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Charterhouse Malaysia Career Exploration Day

9 December



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed delivered a speech at the Career Exploration Day: Future Pathway Journey on the theme “Thriving in a Changing World,” organised by Charterhouse Malaysia. In her address, the High Commissioner highlighted how rapid global change calls for new ways of thinking, learning, and leading in an increasingly interconnected world. She emphasised the importance of building future-ready skills such as adaptability, creativity, digital literacy, global awareness, and emotional intelligence, and encouraged students to embrace change with confidence, compassion, and belief in their ability to thrive in evolving career landscapes.



Cyberjaya Conversations Summit 2025

3 December



High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the Launching Ceremony of the Cyberjaya Conversations Summit 2025, officiated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia. The summit brought together stakeholders from government, industry, academia, and civil society across ASEAN.

Courtesy Calls on Resident Heads of Mission

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid courtesy calls on Heads of Mission resident in Kuala Lumpur, including H.E. Jimmy Ovia, High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea; H.E. Menzie Sipho Dlamini, High Commissioner of the Kingdom of Eswatini; H.E. the Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan; H.E. Lisualdo Gaspar, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; H.E. Constance Chemwayi, Ambassador of the Republic of Zimbabwe; H.E. Dr Karomidin Gadoev, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan; and H.E. Thepthavone Sengmany, Ambassador of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. The discussions focused on exploring ways to further enhance bilateral ties and strengthen multilateral cooperation.



National Day Reception of the Kingdom of Thailand

5 December



High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception celebrating the National Day of the Kingdom of Thailand, the Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great, and Thailand's Father's Day. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps in Kuala Lumpur.

National Day Reception of the State of Qatar

8 December

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed attended the reception hosted in celebration of the National Day of the State of Qatar. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps and esteemed guests.

Online Meeting with Deputy Minister and Trinity Trainer

1 December

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed participated in an online meeting with Deputy Minister Ali Abdul Kareem and Trinity Trainer Mr. Haisham Rashid. The engagement reflected continued coordination and collaboration in areas of shared interest.



Human Rights Day Forum 2025

11 December

Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali attended the Human Rights Day Forum 2025 themed "Protecting our Future Generations: Human Rights for All," jointly organised by the Legal Affairs Division of the Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia. The forum highlighted the importance of upholding human rights and safeguarding the well-being of future generations.



Meeting with KNKV Group Sdn Bhd

5 December

High Commissioner H.E. Dr. Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Datuk Seri Dr. Zurainah Musa, Chairperson of KNKV Group Sdn Bhd, and Prof. (Adj) Hj Adam Richman, Chief Executive Officer. The meeting explored potential areas of collaboration and opportunities for future cooperation in creative and advertising services.

Digital & AI Business War 2026

4 December

Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali attended the Digital & AI Business War 2026, which was honoured by YB Gobind Singh Deo, Minister of Digital of Malaysia. The event highlighted emerging developments in digital innovation and artificial intelligence.



Asia Consumer Sourcing Expo (CSEA) 2025

2 December

Officials from the High Commission attended the Asia Consumer Sourcing Expo (CSEA) 2025 in Kuala Lumpur. The engagement reflected ongoing efforts to identify potential suppliers, diversify import sources, and strengthen regional economic linkages in support of Maldivian businesses.



Engagement with DJX Engineering Sdn Bhd

20 December

Officials from the High Commission held an engagement with representatives of DJX Engineering Sdn Bhd, led by its Chief Executive Officer, Ms. C. M. Khoo. The meeting marked an initial exchange aimed at exploring areas of potential cooperation and understanding the company's expertise in relation to infrastructure development priorities of the Maldives.

41st IIUM Convocation Ceremony

6 December



Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali attended the Opening Ceremony of the 41st International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) Convocation Ceremony. The ceremony was graced by Her Royal Highness Tengku Ampuan of Pahang, Tunku Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah binti Almarhum Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj, the Constitutional Head of IIUM, and brought together university leadership, graduates, and invited guests.

Malaysia International Branding Summit (MIBS) 2025

6 December

Officials from the High Commission attended the Malaysia International Branding Summit (MIBS) 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, engaging with organisers and exhibitors at the international trade event. The participation aimed to gain exposure to contemporary branding approaches and market positioning strategies relevant to Maldivian export sectors.



Engagement on Renewable Energy Investment

17 December

Officials from the High Commission met with a Malaysian energy firm to discuss potential investment opportunities in the Maldives' renewable energy sector. The meeting reflected interest in contributing to the country's power generation landscape.



Meeting with TYMBA Education Group

18 December

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Mr. Airil Razali, Chief Executive Officer of TYMBA Education Group. The engagement focused on exploring avenues for cooperation and strengthening mutually beneficial partnerships in professional education and services.



Courtesy Call on Rector of IIUM

18 December

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed paid a courtesy call on Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, Rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). The meeting reflected continued academic engagement and explored prospects for strengthening cooperation between the High Commission and IIUM.



Craft Community Carnival 2025

7 December



Representatives from the High Commission attended the Craft Community Carnival 2025 held at the Kuala Lumpur Craft Complex, organised by the Malaysian Handicraft Development Corporation under the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia. The nationwide initiative showcased Malaysia’s diverse craft heritage and creative communities under the theme “Creative Crafts, Productive Communities.”

Meeting with Senior Culinary Instructor of MNU

8 December

High Commissioner H.E. Dr Mariyam Shabeena Ahmed met with Ms. Aminath Shaanee, Senior Culinary Instructor at the Maldives National University (MNU). The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange views on culinary heritage, cultural promotion, and potential collaboration with the Maldives Cultural Centre. The engagement underscored the role of cuisine as a tool of cultural diplomacy and explored avenues for future community-based culinary initiatives.



APU International Cultural Night 2025

9 December



Minister Counsellor Mr. Hassan Maail Ali attended the APU International Cultural Night 2025, themed “Cultural Chronicles,” organised by Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation. The event celebrated cultural diversity and showcased performances representing various international communities.

Consular Statistics of December

In December, the High Commission's Consular Department processed a total of 409 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 8 individuals. Passport applications are only accepted from individuals holding long-term visas.

Document Verification and Attestation: A total of 22 documents were sent for verification, and 104 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 170 email enquiries addressing diverse consular matters, including visa assistance, passport renewals and family relationship letters, and licence verifications.

Visa-Related Assistance: A total of 27 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 45 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 license related, passport notification and medical letter.

