.



Non-Resident Ambassadors breakfast Meet and Greet with the Philippine Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairperson Dr Shirley

13 October



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Non-Resident Ambassadors’ Meet & Greet with Dr Shirley A. Agrupis, Chairperson of the Philippine Commission on Higher Education (CHED), hosted by H.E. Maria Angela A. Ponce, Ambassador of the Philippines to Malaysia.

Meeting with CEO of Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS)

21 October



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Mr. Novie Tajuddin, Chief Executive Officer of Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS), to discuss enhancing support services for Maldivian students in Malaysia. The meeting provided an opportunity to explore areas of collaboration to further strengthen student welfare, streamline processes, and improve overall engagement with the Maldivian student community.

Launch of UN International Day of Non-Violence

2 October



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the official launch of the 2025 United Nations International Day of Non-Violence and the commemoration of the 156th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, officiated by H.E. B.N. Reddy, High Commissioner of India to Malaysia.

High Commissioner Attends IIUM Special Convocation Ceremony 2025

6 October



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the IIUM Special Convocation Ceremony 2025, held for the conferment of the Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership and Governance upon H.E. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The ceremony was graced by Her Royal Highness Tengku Ampuan of Pahang, the Constitutional Head of IIUM, and gathered academic leaders, dignitaries, and members of the diplomatic corps.

High Commissioner Attends Himpunan Solidariti Flotilla Sumud Nusantara for Palestine

8 October

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Himpunan Solidariti Flotilla Sumud Nusantara event, held in support of the people of Palestine. The gathering brought together Malaysian leaders, civil society organisations, and members of the diplomatic community to express solidarity and advocate for peace and humanitarian relief efforts.



65th Independence Day Celebration of Nigeria

1 October

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the event held in commemoration of the 65th Independence Day of Nigeria, themed “An Exposition Celebrating Nigerian Literatures & Culture.” The celebration showcased Nigeria’s rich literary heritage, and vibrant cultural traditions.



Reception Celebrating the Day of German Unity

2 October

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception hosted in celebration of the Day of German Unity. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps, and government representatives



Reception Celebrating the Spanish National Day

9 October



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception hosted in celebration of the Spanish National Day. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps, and government officials to commemorate Spain's national day and its cultural heritage.

ASEAN Friendship Concert 2025

18 October

Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali, together with officials from the High Commission, attended the ASEAN Friendship Concert 2025, organised in collaboration with Radio Television Malaysia (RTM). Held in conjunction with Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship 2025, the concert showcased cultural performances of ASEAN countries celebrating regional unity and shared heritage.



Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme: Diplomatic Training and Economic Diplomacy Course

16 October

Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali attended closing ceremony of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) Diplomatic Training and Economic Diplomacy Course (DTEDC), held from 7 to 16 October 2025. Two Maldivian participants, Ms. Aishath Zaain Zaheed and Ms. Nahula Mohamed, Deputy Desk Officers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Maldives took part in the programme, which provided exposure to Malaysia's diplomatic practices and economic diplomacy frameworks.



Official Welcoming Ceremony for the President of Brazil

25 October

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Official Welcoming Ceremony held in honour of H.E. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, during his visit to Malaysia. The event was attended by high-ranking Malaysian officials alongside members of the diplomatic community.



Official Welcoming Ceremony for the President of South Africa

25 October

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Official Welcoming Ceremony hosted for H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, on during visit to Malaysia. The event brought together senior Malaysian government leaders and representatives of the diplomatic corps.



Official Welcoming Ceremony of the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

6 October



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Official Welcoming Ceremony in honour of H.E. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, during of his Official Visit to Malaysia. The ceremony was attended by senior Malaysian government officials and members of the diplomatic corps.

Opening Ceremony of the 47th ASEAN Summit and Related

26 October

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Opening Ceremony of the 47th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits, which brought together regional leaders to advance ASEAN's strategic priorities and collective agenda.



2025 United Nations Day Celebration

27 October



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the 2025 United Nations Day Celebration organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, reaffirming support for multilateralism and the principles of the UN Charter.

Commonwealth-ASEAN Summit 2025

28 October



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Commonwealth-ASEAN Summit 2025, which brought together leaders and high level representatives from ASEAN countries.

Briefing on the Outcome of the 47th ASEAN Summit

30 October

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended a briefing by H.E. Dato' Zanariah Zainal Abidin, Director General of the ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat, on the outcomes of the 47th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits.

