

# MINISTERIAL INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

FEBRUARY 2024

## INWARD VISITS

**26 Feb Visit to Wales by Bangladesh High Commissioner to the UK**

The First Minister met with the High Commissioner during his two-day visit to Wales. At the meeting they discussed the promotion of Welsh Language, education in Wales and the Bangladesh community in Wales.

## OUTWARD VISITS

**28 Feb First Minister visit to Brussels, Belgium\***

The First Minister travelled to Brussels to celebrate St. David's Day and demonstrate Wales' commitment as a European nation with European partners. The First Minister spoke at an event hosted by Forum Europe, met with the Minister President of Flanders, held a roundtable discussion hosted by WindEurope and attended an event hosted by Universities Wales. In the evening the First Minister hosted a reception to celebrate St. David's Day at the Ambassador's Residence in Brussels.

**28 Feb Minister for Health & Social Services visit to India\***

The Minister for Health & Social Services travelled to India to launch the year of Wales in India 2024 at the St David's Day reception in Mumbai and attended meetings and events across multiple sectors, including healthcare, global responsibility and soft power. The Minister also visited the state of Kerala to sign a Memorandum of Understanding alongside the Chief Minister of Kerala to strengthen relations between Wales and the Government of Kerala to support recruitment to Wales.

**28 Feb Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip visit to Ireland\***

The Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip travelled to Dublin to reaffirm the Welsh Government's commitment to the Ireland-Wales Shared Statement and to mark St David's Day. The two-day visit included meetings with Government Ministers and Departments, attendance at several cultural and business events and the hosting of a St David's Day reception.

**29 Feb First Minister visit to Indian High Commission, London**

The First Minister met with the Indian High Commissioner in London at the Commission's St David's Day reception.

**29 Feb Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd visit to the American Embassy, London**

The Minister met with the US Ambassador in London at the Embassy's St David's Day reception.

*\*A written statement with more information on the visits will issue in due course.*