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Life Changes

During our lifetime, we often come to major crossroads or decisions that will change or affect us for the rest of our lives, probably the lives of those close to us and possibly even influence future generations! This issue of IndoConnect touches on two such decisions that one might make: a marriage and an election.

With 200,000 Indonesians living in Singapore, the chances of our citizens coming closer together and marrying one another is, of course, high and we thought we give some ideas of what is usually done when one weds in Singapore. It is a beautiful time as the new couple share their lives ahead of them together.

Another decision that will have an important impact on their lives will be made, or more accurately cast, when Indonesians cast their vote on 6 April 2014 during the General Elections. The impact of that decision is potentially greater than anyone might ever know. So just as in marriage, we hope Indonesians going to the poll will make a serious and careful decision about whom and for what they vote for.

From this issue onwards, we have also devoted more pages to the Life and Style of the Indonesian diaspora in Singapore as well as coverage on business matters. Health, wealth and style are a heady mix but the contents reflect the diversity of the profile of IndoConnect's readership, from the young to young-at-heart, from this issue we will reflect this spread with a greater variety of topics.

We are especially proud to see the growth of the Business Indonesia-Singapore Association or BISA which started small and informally and has now grown to encompass government and corporate partners working together to promote MSMEs (Micro Small and Medium Entrepreneurs). Their growth after just three years is indeed inspirational to all similar organisations that are founded by Indonesians here that seek to grow and contribute as much as possible to connect Indonesians in Singapore and from abroad.

There are other inspirational stories in this issue we hope you enjoy: from our own Steven Spielberg-like movie boss taking giant steps into the creative world of movie-making - Mike Wiluan of Infinity Studios, to our own young and upcoming fashion gurus like Dian Wahyu Utami (of Dian Pelangi fame) and furniture designer Denny Priyatna.

As the content in this issue shows, variety is indeed the spice of life!



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Pesan dari Bapak Andri Hadi Duta Besar Indonesia di Singapura

Assalamualaikum Wr. Wb.

Tak lama lagi bangsa Indonesia akan menyelenggarakan pesta demokrasi untuk memilih anggota legislatif dan Presiden. Pemilu kali ini akan memasuki babak baru dalam perjalanan bangsa Indonesia, yaitu memilih anggota legislatif dan Presiden baru.

Demokrasi di Indonesia telah melewati perkembangan yang signifikan. Proses-proses demokrasi yang telah dilalui Indonesia dari waktu ke waktu telah menjadi pembelajaran penting bagi bangsa Indonesia dan membuat demokrasi di Indonesia menjadi matang. Demokrasi tidak dapat hidup tanpa dukungan dari orang-orang yang memiliki visi demokrasi, sehingga penting bagi kita untuk terus menumbuhkan pola demokratis di kalangan masyarakat Indonesia.

Untuk itulah, saya mengimbau seluruh masyarakat Indonesia di Singapura yang telah memiliki hak untuk memilih, gunakanlah kesempatan ini sebaik-baiknya. Karena masa depan negeri kita ditentukan oleh kita semua. Marilah kita mempersiapkan diri untuk mengikuti Pemilu sebagai wujud kepedulian pada arah dan tujuan bangsa ini.

Saya juga ingin menyampaikan terima kasih dan apresiasi kepada Panitia Pemilihan Luar Negeri (PPLN) di Singapura yang sejak dibentuk pada bulan Juni 2013 lalu telah bekerja maksimal tanpa kenal lelah untuk membantu terwujudnya penyelenggaraan Pemilu di Singapura. Melalui kerja keras PPLN, saat ini telah terdaftar sebanyak 112.123 orang yang telah memiliki hak pilih di Singapura.

PPLN Singapura atas persetujuan Komisi Pemilihan Umum (KPU) telah menetapkan pelaksanaan pemungutan suara di Singapura pada tanggal 6 April 2014 bertempat di KBRI Singapura. Bagi WNI yang namanya telah terdaftar, hadirilah pelaksanaan pemungutan suara dan gunakanlah hak pilih Saudara untuk menentukan pilihan Saudara. Bagi WNI yang sudah memiliki hak pilih namun belum terdaftar, PPLN masih membuka kesempatan pendaftaran melalui website www.pplnsingapura.com/registrasi atau datang langsung ke Sekretariat PPLN di KBRI Singapura yang beralamat di no. 7 Chatsworth Road, Singapore 249761.

Selanjutnya, mari kita berdoa bersama agar kiranya pelaksanaan Pemilu tahun 2014 ini berlangsung dengan aman dan lancar, serta menghasilkan terpilihnya wakil-wakil rakyat yang amanah, peduli dengan nasib rakyat dan dapat memperjuangkan kepentingan rakyat demi terwujudnya kesejahteraan seluruh rakyat Indonesia.

Selamat memilih!

INDO TO ENGLISH




Soon the people of Indonesia will be voting in the legislative and presidential elections. This election will mark a new chapter in Indonesia's democracy, namely to elect the new members of the regional and national legislatures as well as the new President.

Democracy in Indonesia has undergone significant developments. Democratic processes and changes have taken place from time to time and they are important milestones of learning for the Indonesian nation as it becomes a matured democracy. Democracy cannot exist without the support of the people who also aspire to democracy, so it is important for us to continue to take part in the democratic processes of Indonesian society.

For this reason, I call upon the Indonesian voters in Singapore who have the right to vote, to use this opportunity well because the future of our country is determined by us all. Let us prepare ourselves to follow the election as an expression of concern for the direction and goals of this nation.

I would also like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Electoral Committee for Foreign Electorates (PPLN) in Singapore. Since it was formed in June 2013, it has worked tirelessly to help setup the administration for the election in Singapore. Through its hard work, PPLN currently has registered as many as 112,123 people who have the right to vote in Singapore.

Singapore's PPLN, with the approval of the General Elections Commission (KPU), has set the date of voting in Singapore as 6 April 2014 and the voting centre will be at the Indonesia Embassy of Singapore. For those citizens whose names have been registered, please vote and use your right to make your choices. For those citizens who already have the right to vote but have not registered, they will still have the opportunity to register through the website www.pplnsingapura.com or register in person at the Indonesia Embassy of Singapore. The PPLN Secretariat is located at no. 7 Chatsworth Road, Singapore 249761.

Next, let us hope and pray that the elections in 2014 take place safely and smoothly, and result in the election of representatives who are trustworthy, concerned with the fate of the Indonesia and will fight for the interests and welfare of the people of Indonesia. 



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'Diaspora Memilih' Tingkatkan Partisipasi Pemilu di Luar Negeri

By Ericssen

Melalui situs www.diasporamemilih.com, pemilih di luar negeri dapat mengetahui bagaimana, di mana, dan siapa yang akan dipilih pada Pemilu 2014

Tidak terasa kita telah sampai di tahun 2014, tahun politik Indonesia. Pesta demokrasi berupa pemilu legislatif dan pemilu presiden siap digelar 9 April dan 9 Juli 2014.

Tercatat 180 juta penduduk berhak menyalurkan suaranya. Jumlah ini termasuk diaspora Indonesia yang tersebar di berbagai pelosok dunia. Namun, yang menjadi pertanyaan, apakah diaspora ini akan 'meluangkan' waktunya untuk memilih wakilnya di pemerintahan?

Stereotype yang kerap muncul adalah diaspora, terutama generasi muda 'terlalu sibuk' untuk melangkahkan kakinya ke Kedutaan Besar ataupun Konsulat Jenderal Republik Indonesia, sebagai tempat pemungutan suara (TPS) di luar negeri. Diaspora Indonesia, apatis atau memang buta politik?

Salah seorang diaspora Indonesia berkomentar bahwa dia tidak punya rencana untuk berpartisipasi dalam pemilu legislatif mendatang. Alasannya klasik: kurang informasi tentang latar belakang

kandidat dan program yang diusulkan.

Lalu salah satu calon anggota DPR yang mewakili daerah pilih (dapil) Jakarta II, yang mencakup Jakarta Pusat, Jakarta Selatan dan luar negeri sempat menanyakan mengapa dia harus menghabiskan waktu dan uang untuk menjakau pemilih di luar negeri. Prinsipnya adalah one man one vote, maka akan lebih baik jika dia berusaha meraup suara domestik. Pemilih luar negeri yang tersebar di banyak negara semakin memperumit koordinasi kampanye, lebih

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mudah bermobilisasi di Jakarta Pusat dan Jakarta Selatan.

Namun, fakta menunjukkan pemilih luar negeri mencakup hampir separuh (46%) dari total pemilih di Dapil Jakarta II. Artinya diaspora berpotensi mendapatkan 3 dari 7 kursi yang diperebutkan. Gambaran ini menunjukkan akan kritikalnya peran yang dimainkan diaspora Indonesia. Jangan sampai diaspora salah pilih atau yang lebih parah memilih menjadi golput.

'Diaspora Memilih' dan Pemilu 2014

Untuk Pemilu Legislatif, persoalan klasik yang sering muncul pada pemilih luar negeri adalah: tidak mengenal dengan siapa yang akan dipilih, bagaimana cara memilih dan di mana lokasi tempat pemungutan suara (TPS) terdekat. Selain itu, para caleg pun tidak mengerti bagaimana cara terbaik untuk menjangkau seluruh diaspora. Menjawab masalah ini, Global Indonesian Voices (GIV) yang merupakan platform media komunitas online berbasis di Singapura untuk Diaspora Indonesia di seluruh dunia memutuskan untuk meluncurkan program Diaspora Memilih. –<http://www.diasporamemilih.com>

Diaspora Memilih menargetkan untuk menjadi yang terdepan dalam penyajian informasi dan literasi politik Pemilu 2014 yang berhubungan dengan diaspora Indonesia. Diharapkan situs ini dapat meningkatkan pengetahuan dan partisipasi pemilih luar negeri.



