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President urges everyone to uphold Islamic values while celebrating Eid



President Dr Mohamed Muizzu has advised people to uphold Islamic values and principles while celebrating Eid by remembering Allah's blessings and avoiding the mixing of cultural and Islamic traditions. He made these remarks in his address commemorating Eid al-Adha 1445.

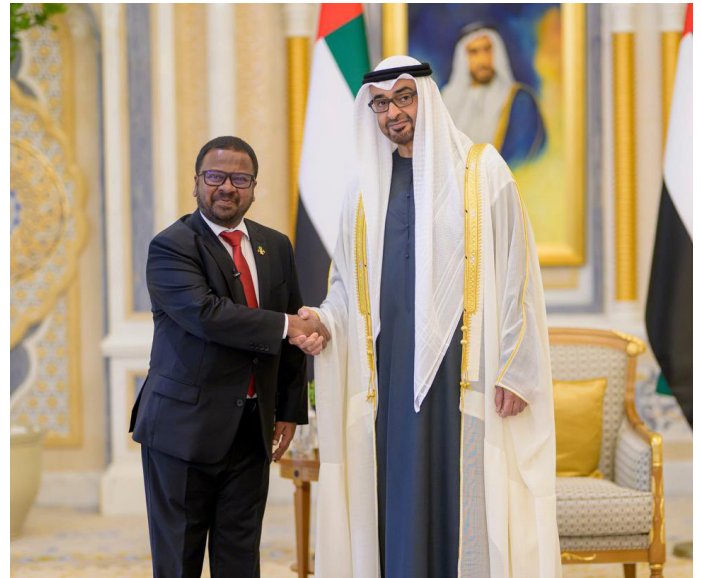
In his address, he appealed to fellow Muslims to perform good deeds and charitable acts in the name of God, such as hospitality, charity, prayer, and relieving stress. These actions, he noted, will bring joy to the hearts of fellow Muslims during the auspicious occasion of Eid al-Adha.

The President emphasised that as Eid is celebrated, the priority should be offering heartfelt prayers for the safety of Masjid Al-Aqsa and the people of Palestine. He stated that the Maldives will continue to stand against the injustices faced by Palestinians and actively participate in efforts to liberate Masjid al-Aqsa with unwavering dedication. Additionally, he expressed commitment to supporting every Palestinian Muslim family, emphasising the special place they hold in the hearts of the Maldivian people, and continuously praying for the well-being of every child while cherishing fond memories.

The President also highlighted that festivals such as Eid, along with the celebrations, greetings, recitation of Takbeer, and the inculcation of social spirit and sporting activities, are evidence of the richness of Islam. He encouraged people to take special care in instilling pride in Islam and patriotism in children during Eid and emphasised the importance of respecting Islamic traditions.

SOURCE : The President's Office

New Ambassador of Maldives presents credentials to the President of UAE



The new Ambassador of Maldives to the United Arab Emirates, His Excellency Mohamed Hussain Shareef presented his Letter of Credence to His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, on Wednesday.

During a ceremony held at the Presidential Palace of UAE - Qasr Al Watan, Ambassador Shareef also hoisted the Maldivian flag, inspected a UAE military guard and witnessed the playing of the Maldives national anthem.

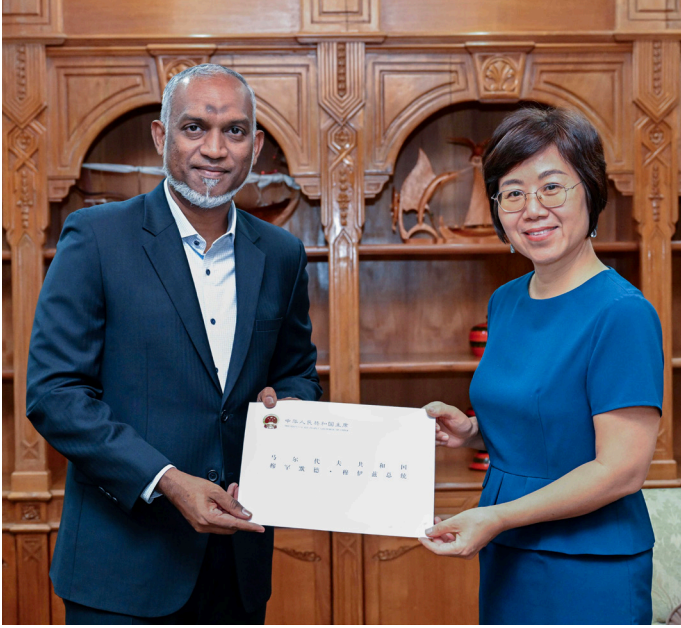
Following the presentation, His Highness the President welcomed Ambassador Shareef, congratulated him on the commencement of his term, and wished him success in undertaking his duties. His Highness the President also reflected on the long-standing bilateral relations between the Maldives and UAE, and expressed his firm commitment to working together with the new Ambassador and supporting the developmental vision of President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu.

Ambassador Shareef expressed gratitude and conveyed greetings and sincere good wishes from President Dr. Muizzu and the people of the Maldives to the President and people of the UAE. The Ambassador also expressed his commitment to furthering the existing bilateral relations and close cooperation between the two countries.

The Maldives and the UAE established diplomatic relations on 15 March 1978. Ambassador Mohamed Hussain Shareef is the sixth Ambassador of Maldives to the UAE.

SOURCE : Ministry of Foreign Affairs





The Chinese Ambassador pays a courtesy call on the President

The Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Republic of the Maldives, H.E. Wang Lixin, paid a courtesy call on President H.E. Dr Mohamed Muizzu this afternoon at the Official Residence of the President, Mulee’aage.

During the meeting, the Chinese Ambassador presented a congratulatory letter from H.E. Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China, to President Dr Muizzu on the occasion of his birthday.

In the letter, President Xi Jinping expressed his sincere greetings and best wishes to President Dr Muizzu. He also emphasised the importance of China-Maldives relations and reiterated his enthusiasm for strengthening the China-Maldives Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership and jointly building a China-Maldives community with a shared future.

President Dr Muizzu expressed gratitude to the Ambassador for personally delivering the letter and stated that it was a tremendous pleasure to receive it. The President had also written a congratulatory message to President Xi Jinping, who celebrates his birthday on the same day.

The discussions further focused on enhancing collaboration and improving bilateral relations between the Maldives and China. They also discussed future agreements and forthcoming collaborative initiatives for development. Additionally, the Chinese Ambassador stated that China is determined to assist with the Maldives’ economic development and inquired about areas where the Maldivian Government requires additional assistance.

Concluding the meeting, the President and the Chinese Ambassador expressed optimism for a successful bilateral relationship in the future.

SOURCE : The President’s Office

Vice President calls on public to strengthen friendship bonds in Eid



Vice President Hussain Mohamed Latheef has called on the public to strengthen the bonds of friendship this Eid al-Adha.

In a social media post, Vice President Latheef extended his warm wishes for a happy Eid al-Adha to all Muslim brothers and sisters in the Maldives. This year, Eid al-Adha falls on June 16, which is 10 Dhul Hijjah 1445 in the Islamic calendar.

The Eid celebrations will take place across the country, and President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu has encouraged the public to preserve the customs and traditions of the people during the various games and activities of Eid.

SOURCE : PSM

“ Our vision is to prioritize various marginalized groups and place them at a place of prominence in running the country. ”

His Excellency President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu



President Dr Mohamed Muizzu attends Eid Al-Adha prayers and exchange s greetings with the public



In pictures: A glimpse of Eid celebrations



Eid Prayer is performed at Hulhumalé Synthetic Track

Source: Housing Development Corporation



Families are leaving after Eid Prayer at Hulhumalé Synthetic Track

Source: Housing Development Corporation



President Dr. Muizzu exchanges Eid greetings after Eid Prayer

Source: The President's Office



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Source: The President's Office



Exchanging gifts, a tradition of Eid Celebration

Source: Housing Development Corporation



Public participating in morning breakfast after Eid Prayers

Source: National Centre For The Arts



Maali Parade in Hulhumalé

Source: Housing Development Corporation



A traditional dance performed at Rasfannu, Mwalé

Source: National Centre For The Arts



STO approves to propose a MVR 80 per share dividend with 2023 profit

The State Trading Organisation (STO) has approved a dividend distribution of MVR 80 per share.

The decision, taken by STO Board of Directors, will be proposed at the company's Annual General Meeting (AGM). If approved, it will mark the highest dividend payout by the company in the past 17 years. Shareholders will vote on the dividend proposal at the AGM. STO also distributed a dividend of MVR 77 per share in 2022.

In the previous year, STO reported a revenue of MVR 16.4 billion, with an operating profit of MVR 1.3 billion. The company recorded a pre-tax profit of MVR 818 Million and a net profit after tax of USD53 million. STO attributed the increase in total profit to higher fuel sales and growth in other business areas. The 2023 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for July.

SOURCE : PSM

FDC signs with Maldives Gas to provide consultancy



Fahi Dhiriulhun Corporation (FDC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Maldivian Gas to provide consultancy services for its infrastructural development projects.

Under this MoU, FDC will offer architectural, engineering, and drawing services, along with comprehensive consultancy support for Maldivian Gas's infrastructure projects.

The memorandum was signed by Managing Director Hamdhan Shakeel on behalf of FDC and the Managing Director of Maldivian Gas Abdulla Mohamed. The agreement is set for a term of three years.

In addition to this collaboration with Maldivian Gas, FDC is also working with the Ministry of Islamic Affairs under a memorandum of understanding.

SOURCE : PSM

7th International Teachers Conference scheduled for September

The Ministry of Education has announced that the seventh International Teachers Conference will be held in Ukulhas, Alifu Alifu Atoll, this September.

Since 2012, the National Institute of Education has organized this biennial conference to foster a culture of research among teachers and education professionals. The upcoming conference is scheduled for September 28 to 30.

The event will provide a platform for teachers to discuss the challenges faced by educators, explore solutions, and exchange ideas on various ways to improve teaching. The education ministry emphasised that such conferences are crucial for attracting foreign education professionals to the Maldives and expanding academic tourism.

This year's conference will feature presentations on topics such as inclusive education, curriculum development, professional teaching standards, the use of technology and modern tools in education, strengthening the teaching of Indigenous Islam and culture, addressing environmental changes, and educating students on personal responsibility.

Submissions for presenting papers are open until July 31.

The last conference, held in 2022 in Kulhudhuffushi, saw participation from over 220 teachers and scholars from both the Maldives and abroad.



SOURCE : PSM