Closing Ceremony of the 47th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits

28 October

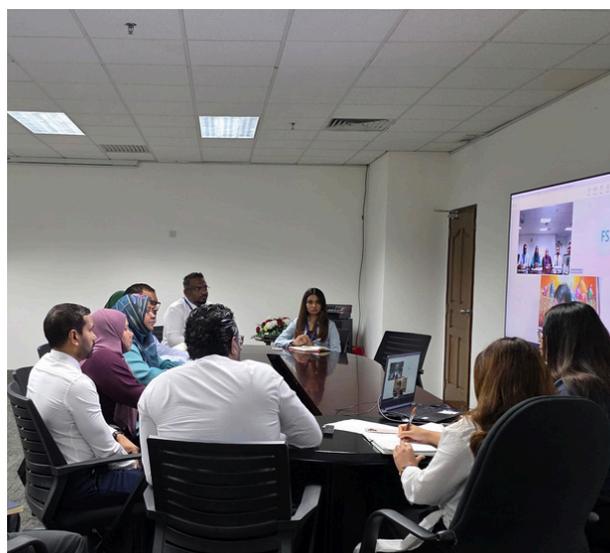
High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Closing Ceremony of the 47th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits, concluding a series of high-level engagements centred on regional cooperation and shared prosperity.



Introductory Online Meeting with the Honorary Consul in the Philippines

30 October

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed, together with senior officials of the High Commission, held an introductory online meeting with Mr. Benito Cunanan Bengzon, Jr., Honorary Consul of the Republic of Maldives in the Philippines. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss areas of cooperation and strengthen coordination between the High Commission and the Consul's office.



102nd Anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye

30 October



Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali represented the High Commission at the reception marking the 102nd Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Türkiye. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps, senior government officials, and distinguished guests.

Meeting with Diverge Retail

22 October

Trade Representative, Mr. Abbas Adil Riza met with Diverge Retail Sdn Bhd to explore collaboration in trade, tourism, and participation in upcoming Malaysian expos. The discussion highlighted Diverge Retail’s various commercial initiatives and opportunities for joint activities.



Collaboration Meeting with Conebyte

24 October

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed held a meeting with Conebyte Sdn Bhd exploring cooperation in technology and human resource development. Conebyte shared insights into its expertise in digital transformation and software solutions and expressed interest in hosting Maldivian interns with prospects for future opportunities.

Engagement with NHGAM on Tourism Promotion

15 October



Trade Representative, Mr. Abbas Adil Riza held a meeting with the National Hotels and Guest House Association of Maldives (NHGAM) to enhance collaboration in promoting Maldivian tourism within Malaysia. Discussions focused on participation in key travel expos and strengthening engagement with Malaysian travel agencies.

Engagement with Hawks Private Limited

22 October

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed had a meeting with Hawks Private Limited to explore cooperation in tourism promotion, trade, and investment. Discussions highlighted opportunities to expand tourism linkages and explore broader areas of collaboration.



Virtual Meeting with Maldivian Airlines

16 October

Trade Representative, Mr. Abbas Adil Riza had a virtual meeting with Maldivian Airlines to discuss sponsorship and collaboration opportunities for upcoming promotional and community events. Discussions also explored ways to promote Maldivian hotels.

Meeting with GlobalNxt University

15 October



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed held a meeting with Prof. Dr Chinmoy Sahu, Vice Chancellor of GlobalNxt University, to explore opportunities for collaboration in higher education.

The University shared an overview of its wide range of programmes, offered through both conventional and fully online modes, along with its longstanding experience in academic delivery. The High Commissioner encouraged the institution to consider participation in the EMGS study discount scheme to expand opportunities for Maldivian students.

Closing Ceremony of Dhivehinge Handball Cup 2025

5 October

Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali represented the High Commission at the Closing Ceremony of the Dhivehinge Handball Cup 2025 as the Chief Guest. The tournament, organised by Maldivian students in Malaysia and supported by several Maldivian sponsors, showcased the growing enthusiasm for sports within the Maldivian community abroad.



Island Night 2025 at Asia Pacific University

3 October



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended Island Night 2025 – “Beneath the Island Sun” hosted by the Maldivian and island communities of Asia Pacific University (APU).

The event celebrated the shared lifestyle, unity, and cultural vibrancy of island nations including the Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, and Madagascar. The evening featured cultural performances and showcases, reflecting the warm spirit and diversity of island communities.

INTI’s Heritage of Diversity Cultural Night

17 October

Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali represented the High Commission at the Heritage of Diversity Cultural Night at INTI International College Subang. The event celebrated multicultural harmony and provided a platform for students to share and appreciate cultural traditions from around the world. The evening also featured a performance by Maldivian students, showcasing the Maldives’



Consular Statistics of October

In October, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 343 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 14 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

Certificates of Identity: A total of 5 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 19 documents were sent for verification, and 72 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 emails enquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals and family relationship letters, and licence verifications.

Visa-Related Assistance: 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 the relevant supporting documents included, for assistance.

Meranaa and Medical Services: A total of 44 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: 3 letters were issued for birth registration, passport notification and medical letter.