GIV berharap dapat membantu pemilih mengetahui bagaimana, di mana, dan siapa yang akan dipilih. Dengan filosofi yang jujur, netral dan independen.

Situs ini sendiri memuat informasi penting seperti profil partai dan semua calon legislatif (caleg) dapil Jakarta II. Tidak ketinggalan, informasi pemilu terutama mekanisme pemilu, cara memilih, dan lokasi TPS berdasarkan negara.

Dengan bekerjasama dengan inisiatif AyoVote, situs Diaspora Memilih juga menyajikan konten pendidikan politik. Beberapa di antaranya termasuk konten sejarah pemilu dan sistem pemerintahan Indonesia. Seperti halnya apa itu MPR, DPR dan sebagainya, yang disajikan untuk meningkatkan literasi politik warga Indonesia di luar negeri.

Situs Diaspora Memilih juga memfasilitasi ruang bagi para caleg dapil Jakarta II yang berniat untuk bersosialisasi secara online melalui 'profile page' masing-masing caleg. Selain itu, akan dipersiapkan juga sejumlah program seperti online debate para caleg, liputan kegiatan caleg di dalam/luar negeri, dan sesi tanya jawab online dengan para caleg.

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Duta Besar Indonesia untuk Singapura, Dr. Andri Hadi, menyatakan dukungan penuhnya terhadap Diaspora Memilih. "Mari, kita pastikan semua PPLN (Panitia Pemilihan Luar Negeri) di seantero dunia mengetahui inisiatif ini, saya berharap diaspora akan menggunakan hak suaranya", tuturnya.

Tidak muluk-muluk, GIV berharap untuk dapat memfasilitasi pemilih luar negeri dan caleg Dapil Jakarta II dalam upaya mengkonsolidasikan demokrasi Indonesia. Jangan sampai apatisisme politik semakin meningkat. Saatnya Diaspora ikut menentukan nasib tanah air dimanapun mereka berada – Pemilu 2014 adalah Saatnya Diaspora Bersuara!

This article originally appeared in Global Indonesian Voices, an independent online media written by Indonesians abroad.

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More on Global Indonesian Voices

GIV is based in Singapore and is an independent online media platform by and for Indonesians globally. GIV publishes daily stories that are intended bridge the gap between Indonesia and the world. In December 2013, it successfully organized the GIV Young Leaders' Night, an educational event that was intended to improve the literacy of Indonesian politics abroad. And to follow up on its success, GIV recently launched the 'Diaspora Memilih' initiative, a one-stop web portal which aims to boost the overseas participation rate of the 2014 Indonesian election.

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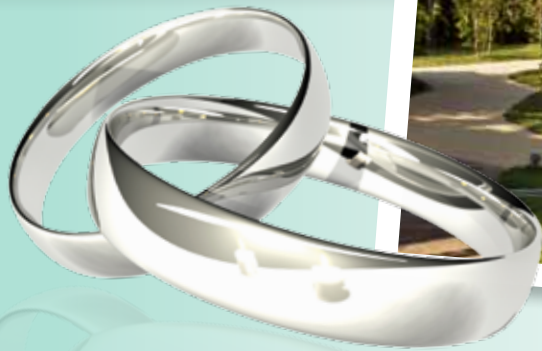
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Getting Wed: Singaporean Style

If you've found your right partner and are settling down here, planning a wedding can be a daunting task. But you are never alone, many wedding vendors – the experts – are here with their checklist, ready to help

You have found your perfect match, the proposal was more than 'just perfect' and now you hope for that perfect wedding. Don't you? But if only it was that easy!

Often enough, it is tricky to get that intangible idea of 'perfection' from your imagination and out in to the real world. Big, small, outdoor, indoors, pastel, floral, restaurant, caterers, the decisions seem endless. With so many details to take care of and so many service providers to choose from, the most daunting task, it would seem, is selecting what you need from the sheer variety that the wedding industry generously offers. Being spoilt for choice might be a heady feeling, but it is also confusing. Where do you even begin?

Ideally, it should begin with an armful of gathered information, websites, and recommendations and finally, with that one big chart comparing all these collected details.

1: Glass Pavilion ("Glass Chapel") at Hotel Amara

2: The Blue Room, The Art House

3: 'Poolside Wedding' at The Sentosa

4: Sunset wedding at 'Wave House', Sentosa

5: Pink blossom patched lace on lime green silk satin cheongsam, Ann Teoh

What else? We asked Kim Tay, who is the Operations Director and the Principal Wedding Consultant of 'Heaven's Gift Wedding Concierge.' According to Kim, you should engage with wedding vendors who understand what you are looking for and can give you expert advice based on their experiences. Not just that, you also have to trust that you have done the necessary homework needed to create the kind of magic that you deserve on your special day.

Wedding Consultants – What to Expect?

Wedding consultants might be the first service provider that you will meet. Kim, who has been in the industry for 12 years and counts many Indonesians as her clients, describes a wedding consultant as the one whose chief role is to guide the soon-to-be-married couple, advising them not only on new ideas and trends available, but also helping them to shortlist and engage services and products suited to their needs. In short, wedding consultants guide the couple through the "nitty-gritty details of the wedding." They ensure that nothing is "missed out."

Their scope of wedding services usually include:

- * Wedding planning and budget analysis
- * Selections of venues and service providers
- * Recommendation of wedding details such as floral décor, wedding stationery, etc
- * Wedding favours
- * On-the-day coordination



Venue

The venue choice may depend on the number of guests expected, the time of the day and logistical convenience. Many venues offer an accompanying package of food. From arty to romantic to grand, Singapore offers many lovely choices of venues.

Hotels like Amara create unforgettable wedding experiences and places like Wave House, Sentosa, with its private club, water-park, bar and restaurant, offer a perfect beachfront venue.

The Sentosa, a Beaufort Hotel is perched atop a cliff with a stunning view of the South China Sea and offers multiple venue choices, overlooking either the sea, the gardens, by the poolside or surrounded by the water lily ponds.

Singapore Wedding

According to Kim, Singapore is popular with couples going for a cosmopolitan event. Couples here usually prefer a romantic and quaint wedding and although a traditional ceremony followed by 'Solemnisation' and a ballroom banquet is the most common wedding seen, Singapore does boast of its fair share of interesting weddings as well. Kim herself has organised a few of these. One such wedding was a 'carnival themed' wedding of a musician couple, where the centre-pieces consisted of musical instruments rather than the traditional floral arrangements. The backdrop was a white 'park-like setting,' which was "sprinkled with rainbow coloured blankets, kites and helium balloons." Even the bride and bridesmaid's gowns and quirky headpieces were talking-points. But the ultimate finale, Kim says, was the couple's performance with their band, which had caught their guests by surprise. Another 'out of the box' wedding had a jar full of butterflies that were released just before the ceremony!

Budget

On an average, a medium sized wedding of about 300 guests could cost up to S\$80,000. This includes apparels and services like photographers, videographers, stylists, decorations etc.

Usually, a wedding consultant's team helps in the selection of the venue, caterer, florist etc., but it is always helpful to have some prior idea of the services that suit your personality and your budget.

Dress & Make Up

With the countless designs and the bespoke experiences available at a varied price range, finding the perfect dress is just a matter of time. Bringing a friend to the bridal shop for the final fitting of the dress is a recommendation so that the friend can get a first hand training of arranging the bustle on the actual day. Finally, most women with experience will tell you that a perfect dress is the one, that not only makes you look good, but it also ensures that you can walk, twirl and dance without any discomfort or malfunction.

Caterers

The Singaporean love of food is an established fact and so it comes as no surprise that almost half of the wedding budget gets spread on the banquet tables here, dressed as delectable food. Most venues provide their own catering and you can taste the food before deciding the menu. The Sentosa at Beaufort, for example allows





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food tasting for 10 people and the Wedding Cake is included in their package.

Wedding Cake at The Sentosa, at Beaufort

Seasoned hosts always advise to opt for a wider variety of dishes when hosting a larger gathering. This will satisfy the varying and discerning taste buds of your guests. Do also keep the dietary requirements of your guests in mind before you make your selections.

Flowers, Accessories and All Things Beautiful

When it comes to a wedding, each bud, each flower and each floral arrangement is of utmost importance- the perfect display can add unbeatable charm and magic to the moment. Your wedding consultant can recommend a florist suited to your taste and there are online shops and service providers who can supply accessories, mementos and gifts to add that personal touch to your wedding.

Wedding Photography

Many couples prefer to go to exotic locations for a wedding shoot but Singapore with its lush greenery, heritage sites and edgy skylines can provide enough character to a photo shoot as well. Locations like Arab Street, Marina Bay Sands, and Botanic gardens are some of the popular spots that serve as backdrops to the posing couple.

6: Beach Wedding at 'Wave House,' Sentosa

7: Glass Pavilion Interior, Amara Hotel

8: Rooftop Wedding at 1-Altitude

9: Long Table Wedding Set-up at Beaufort Ballroom, Sentosa

10: Wedding Cake at The Sentosa, at Beaufort

11: Amanda Lee wedding gowns

12: Glass beaded lace sheer back cheongsam in white, Ann Teoh

13: Elie Saab - MONCEAU, Belle&Tulle

Making the Wedding a Reality

After having gone through the list of service providers and options available, you may choose the ones that match your ideas, but it is worth remembering that at the end, you have to keep the channels of communications open with these providers, to ensure that there are no sudden surprises on your wedding day. The service providers are waiting to work on your dreams, provided they know what these dreams are.

Having organised countless weddings, Kim Tay offers two practical hints for the final day:

- * Do not fret about the 'small stuff' and the 'impossibles' (for example, worrying about the weather on the day of the wedding or the menu cards not being placed at the correct angle).
- * Do not wait till the last minute to do your guest list or obtain RSVPs or to do your seating plan.

'Perfect' means different things to different people. So, whether you are looking for an intimate gathering of close friends or an extravagant celebration let it be about YOU BOTH. Weddings as such require a fair bit of thought, effort and a team of credible service providers to make it 'perfect,' but it all falls in place eventually. Planning a wedding is half the fun and the other half is of course, the actual wedding. So, go on, have fun! After all, you deserve a perfect wedding!



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7 Canning Rise, Singapore 179869
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Ministry of Manpower Singapore (MOM)

18 Havelock Road, Singapore 059764
Telp: +65 6438 5122 / 1800 339 5505
Website: www.mom.gov.sg

Jam kerja:

Senin-Jumat: 08.00-17.30

Jika ROM atau ROMM meminta surat keterangan status WNI yang hendak melangsungkan pernikahannya di Singapura, maka KBRI Singapura dhi. bagian Konsuler dapat membantu menerbitkan surat tersebut dengan persyaratan (kelengkapan dokumen) sbb:

1. Untuk **Muslim**, melampirkan dokumen pendukung:
 - Surat N1 s.d N6 dari Kantor Urusan Agama (KUA) di tempat WNI berdomisili di Indonesia;
 - Surat izin menikah dari orang tua (wali) mempelai WNI, diketahui oleh Kantor Kelurahan di tempat WNI berdomisili di Indonesia; dan
 - Paspor kedua calon mempelai.

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 - Surat keterangan menikah dari Kantor Catatan Sipil di tempat WNI berdomisili di Indonesia;
 - Surat izin menikah dari orang tua (atau wali) mempelai WNI, diketahui oleh Kantor Kelurahan di tempat WNI berdomisili di Indonesia; dan
 - Paspor kedua calon mempelai.

Prosedur:

- Pemohon mendatangi bagian Konsuler KBRI Singapura dengan membawa seluruh kelengkapan dokumen ASLI;
- Mengisi formulir Lembar Laporan / Pengaduan di Bidang Protokol and Konsuler;
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Heaven's gift wedding concierge
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<http://www.50nfifty.com/>

Make up:

TG Goh from the Make Up Room
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Ivy Chen Make Up
www.ivy-chen.com/

Singapore Wedding: the Legal Aspects

To register a marriage in Singapore, the bride and groom-to-be are legally required to file a notice of marriage with the Registry of Marriages (ROM), producing passports of the couple intending to marry. They also need to show a continuous stay of at least two weeks in Singapore and a proof of the termination of any previous marriages. The next step is the Verification of Documents by ROM after which, a marriage license, valid for 90 days is issued. The civil ceremony, or Solemnisation - which requires the presence of two witnesses over the age of 21 - is the third step. This is usually performed at the same time as the religious or the customary ceremony. Two witnesses over the age of 21, is a requirement. The marriage is then registered by the Registrar, solemnising the marriage. Fees range from from \$26 to \$298, depending on various factors like the day of the week and the residency status of the couple. More information is available at www.ica.gov.sg or www.mom.gov.sg.



Building an Indonesian-centric, Singapore-based Medical Risk Management Practice

From education and love to unique financial solutions for Indonesians by Indonesians: the story of Wibowo Santoso and Vanessa Wati

Wibowo Santoso first arrived in Singapore more than 13 years ago after his university education in Japan whilst Vanessa came earlier in 1993 to further her Accountancy studies. IndoConnect asked this dynamic diaspora duo about their fresh start here and what led them to do what they are doing now - a flourishing regional medical risk management practice serving primarily inbound Indonesian high net-worth individuals.

Santoso hailed from Malang, whilst Vanessa was from Bandung. Their lives here mirror many Singaporeans' - work on weekdays; church and chill outs on weekends. Orchard Road became not just a place for them to chill out, it is also a place of business significance where they provide both professional advice and private client medical concierge services. Their Indonesian clients, as part of their medical tourism routines, would throng Singapore's famous shopping belt with medical appointments pre-booked by them at Mt Elizabeth/Gleneagles Hospital and interspersed with intense "shopping therapies".

Many years back, as with life's many unmerited blessings, they chanced upon this niche business when Singapore's financial advisory industry was in its nascent stage. As providence has it, something led to this happening. Santoso shared: "Vanessa's mum fell ill back then in Bandung. She was in and out the hospital. We finally bit the bullet and sent her to Singapore for treatment." Santoso was then a Sales Executive in a Japanese company, whilst Vanessa was juggling her professional qualification studies and accounting work.

Recounting their morass past, Santoso alluded: "After Vanessa's mum arrived in Singapore, we realized that she needed more treatments than expected. Vanessa quit her job to focus on care-giving. It was a tough decision. Notably, we were just married, financially impoverished and obligated to a new home

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Prof Dr Tham Kok Fun, Sr Consultant

mortgage. Worse still, her mum didn't have a medical insurance plan; she was both cost conscious and totally lost faith in insurance due to bad prior experiences. **The mounting medical bills soon depleted both our savings and morale. We realized belatedly that trying to nickel and dime on medical insurance premium was foolishness, and living without medical insurance was akin to financial suicide!**"

The turning point came when Vanessa was offered a position in a leading financial advisory firm in Singapore. Being shaped by the manifestly ill-perception of the industry back then, she declined the initial offer. However, after much needed clarification, she soon decided resolutely on her life-changing journey. Time flew by. This year, Vanessa will celebrate her tenth anniversary in the practice - one that has blessed her beyond financial success! As for Santoso, he hopped on to the bandwagon not long after Vanessa's business flourished. **"Our clients enjoy great client servicing deals from us - buy one advisor and get one free,"** said Vanessa good-humoredly.

Santoso expressed in earnest: "Singapore is our second home. We used to say that Singapore's cost of living was higher than in Indonesia. As years go by, both have equaled, and Indonesia's treatment costs are now inflating phenomenally. We've seen seemingly rich people without medical insurances become bankrupt due to debilitating illnesses."

The logical approach - according to Mr Eko Syatia Negara, the couple's long-time loyalist client who runs family businesses in Jakarta - is to "enjoy Singapore's excellent medical services whilst containing cost outlays by owning a global medical insurance plan". At Santoso's good advice, Mr Eko owns AXA's GlobalCare Health plans. They offer comprehensive inpatient hospital coverage and outpatient specialist care during their frequent Singapore visits. All these are hedged with an insurance premium at a mere token of the expenses he would otherwise pay. Mr Eko is the couple's special evangelist and has referred almost his entire clan of relatives to them.

Vanessa added, "Medical insurance plans available in Singapore are more advanced, covering both inpatient and outpatient care. The latter doesn't require overnight stays. For example, if one has a persistent stomach ache, he can seek specialist consultations and claim under his outpatient benefits. **A wide range of medical insurance plans are available for foreigners who don't need to live in Singapore**". Santoso offered this advice to Indonesians when selecting a country for treatment, "Do your necessary research. Ask for referrals from credible sources. Importantly, select doctors who don't merely possess medical credentials but also excel in patients' interests".

The couple's business services extend beyond their call of duty. Through the years, they have also established a network of reliable medical experts whom they recommend independently to their preferred clients, purely on the doctors' professional merits. One of them, Professor Doctor Tham Kok Fun - a well-known Senior Consultant Gynecological Surgeon and Oncologist who operates out of Gleneagles Hospital - has this to say about this couple: "I've worked with Santoso and Vanessa for many years in managing patients with gynecological problems. They're very personable people who do their best. Their singular focus is on getting the best possible care for their clients and they often go out of their way to achieve their goal. They're able to provide professional assistance of the highest standard. It's an honor for me to work with them."

In ending, Santoso and Vanessa have this advice: "It's expensive to fall sick, be it in Singapore, Indonesia or any part of the world. **Buying insurance does not make a person bankrupt, but many people were made bankrupt because they don't have insurance. It's not about buying a product; it's about making wise life decisions.** Zig Ziglar said that 'Every CHOICE you make has an end RESULT'. We have done our planning. Have you?"

The above pointers should not be construed as advice universally applicable as financial needs of individuals do differ. For a complimentary first financial advisory consultation, kindly contact them at WealthExperts4u@gmail.com.



Mike Wiluan: The Possibilities are Infinite!

The CEO of Infinite Studios sees great opportunities in the Indonesian movie industry

One of the headline events at last December's Asia TV Forum and Market (ATF) was the joint venture by Singapore's Infinite Studios and Indonesia's Screenplay Productions to produce a series of movies for theatrical release. The other Indonesia connection of the project is Mike Wiluan, who is the Chief Executive of Infinite Studios which also has its production facility in Batam.

Infinite Studios has already made its mark in productions with HBO Asia's first original series *Serangoon Road* (together with Australian Broadcasting Corporation) and HBO Asia's first original movie, the horror film titled *Dead Mine*. The company is also a long-term collaborator with award winning Singapore director Eric Khoo. The latest feather in the studio's cap is providing production services for the Jakarta shoot of an upcoming thriller, to be directed by famous Hollywood director Michael Mann.

Mike Wiluan is very positive about the future of the Indonesian film industry. At the signing ceremony of the joint venture with Screenplay Productions in Singapore at last year's ATF, he said, "There is a great potential for the Indonesian movie industry thanks to the deep talent pool and market demand which has not been fully tapped. We hope to produce movies with great production values that will fill this demand and have broad market appeal, not only in Indonesia but also to an international audience, but also international audience. Furthermore, after developing state of the art media infrastructure in both Singapore and Indonesia, we are now looking to get into content creation that will further benefit and sustain the movie industries in both countries."

Thirty-nine year-old Mike Wiluan can be described as a citizen of the world and visionary for creating an integrated media, entertainment and creative services company with the objective of becoming one of Asia's leading producers for a global audience. The son of Indonesian business tycoon, Kris Wiluan, he was born in Singapore


Saya cinta Indonesia. Apapun yang saya produksi untuk dan di Indonesia selalu membuat saya bersemangat, karena saya tahu saya ikut membangun Indonesia dan memberi kesempatan orang muda untuk berpartisipasi dalam sesuatu yang akan membentuk masa depan.

and has carved himself a niche in the media industry by working closely with Singapore's Media Development Authority to attract international projects into the island.

Mike had said that his father-who is involved in the oil and gas industry- had companies that also supplied entertainment programmes to offshore oil rigs. The senior Wiluan also loved movies and had a large collection at home. Almost every week Mike, his father and brother watched films together, and he says that this is probably where his love of movies had grown from.

After reading art and film studies at the University of Kent, England, he entered into the family business as an energy trader. But his first love and dream was still film and he went on to eventually establish Infinite Frameworks in 2004 in Singapore - the forerunner of Infinite Studios. He saw the opportunity to base the company in Singapore as well as a studio in Batam and produced world-class animated movies like *Tatsumi* and *Sing to the Dawn*.

Wherever he is though, Mike insists his heart belongs to Indonesia. In an interview with Dewi magazine last December, he was quoted as saying, "Saya cinta Indonesia. Apapun yang saya produksi untuk dan di Indonesia selalu membuat saya bersemangat, karena saya tahu saya ikut membangun Indonesia dan memberi kesempatan orang muda untuk berpartisipasi dalam sesuatu yang akan membentuk masa depan. Kalau saya

hanya cari untung, saya nggak perlu capek-capek menggeluti perfilman dan bikin studio. Saya bisa mendapatkannya berkali-kali lipat dari bisnis energi, minyak, dan gas bumi." 

About Infinite Studio & Screenplay Productions

Infinite Studio is headquartered in Singapore and has studio and post-production facilities based in Singapore and Batam. Thus, Infinite is in a unique position to offer a compelling proposition to international projects. Infinite is the anchor tenant at a 1.2 hectare development in Singapore, a joint-venture between Ascendas and Citramas Group, which comprises of a 10-storey media facility and plays host to Singapore's first two contemporary soundstage studios designed in consultation with Hollywood-based Raleigh Studios, one of the world's largest operators of soundstage production facilities.

Screenplay Productions is a production house in Jakarta under the SCMA Group which includes Indonesian channels: SCTV, Indosiar and O Channel. It has a reputation for content innovation and produced TV movies and series on the ratings map in Indonesia. Screenplay was behind popular, trendsetting TV fare such as *Love in Paris* and *Diam, Diam Suka*. This year the company will finally venture into the film industry.



Inul Daratista:

Antara Ngebor dan Nge-boxing

Oleh Eva Berlin Fransiskus

Bulan Februari Singapura semakin diterangi dengan kehadiran penyanyi-penyanyi bernama besar seperti Inul Daratista, S4, Tegar, dan Rosalina yang menghibur penduduk lokal dalam acara Pop & Dangdut Festival 2014

Ditemui di Sky Lounge Peninsula Excelsior Hotel sehari sebelum konser, Inul yang santai mengenakan blouse putih dan jeans terlihat langsing dan ceria. Pendangdut asal Pasuruan ini mengaku kini dirinya rajin berolahraga demi menjaga kesehatan dan stamina. “Saya fitness, nge-gym, Thai Boxing, treadmill,” kata Inul sambil mengepalkan tangan bergaya boxing. “Saya treadmill satu jam satu hari, setiap hari kalau saya tidak ada kegiatan. Tapi kalau saya full [nyanyi] biasanya satu minggu sekali, satu minggu dua kali.” Memar-memar yang disebabkan oleh Thai Boxing pun tidak dianggap mengganggu oleh Inul karena selain membantu menjaga stamina, Thai Boxing juga membantu melatih pernapasan dan membakar lemak.

Inul yang sudah konser beberapa kali di Singapura mengaku tidak ada persiapan khusus untuk konser kali ini. Yang berbeda hanyalah lokasi dan penggemarnya. Jika konser-konser sebelumnya diadakan di Kedutaan Besar Indonesia di Singapura dan lebih banyak dihadiri warga negara Indonesia, Pop & Dangdut Festival 2014 ini diadakan di Fort Canning Green dan penontonnya adalah penggemar dangdut dari berbagai negara. Tidak hanya dari Singapura, Indonesia, dan Malaysia, ada juga yang berasal dari India dan Bangladesh. Inul juga merasakan perbedaan sambutan antara penonton di

Indonesia dan di Singapura. “Kalau di Indonesia semua orang sudah tahu Inul. Di mana saya ada konser di situ selalu ramai dan that’s it, gitu. Cuma itu aja. Meriah, meriah seperti biasa. Cuma kalau di sini kan orang melihat saya mungkin setahun atau dua tahun baru bisa datang, bisa lihat Inul konser di sini. Jadi ada sesuatu yang mereka rindu, gitu. Ada histerisnya, lebih heboh lah,” kata Inul sambil tertawa.

Berbagai tantangan di perjalanan karirnya tidak membuat Inul patah semangat. Dari bayaran pertama yang hanya Rp. 1.500, hingga kini menjabat status Ratu Dangdut Indonesia dan memiliki seratus outlet Inul Vizta Karaoke, Inul justru semakin semangat untuk mengembangkan diri. Sepertinya semua sudah dimiliki Inul. Apa kira-kira yang menjadi impian Inul yang belum tercapai? “Saya pengen sekali bikin Inul Daratista concert. Konser sendiri, solo,” kata Inul. Sebenarnya Inul sudah beberapa kali mengadakan konser tunggal, yang salah satunya diadakan di Taiwan di mana Inul menyanyikan 10 lagu. Tapi mungkin Inul berharap untuk mengadakan konser solo yang lebih besar lagi. Salah satu langkah Inul untuk mewujudkan cita-citanya itu adalah dengan rajin rekaman dan merilis single-single anyar seperti Cinta Modal Pulsa dan Mantan Pacar yang akan membuka jalan untuk album barunya di 2014.

Dengan semua keberhasilannya, Inul tetap tak ingin berdiam diri, apalagi berhenti bernyanyi.

“Gak bisa, karena itu memang jiwanya Inul!” sahut Inul ketika ditanya kemungkinan berhenti berdangdut. Sedangkan buat penggemarnya, Inul tetap ingin terus mendekatkan diri melalui bisnis yang berhubungan dengan musik. “Saya berusaha bikin banyak bisnis, tapi bisnis yang berhubungan dengan musik, kayak karaoke,” katanya menjelaskan kegiatan lain yang akan mengisi tahun 2014-nya.

Cinta Inul terhadap musik dan dangdut memang tidak bisa dipungkiri lagi. Inul berharap dangdut tidak hanya dipandang sebagai sebuah musik hura-hura dengan tarian heboh, tetapi terlebih lagi menjadi penyatu, baik antar penggemar maupun antar artis di dunia dangdut. “Saya pengennya di Indonesia itu dangdut itu bisa satu. Itu yang saya harapkan, jadi tidak ada perseteruan, tidak ada tibut. Jadi saya pengennya menyatu.” Inul juga menyampaikan harapannya agar artis-artis dangdut Indonesia lebih profesional dalam menciptakan musik agar tercipta “suatu generasi artis dangdut yang benar-bener berkualitas dan tidak membedakan mana Raja Dangdut dan mana artis yang junior dan mana artis yang pemula atau dari genre yang sangat berbeda.” Sedangkan buat para penggemar di Singapura, Inul berpesan: “Tetap cintai dangdut! Dan terima kasih buat Singapur yang sudah memberikan saya kesempatan untuk konser untuk yang kesekian kalinya!”



Melintas S4 mudera

Oleh Eva Berlin Fransiskus

Kalau awal tahun 2000 diwarnai oleh kehadiran F4, grup band asal Taiwan yang terkenal melalui serial drama Meteor Garden, tahun 2014 adalah milik grup band S4

Meramaikan acara Pop & Dangdut Festival 2014, S4 mengaku sangat senang bisa kembali untuk kedua kalinya di Singapore. "We try to have fun!" kata Firly tentang penampilan S4 kali ini, yang ditanggapi kompak oleh anggota band lainnya: "Because it's Singapore!"

S4 memang sudah pernah mampir ke Singapura, tetapi penampilan mereka di Oktober 2013 itu adalah penampilan perdana yang hanya menampilkan satu lagu. Sementara untuk Pop & Dangdut Festival 2014, S4 mempersembahkan tujuh lagu. "Lagu-lagu yang akan kita bawa adalah lebih banyak dari yang kemarin. Kemaren satu lagu, sekarang tujuh lagu," kata Firly.

Sekilas penampilan, lagu, dan gaya menari S4 memang terlihat seperti boyband Korea. Tetapi grup yang dibentuk tahun 2012 ini beranggotakan pemuda-pemuda asli Indonesia. Arthur Stefano Anapaku atau *Sentimental Arthur* berasal dari Kupang, sementara Alif Rizky atau *Smart Alif* berasal dari Tegal, Jefri Haris Gurusinga yang akrab dipanggil *Sweet Jeje* adalah asli Medan, dan Firly Firlana si *Sexy Firly* berasal dari Aceh.

Mereka tidak terlihat gugup untuk konser yang diadakan di Fort Canning Green ini, meskipun berbagi panggung dengan nama-nama tenar seperti Inul Daratista, Tegar Septian, dan

Rosalina. Mungkin ini berkat training intensif selama setahun di Korea di bawah naungan Rainbowbridge Agency yang juga mengasuh Beast, 4minute, G.Na, dan BtoB. "Kita merasa beruntung aja sih," kata Firly ketika ditemui di konferensi pers di Sky Lounge Peninsula Excelsior Hotel. Ia menceritakan bahwa tadinya semua anggota S4 tidak menyangka akan bergabung dengan sebuah boyband. "We didn't know each other until we did an audition program, one of broadcast televisions disana. So kita masuk, kita training satu tahun tuh blom tau mau dijadikan boyband."

Setelah keempatnya terpilih menjadi finalis Galaxy Superstar, barulah sang produser mendapat ide untuk mengabungkan vokal mereka yang berbeda karakter. "Wih kayaknya unique nih kalau kalian satu2 dijadiin boyband tapi dengan karakter masing2, ada yang sexy, ada yang sweet, ada yang sentimental, ada yang smart," kata Firly mengutip kata-kata sang produser.

Dengan karakter dan latar belakang yang berbeda, mereka terlihat tetap kompak dan selalu mendukung satu sama lain. Tapi ternyata rahasia kekompakan mereka sedikit mengejutkan. "Mini fights behind the scene," kata Firly yang disahut yang lain dengan bercanda, "Ya, punch punch." "Sometimes we do Taekwondo, Wushu together, Muay Thai," tawa Jeje. Untuk menghindari kesalahpahaman, Jeje melanjutkan dengan sedikit lebih serius, "Lebih



bikin nyatu aja. And brainstorm." Firly dengan cepat menambahkan, "Maksudnya lebih ke diskusi dan sering berdebat aja sih."

Sejauh ini S4 hanya memiliki mini album dengan 2 single: *She is My Girl* (menampilkan HyunA '4Minute') dan *Driving Me Crazy*. S4 berharap bisa segera merilis album lengkap tahun ini untuk para penggemar mereka yang menyebut diri S4US. "Hopefully. Tahun ini. Masih recording beberapa lagu lagi," kata Firly. Sementara rencana ke depannya, S4 ingin bisa konser di seluruh dunia. "All around the world. Kita pengen jalan-jalan keliling dunia," kata Jeje dengan semangat. "Mungkin juga ada yang shooting film di Melbourne... Amin! Bikin videoclip di Afrika. Di Singapore. Masih banyak bangetlah hal-hal yang pengen kita capai!"

Tegar

di Dunia Musik

Oleh Eva Berlin Fransiskus

Acara Pop & Dangdut Festival 2014 yang diselenggarakan di Fort Canning Green turut diramaikan oleh penyanyi cilik berusia 12 tahun, Tegar Septian

Tegar bergabung dengan penyanyi-penyanyi tenar seperti Inul Daratista, S4, dan Rosalina menghibur penggemar pop dan dangdut di Singapura. Ini adalah kedua kalinya Tegar konser di Singapore. Penyanyi yang memiliki suara mendayu ini sudah pernah datang di akhir tahun 2013 kemarin.

Nama Tegar mungkin baru mulai tersohor di dunia musik akhir-akhir ini, tetapi bernyanyi bukanlah hal baru buatnya. Tegar yang akrab dikenal di Indonesia dan di dunia maya dengan julukan "Si Pengamen Subang" sudah mengamen sejak umur 7 tahun. Menurut Tegar, bakatnya dalam menyanyi bisa jadi diturunkan dari sang ibu yang juga penyanyi, serta dari nenek yang tak lain mantan sinden pada zamannya dulu. Ditanya tentang perbedaan antara kehidupannya yang dulu dan sekarang, Tegar hanya menyukuri pendapatan yang kini lebih banyak. "Kalau ngamen tuh biasanya susah gitu ya. Kita kalau mau nyari makan harus ngamen dulu... baru dapat uang," kenang Tegar saat konferensi pers di Sky Lounge Peninsula Excelsior Hotel di awal Februari.

Sifat Tegar memang

sesuai namanya yang berarti tabah dan kukuh. Dari semua yang dilalui, yang paling tak terlupakan oleh Tegar adalah bagaimana ia pertama kali mendapatkan gitar kecilnya. "Saya tuh gak ada gitar. Saya ngamen pake tepok," kata Tegar yang langsung memperagakan bernyanyi sambil bertepuk tangan. "Nah, akhirnya saya mendapatkan uang hasil dari tepokan saya, dapatlah 65 ribu. Disitu saya ingin beli gitar," kenang Tegar. Tapi tentu saja uang tersebut belum cukup, terlebih mengingat ada kebutuhan sehari-hari yang harus dibeli. Beruntung ada teman yang membantu meminjamkan gitar. "Itu saya belum cukup untuk beli makan, belum cukup untuk beli minum," komentar Tegar tentang pendapatannya dulu. "Tapi ya, ama temen dibantuin. Dibantuin, ya udah, akhirnya 'Gar, kamu gak ada gitar ya? Ya udah deh, aku pinjemin dulu gitar.'" Karena kebaikan temannya itu, Tegar akhirnya bisa mengumpulkan cukup uang. "Saya mengumpulkan uang 200 [ribu rupiah]. Akhirnya 100 itu

buat beli gitar, yang 100 nya lagi buat nenek, buat ibu, buat saya juga, buat makan sehari-hari."

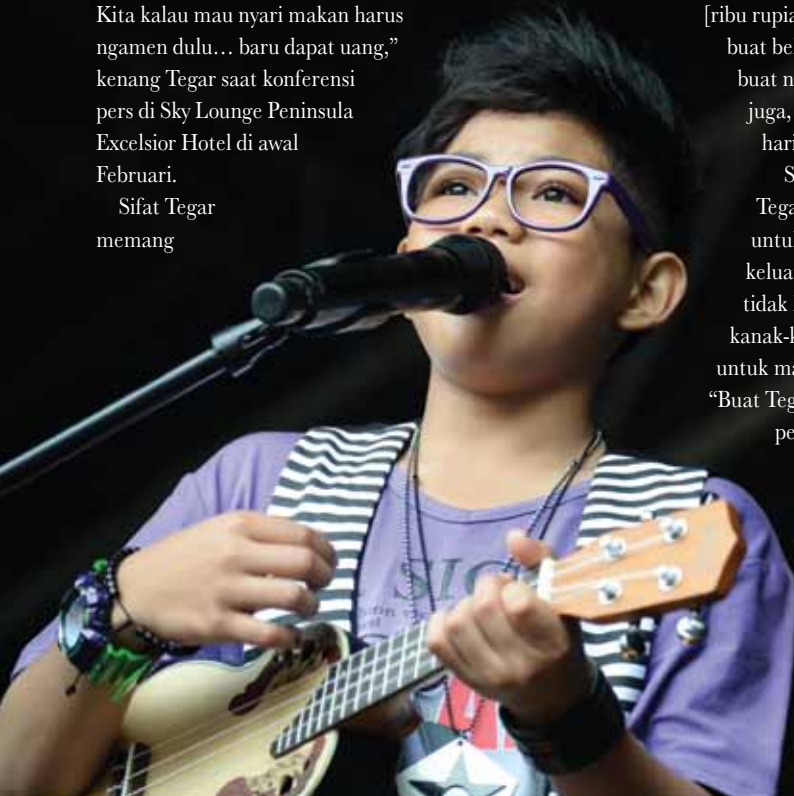
Semua hasil kerja keras Tegar memang ditujukan untuk membahagiakan keluarganya. Ia bahkan tidak keberatan masa kanak-kanaknya dihabiskan untuk manggung dan rekaman. "Buat Tegar pokoknya Tegar pengen ngebahagiain ibu. Tegar pengen ngebahagiain adek2 Tegar juga. Pokoknya semua saudara Tegar, Tegar mau



ngebahagiain." Pemikiran Tegar yang dewasa memang berbeda dari anak-anak kebanyakan.

Hal lain yang membuatnya berbeda dengan anak-anak seumurnya mungkin adalah hobinya bermain motorcross. "Tegar ingin profesional MotorCross juga," katanya ketika ditanya tentang rencana jangka panjang di luar dunia keartisan. Begitu antusiasnya Tegar terhadap olahraga balap motor yang biasa dilakukan di sirkuit off-roads ini, pengeluaran pertamanya setelah terkenal adalah untuk belajar motorcross. Tapi itu mungkin satu-satunya hal yang dibeli untuk dirinya sendiri. Selain untuk keluarga, kelebihan materi yang dimilikinya juga dibagikan untuk anak-anak lain yang berkekurangan. "Ada, setiap off-air, biasanya itu aku ke anak2 yatim piatu. Tegar pengennya sih membantu sesama ya, ingin membantu teman-teman juga," ujar Tegar.

Untuk akhir pekan tanggal 9 Februari di Fort Canining, meskipun masih berusia muda, penyanyi berumur 12 tahun itu sudah seperti artis profesional veteran yang berkonsentrasi untuk satu tujuan utama -yakni menghibur semua yang telah hadir di acara Pop & Dangdut Festival 2014!





Indonesian Art & Artists at Art Stage

Indonesia makes an impact at Singapore's flagship arts event

Singapore is strategically placed with strong ties to both East and West, serving as a cultural gateway and an ideal venue for cultural events and fairs. Its flagship event, Art Stage Singapore, has been making a name for itself as a global marketplace for contemporary Asian art.

Top galleries are reporting high sales figures and an increase in the demand for work by emerging artists and a noticeable global shift towards Asia, especially the Southeast Asian region. Indonesian artists are among those making a big impact.

Acknowledging Indonesia's strong presence in the art scene, Art Stage has been directing its spotlight on Indonesia, showcasing it in a thorough and comprehensive manner. A pavilion dedicated to the Indonesian artists was set up in 2013, where 50 artists presented their work in the gallery booths and the accompanied complementary exhibition. Never before had Indonesian art been the focal point of an international art festival on such a grand scale.

Most of the works on show were unveiled for the first time outside Indonesia and many were exclusively created for Art Stage Singapore. Among those participating were familiar and renowned artists like Heri Dono and Tintin Wulia, along with the newcomers breaking onto the global scene. Leading Indonesian galleries also added their weight to the event and names like Nadi, Semarang, D Gallerie, Element Art Space, Arario Gallery and Gajah Gallery were present.

The Indonesian artists have continued their popularity with collectors and investors alike in Art Stage 2014 as well. A long waiting list has been reported for Artist Ay Tjoe Christine's work, "Big Portion Only For the Red" and Arina Abu Bakar from Gajah Gallery reports selling four works by artist Yunizar, three of which were his most recent bronze creations. Rahmat, Director of Galeri Apik Indonesia, also reports selling two works by contemporary Indonesian artist Yarno that were created especially for Art Stage Singapore.

Arts Stage attracts influential collectors and buyers from all over the world featuring over 120 galleries, with Asian art making up to 80 percent of the exhibited works. In its fourth year, the event- held from 15th of January 2014 at Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre- witnessed a record of 45,700 visitors.

Renowned Indonesian art collector and gallery owner, Dr Oei Hong Djien, said "This year, we see new developments like the platforms and museum-like curated exhibitions, for example, the Taiwan platform curated by Rudy Tseng. It's amazing....Every year, I meet artists from many other countries whom I do not previously know, such as the artists from China. Through the fair, I got to know more about the artists' works and hence became more aware of what is happening in the art scene regionally and internationally." 

Indonesian Art – Worldwide Appeal

Aside from the flagship event of Art Stage, Indonesian art has been featured in the European galleries that have a presence in Singapore. Two such galleries are Berlin-based ARNDT and Galerie Michael Janssen. These European galleries have come in to Singapore with an eye on the Asian market and they display works by many Asian artists. Not only has this increased the access to Indonesian art, but it has also provided the Indonesian artists, an access to newer audiences, both in Asia and Europe. Art Xchange Gallery (from Surabaya) also features Indonesian artists such as Indyra, Febry Swandito, Ramadhan Bouqie, Sugiri Willim and Suwandi Waeng and its gallery in Singapore's Chinatown seeks to create "an artistic space that encourage a creative exchange between regional and international artists from Indonesia and the rest of the world," according to the gallery's director, Benny Oentoro.

The increased popularity of Indonesian art has translated in to commercial success as well, with 68% of Christie's and Sotheby's Southeast Asian turnovers attributed to artists from Indonesia. Works by artists like Nyoman Masriadi is highly sought after at the Asian auctions and his painting, which was originally valued at US\$13,000 was sold in 2008 for almost US\$1 million.

Last year's Venice Biennale also had an Indonesian pavilion, where works by Entang Wiharso, Sri Astari, Albert Yonathan and Titarubi were showcased. As the interest in Indonesian art increases, so does the value of these art pieces. The art world currently has its eye on Indonesia.



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1. Mizuma Gallery at Art Stage Singapore 2014 (Photo: indoartnow.com)
2. Uji Handoko Eko Saputro, ARNDT Art Stage Singapore 2014 (Photo: www.indoartnow.com)
3. Entang Wiharso, Borderless Reclaim (Photo: Art Stage Singapore)
4. Uji Handoko Eko Saputro, Beyond Biennale (Photo: Equator Art Projects)
5. Sugiri Willim, Fortune Seizure
6. Suwandi Waeng, Bisa Membuat Aku Tersenyum
7. Isa Ansory, Hopes To Become A Butterfly
8. Ramadhan Bouqie, Cerita Tak terselesaikan
9. Indyra, Charmed

Buying Homes in Singapore – Guidelines for Foreign Buyers

The island state is still an attractive investment property destination with diverse offerings

The residential market in Singapore is very diverse and offers a variety of lifestyle options ranging from city living to suburban living; high-rise housing to landed homes; plenty of choices catering to young working professionals as well as families.

Most of the condominiums in Singapore are equipped with facilities such as gyms, swimming pools, barbecue pits, playgrounds and 24-hour security. Landed residential properties are also available for lease. Expatriates staying in landed properties usually choose to join recreational clubs to socialise and enjoy the facilities which are not available in landed homes.

There are no restrictions to foreign ownership of condominiums. However, purchase of landed properties by a foreigner (individual or company) is subject to written permission from the Land Dealings Approval Unit.

Prime Districts

Prime residential districts of 9, 10 and 11 remain the top choice for foreign investors and expatriate relocated to Singapore. Attraction in these districts include the prime shopping belt of Orchard Road; famous international schools and local schools; Holland Village and Dempsey which are favourite Food and Beverage enclaves for both expatriate and locals alike. Over the years the Marina Bay, Shenton and Tanjong Pagar areas, located within the Central Business Districts (CBD), have grown in popularity largely due to government initiatives in enhancing the attractiveness of the CBD as a live, work and play area. The last few years also saw the completion of a number of luxury condominiums and un-gated landed homes situated in Sentosa, an island approximately 20 minutes' drive from the CBD.

Loans

Banks typically grant loans to foreigners or expatriates of up to 60 — 70 per cent of the valuation or purchase price of the property, whichever is lower.

Interest Rates

Banks offer property loans with two types of interest- floating and fixed rates. However, banks may offer a mixture of floating and fixed rates for different situations. There is usually a minimum loan period of 3 years i.e. a penalty will be imposed on early redemption. Interest rates and mortgage packages vary from bank to bank. If you are buying the property under a company's name, the interest rate will be approximately 0.5 per cent to 1 per cent higher per annum (depending on the loan amount, market conditions and rates offered by different banks), compared to buying under a personal name.

Payment Terms

Payment terms vary between purchasing from developers or from private individual owners as shown below:



Purchase of Private Properties from Housing Developers

Developers normally offer progressive payment schemes following the stages of construction.

Option to Purchase	1 per cent of purchase price	Option given immediate
Upon Exercising Option to Purchase	19 per cent of purchase price (This amount is usually held by solicitor as stakeholders)	2 weeks later
Completion Date	80 per cent of the purchase price	8 to 10 weeks later

Stamp Duty and Legal Fee

The cost of stamp duty is chargeable by the government and is payable within 14 days of the date of agreement/contract. The structure of the stamp duty payable is shown below in the table:

Segments of Purchase Price	Payable
Every S\$100 of the first S\$180,000	S\$1
Every S\$100 of the next S\$180,000	S\$2
Every S\$100 of the remainder	S\$3

Property Tax

Property tax payable by the owner occupier following the structure below based on the annual value of the property:

Annual Value (S\$)	Tax Rate (per cent)
First 6,000	0
Next 59,000	4
Amount exceeding 65,000	6

Capital Gains Tax

There is no capital gains tax in Singapore.

Sellers' Stamp Duty Tax

In the governments' attempt to move towards a stable market, any residential properties purchased on or after 14th January 2011, are subject to a seller's stamp duty. Residential properties which are sold within the first, second, third and fourth year from the date of acquisition are subject to 16 per cent, 12 per cent, 8 per cent and 4 per cent stamp duty taxes respectively.

Additional Buyers' Stamp Duty

Foreigners and non-individuals (corporate entities) buying any residential property will pay an Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty (ABSD) of 10 per cent on their residential property purchases. The ABSD will be imposed over and above the current Buyer's Stamp Duty, and will apply to the purchase price or market value of the property whichever is higher.

Maintenance Fees

Maintenance fees depend on the size of the property and vary between different developments. Maintenance fees are usually payable on a quarterly basis to the corporation set up to manage the specific property. For new projects, maintenance fees will only be incurred upon completion.

Limitations on Loan to Value (LTV) Ratio

A lower LTV ratio limit is imposed for certain purchasers. For purchasers who are not individuals (meaning corporations, trusts, collective investment schemes, etc.), the LTV ratio is limited to 50 per cent. For individual purchasers with 1 or more outstanding loans, the limit is 60 per cent.

Restrictions on Foreign Ownership

Since 19 July 2005, the Singapore government has revised the Residential Property Act (RPA) rules to allow foreigners to purchase apartments or condominiums without the need to obtain prior approval. However, foreigners who wish to buy landed property will still need to obtain prior approval from relevant authorities.



Doing Business with BISA

Monthly business forum launched to provide regular opportunity for Indonesia and Singapore businesses to network and explore opportunities

Businesspersons from Indonesia and Singapore will be attending the inaugural Indonesia-Singapore Business Forum 2014 on 26 February 2014. Business Indonesia-Singapore Association (BISA) has organised a series of 10 monthly events starting from February consisting of talks and presentations by experts from both countries on a wide range of subjects useful for entrepreneurs and those wanting to set up a business or market their products into Singapore and beyond.

There will also be networking opportunities with a difference as MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) businesses from East Java will be coming here to assess prospects in Singapore and the export markets for their products. According to Stephanus Widjaja, one of three founders of BISA (*see box story*), “BISA has been building up its network of contacts and resources for the last three years. Singapore’s size and position as a logistics have its advantages. In terms of scale, you do not have to be spending thousands of dollars participating in exhibitions to reach the local business community.”

BISA was founded by a trio of Indonesian entrepreneurs based here: Stephanus Widjaja, a professional trainer and business consultant; Eka Mardiaty who runs her own IT business and Linawaty, a financial advisor. They believe they can make a difference in helping bridge business opportunities especially between Indonesian MSMEs and Singapore businesses. This year is especially significant because

BISA anticipated major changes in the way Indonesian companies will have to do business as the ASEAN Free Trade Area takes effect in 2015.

According to Stephanus, “We will cross a major milestone in 2015 when AFTA comes into effect – the complete liberalisation of trade in the region. The elimination of both intra-regional tariffs and non-tariff barriers will have a huge impact on all businesses. On the whole, if we are prepared for it, AFTA should contribute towards making ASEAN’s businesses especially the manufacturing sectors more efficient and competitive in the global marketplace.

AFTA 2015

In fact, when the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) was agreed upon at the 1992 ASEAN Summit in Singapore the main objectives were to create a single market and an international production base, attract foreign direct investments and expand intra-ASEAN trade and investments. It was also to leverage on the huge potential and synergies that exist in the region in order to strengthen and deepen intra-ASEAN industrial linkages as well as create strong and competitive small and medium enterprises.

Singapore is ideally positioned to collaborate with Indonesian companies as the island in terms of size, especially its manufacturing hinterland, is limited. He said, “There is a good opportunity to bring a bigger dimension to business here as Indonesia is a super-sized manufacturing powerhouse that continues to grow. It is

a matter of assessing which areas are you interested in and that’s where BISA comes in - to match both sides.” The regular monthly Business Forums launched in February provides this opportunity.

Meet & Match

For Singaporeans attending the business forum, it will be an excellent opportunity to interact with a wider section of Indonesian nationalities and industry profiles. And, those who attend do not have to be a formal member to participate in BISA’s monthly talks. The Association has found out such an approach has worked very well for its events in the past.”

Another dimension to the Forum this year is support by Bank UMKM of East Java which has appointed BISA as its authorised representative here for securing investment funding for the Bank as well as seeking Importers/Buyers for the MSME products from East Java funded by the Bank.

Indonesia offers a wealth of brands and products that can enter the regional and world markets. He gave an example, “In Indonesia who has not heard of Jamu Sido Muncul? It is famous. However, if you bring one of its products into a market like Singapore, such as its excellent herbal Jamu Tolak Angin, who will buy it? To succeed here you might have to go into branding and marketing. Any Indonesian company using Singapore to launch and market their products can benefit from attaining world-class standards in product-marketing development before launching it in other markets in Asia, Europe or America.

Representation

BISA also takes it a step further by having in place a set of ready packages to offer Indonesian companies wishing to start a business in Singapore that feature facilities and services that includes business registrations, virtual and physical offices, meeting venues, marketing consultancy and whatever else a company new to Singapore might need to have to start here. Depending on what is required, the range of services starts from \$100 per month to \$6,500 per year to set up a private limited company registered in Singapore.

Another area in which BISA helps Singaporeans is in getting them acquainted with Indonesian business culture. He explained, "Businesses can hit unexpected roadblocks. We have given advice and insights into the how-to-do of business relationships with Indonesian companies. For example, Singapore companies have a habit of placing speed above all else in their business dealings. They must take the time to get to know one another."

Sustainability

Stephanus highlighted the fact that 'sustainability' in all its activities and programme is very important to BISA for the long term. Central to this is the belief that BISA must have a sustainable business model away from the 'one-man-show' syndrome that might characterise other organisations or associations. He said that is why BISA has a committed core of three executive founder members (see accompanying story) and a network of strategic partners to carry out business programmes. To date, BISA has entered into strategic partnerships with Fortune Pramana Rancang, Universitas Ciputra Surabaya, Indosat and Bank UMKM for its activities.

The main objectives of the Association are to provide a bridge to help Indonesia and Singapore entrepreneurs to expand their business here. It is doing this by providing resources and informative platform to help business growth such as its monthly business forums. It also has a role as a facilitator and coordinator for joint-events to help companies in leveraging on BISA network and contacts. Finally, it also acts an incubator for entrepreneurs and a learning platform to share knowledge and experiences as inspiration.

For more information on BISA, visit their website at www.bisakita.com.

To attend Indonesia-Singapore Business Forum 2014, visit: www.sistic.com.sg/events/indo2014



BISA Founder

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Pelaku bisnis dari Indonesia dan Singapore akan menghadiri peluncuran perdana Indonesia-Singapore Business Forum 2014 pada tanggal 26 Februari 2014. Business Indonesia-Singapore Association (BISA) atau Asosiasi Bisnis Indonesia-Singapura telah mengorganisir serangkaian 10 acara bulanan mulai bulan Februari yang terdiri dari acara perbincangan dan persentasi oleh para ahli dari kedua negara dalam berbagai topik yang akan berguna untuk usahawan dan mereka yang ingin mendirikan bisnis atau memasarkan produk mereka ke Singapura dan sekitarnya.

Akan ada juga kesempatan yang berbeda untuk menjalin networking karena Perusahaan-Perusahaan Mikro, Kecil, dan Menengah dari Jawa Timur akan hadir untuk menilai prospek bisnis di Singapura dan pasar ekspor untuk produk mereka menurut Stephanus Widjaja, salah satu dari tiga pendiri BISA (dua lainnya adalah Ms Linawaty dan Ms Eka Mardiarty).

Tahun ini adalah tahun yang sangat signifikan karena Free Trade Area (Kawasan Perdagangan Bebas) ASEAN mulai berlaku pada tahun 2015. Menurut Stephanus, "Penghapusan tarif antar-regional dan hambatan non-tarif tentu akan berdampak pada semua bisnis. Secara keseluruhan, jika kita siap, AFTA (ASEAN Free Trade Area) semestinya membantu dalam membuat bisnis-bisnis di ASEAN, terutama dalam bidang kepabrikaan, lebih efisien dan kompetitif di pasar global."

BISA juga mengambil langkah lebih lanjut dengan menyiapkan paket-paket untuk menawarkan perusahaan-perusahaan Indonesia yang ingin memulai bisnis di Singapura yang menampilkan fasilitas-fasilitas dan pelayanan-pelayanan yang merangkul pendaftaran bisnis, kantor-kantor secara fisik maupun virtual, tempat-tempat pertemuan, konsultasi marketing, dan hal-hal lain yang mungkin dibutuhkan oleh perusahaan yang masih baru di Singapura untuk memulai usahanya di sini. Tergantung pada apa yang dibutuhkan, berbagai pelayanan mulai dari memiliki alamat di Orchard Road yang ramai mulai dari \$100 per bulan hingga \$6.500 per tahun sampai mendirikan perusahaan swasta yang terdaftar di Singapura.

Bidang lain di mana BISA telah membantu penduduk Singapura adalah untuk lebih mengenal budaya bisnis Indonesia. Ia menjelaskan, "Bisnis bisa saja mendapatkan hambatan yang tak terduga. Kami telah memberikan nasehat-nasehat dan wawasan-wawasan mengenai seluk-beluk hubungan bisnis dengan perusahaan-perusahaan Indonesia. Contohnya, perusahaan-perusahaan Singapura memiliki kebiasaan menomor satukan kecepatan di atas segalanya dalam urusan bisnis mereka. Mereka harus meluangkan waktu untuk mengenal satu sama lain." 




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The Case for Leasing vs Buying a Car

IndoConnect talks to Wearnes Leasing's Senior Leasing Manager, Ms Carine Soh, to find out when is it better to lease than to buy a car in Singapore

After the first open bidding exercise in January 2014, a car buyer here will have to pay almost \$80,000 for his or her Certificate of Entitlement or COE in the 'Open' category (any type or size of vehicle) before adding on the price of the car. As COE prices are not expected to head too far south this year.

As car ownership costs are very high when is leasing a better alternative?

Leasing is a convenient solution for people who do not wish to tie up too much of their funds, especially with the new loan regulations that require a 50 per cent downpayment on new car purchases. For leasing, you just need to pay a monthly fee and all else is covered. There is no risk of ownership, nor servicing costs to bear. But do note, a lessee has to pay a security deposit of three months rental (refundable at the end of the lease).

What are the main types of car leasing programmes available?

There are two main types of leases: The first is a Full Servicing Lease (which is what Wearnes does) that covers everything including servicing, tyre changes, replacement vehicles and insurance. The other type is Basic Leasing

meaning the hirer just pays for the monthly fee but has pay for the cost servicing the vehicle.

What would be the main benefits and drawbacks to leasing versus buying a car?

The main benefit is related to the high cost of car ownership. The higher the price of your car, the more likely you are to lose a greater amount of money when you sell off the car a few years later. Leasing offers you the flexibility to change cars after every contract period without losing a cent. However, if you intend to drive a vehicle for more than five to seven years then it may be more worthwhile to buy than lease.

That means the case for leasing becomes more attractive or beneficial for prestige and flagship marques?


Yes in a way as the more prestigious or expensive a car, the higher the downpayment required to buy it. For example, a Range Rover Evoque is retailing at \$280,000 today. To buy it, you will have to place a cash downpayment of \$140,000 and take a loan out for the other

\$140,000, which translates to a monthly instalment of about \$2,650 per month (for a five-year loan). This is excluding other expenses such as insurance and road tax that are payable yearly. If you lease the vehicle instead, you will pay an upfront deposit of \$12,600 (\$4,200 x 3) which is refundable at the end of three years. The monthly servicing fee is \$4200 + 7 per cent GST.

For Wearnes, what are the popular models often chosen for lease?

Typically models such as Volvo XC60s, Jaguar XF and XJ, Range Rover Evoques and Infinitis are popular amongst leasing customers.

What is the usual lease period here and are there schemes that offer those who have long term leases an option to buy the vehicles at the end of the lease period?

It is usually for a period of three years and, yes, we do allow customers an option to buy over the vehicle at the end of the lease. The amount has to be a mutually agreed amount by both parties. 





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Time Management Tips:

Exercise to Increase Energy, Capacity and Lifespan

Time management tips can work against you if you overvalue productivity

Do you habitually plunk yourself down at your desk for hours on end, wrapping up tasks without regular breaks? If so, you risk shortening your life dramatically. But 9 fast free exercise bursts, well timed, can create a life-giving surge of health! Check out these “Movement Moments” as free exercise tips.

Time management tips can shorten your life if productivity is sole concern. How often do you deny yourself breaks to remain at the desk or computer terminal for hours on end? Any prolonged sedentary activity works against you and can actually shorten your life.

Recent evidence suggests that the body is poorly suited for prolonged periods of sitting. The American Heart Association’s journal, *Circulation*, has published a report that every additional hour spent watching television daily without rising from the couch increases the risk of mortality from heart disease by 18%! If you sit without moving for four hours running on a daily basis, your susceptibility to death from cardiovascular disease increases by 80%,

compared to those who remain seated for two hours straight or less.

This study, notably, used a control group that met exercise guidelines. And one’s diet did not alter these results.

How can this be? Well, studies trace strong links between overall sedentary time with increased blood lipids, blood glucose, and fat tissue, even in people who performed moderate to vigorous exercise several times each week.

Fortunately, you can maintain your effectiveness and safeguard your health, as well. To reduce this particular set of risk factors, you needn’t set aside hours to exercise. All you need is “Movement Moments” - a minute here and there, to break up periods of sitting. Something this simple helps convert the cholesterol in your blood from LDL (the bad cholesterol) into HDL (the healthy kind).


In fact, frequent short breaks spent moving around, stretching and flexing your muscles also contributes to lower body mass index, a smaller waist circumference, better glucose metabolism and lower blood lipid levels. And it’s completely free!

Movement Moments Are a Time-Wise Solution

Every 45 minutes or so, try creating brief Movement Moments for yourself. Use a timer if that helps jog your memory. At 45-minute intervals stop what you are doing, get up, and move in whatever way feels good to you. (Do this in privacy, if you can, so that you don’t feel constrained.) Try these, and add your favorites:

Nine Fast And Free Exercise Bursts

1. Lift weights, large or small
2. Ascend and descend stairways.
3. Dance
4. Jumping jacks
5. Leg lunges
6. Doing sit ups or leg-lifts
7. Stretching
8. Shaking tension from your arms and legs
9. Whatever feels right at the moment!

Do the movements you choose vigorously for about a minute; then you can return to work refreshed. It hardly interrupts your flow, and your energy flows more freely. 

Effective Strategies

for Achieving Your Goals



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There are many variables that can keep you from achieving your goals if you let them, which is why your focus is absolutely vital. But all the focus you can muster will be of little good unless you have the motivation and direction you'll need to succeed when pursuing any aspirations or objectives you have!

What we're going to discuss here today are 3 simple strategies you can employ to help you increase your success in trying to reach goals you've set for yourself!

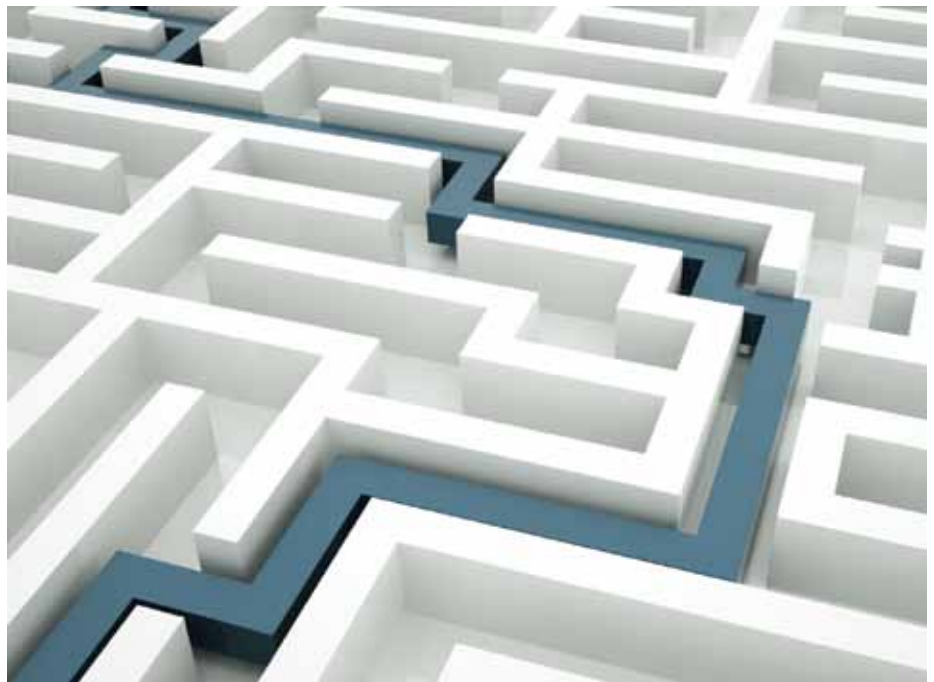
Possessing Passion

You'll never be able to reach goals of any sort unless you have a burning desire to make them **YOUR** reality, therefore you **MUST** be passionate about this! The process of making your dreams come true typically involves several activities, tasks or function that may seem mundane or even boring! It is primarily for this reason that many quit and walk away before they taste success! On the other hand if you really possess a burning desire to 'accomplish' what it takes to live your dreams, losing your motivation will not be an issue!

Goals **MUST** Be Specific

To achieve any goals you must **FIRST** start with 'learning' what it takes to reach your objective! Stating a desire to simply accomplish this or achieve that gives you little direction which is what you'll need to succeed! Your goals **MUST** be specific so you can formulate a plan to reach them otherwise you're just dreaming, which is **VERY** different from establishing a clear cut plan to reach your ultimate objective! Trying to reach your objectives without having a solid and realistic strategy is much like trying to hit a target without seeing it. Good luck!


3 simple strategies you can use to increase your success in trying to reach goals you've set!



Success Leaves Tracks So Follow Them

No matter what your ultimate goal or objectives may be it's quite likely that somebody has already achieved what is now the point of your focus! Following in their path and even modifying their approach to suit your purposes only makes sense and is likely **ALL** you'll need to succeed to duplicate their success! Quite often we found ourselves trying to 'reinvent the wheel' to get the same results others have gotten but as you can hopefully understand, there is little point in doing so. If the answers are sitting right there in plain sight, why spend the time and effort to try and find new ones provided, of

course, the accomplishment of others and your own goals are the same.

If you're interested in achieving your goals the 3 'strategies' above are recommended and something you'll need to succeed in your noble pursuits. It's one thing to 'impulsively' choose any objective being it seems like the thing to do, but quite another to reach goals that are truly meaningful. As the discussion above clearly implies, whatever you set out to achieve will require a bit of planning as well as your focus and effort. Failure to take the time and diligence your preparations and efforts will demand will simply culminate in your own frustrations along with unfulfilled goals. 

Learn Fashion Design

by Prionka Ray

So you want to be a fashion designer? Here's a look at the courses available for those who want to choose fashion as a career

Singapore has seen a phenomenal rise in the world of fashion over the past years and as it establishes itself as a rising fashion hub, the need to foster talent is greater. Fashion Designing as a career has gained popularity and the educational institutes and private schools have grown in tandem, to roll out comprehensive courses for the aspiring designers.

A fashion designer is that creative person who not only designs apparels and accessories, but also who understands the trends in fashion and works within a team to translate a design concept in to a final product that you see at the store. A career in fashion can lead to opportunities as a fashion designer, costume designer, fashion consultant, fashion forecaster, fashion illustrator, merchandiser etc. These designers either work for wholesalers and manufacturers or are self-employed, designing for individual clients or specialty stores. Therefore, selecting a fashion course to enroll in will depend largely on your interests, the field you would like to specialise in and the expertise that you are hoping to attain. Most courses have a minimum English language requirement as a prerequisite and the degree and diploma courses expect a portfolio submission.

MDIS School of Fashion & Design

Why study here? MDIS, founded in 1956 is Singapore's oldest not-for-profit professional institute for lifelong learning, and it received its EduTrust Certification by the Council for Private Education in 2010. Its undergraduate programmes are offered together with its university partner, Nottingham Trent University.

Courses offered:

- * **Diploma in Fashion Design & Marketing**
Duration: 1 year
Intake: March, May, September
- * **Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Fashion Design**
Duration: 3 years
Intake: May, September (full-time courses).

LaSalle College of the Arts

Why study here? LaSalle is a non-profit, private educational institution operating autonomously with financial support from the Singapore Ministry of Education. LaSalle believes in shared experiences gained through creative collision between students, alumni, and faculty and it boasts of Asia-Pacific's widest range of courses offered. Notable alumni include Sunny Lim, Founder and Designer, MILS and Goh Ling Ling, Founder and Designer, Ling Wu.

Courses offered:

- * **Diploma in Fashion**
Duration: 3 years
Intake: August and January
- * **BA (Hons) in Fashion Design & Textiles (menswear)**
- * **BA (Hons) in Fashion Design & Textiles (womenswear)**
- * **BA (Hons) Fashion Media and Industries**
Duration: 3 years
Intake: August and January

Raffles Design Institute

Why study here? Founded in 1990, Raffles Design Institute is one of the first private institutions to offer a Fashion Design course. