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Press Release

Chancellor of the Maldives National University visits JMI

A delegation from Maldives National University (MNU), Maldives led by its Chancellor Dr. Mahamood Shougee visited Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) on 20th February, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. to meet and interact with JMI leadership, administration and faculty in the Yasser Arafat Hall. Prof. Mazhar Asif, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, JMI, Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI and Deans of faculties and other officials were present on the occasion. The purpose of the visit was to explore educational partnership between India and Maldives.

Dr. Mahamood delivered his presentation on '*Educational Partnership between India and Maldives: Looking back and forward*'. He made a very comprehensive presentation on Maldives various aspects including geographical aspects, educational, economical, tourism. He also dwelt upon India's close ties with Maldives and various collaborative projects and mutual ties between the two countries. Further, he also presented a 'road ahead for mutual cooperation' especially in education sector between JMI and MNU Maldives

Earlier, the OSD International Institutional Relations, JMI formally welcomed the Chancellor of MNU, VC of JMI and other dignitaries. Dr. Mahamood Shougee, prior to becoming Chancellor of MNU has also served in various capacities such as Minister of Education, Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Maldives. Dr. Mahamood, a doctorate in Education from University of Toronto, played a crucial role in the expansion of secondary and higher education opportunities in Maldives, including the establishment of the Maldives Accreditation Board (currently MQA) for quality Assurance of higher education.

Thereafter, dignitaries present shared their opinions about various potential areas in different departments/faculties where collaborative efforts may be initiated.

In the Presidential remarks, Prof. Mazhar Asif, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, JMI explained the cultural and social closeness of India with Maldives since ancient times. He also talked about the diversity of the language, culture, religion and various sects present in India. He observed that it was nation's diversity that provided conducive ecosystem for all to grow. He assured the visiting Chancellor of MNU by saying that JMI is ready for all the help and collaboration in various fields of education. JMI has proved its excellence in India and abroad and has maintained NIRF rank 3rd in the country.

Prof. Md. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI while delivering the formal vote of thanks also extended invitations to the Deans of MNU Maldives to JMI for further strengthening the ties between the two universities.

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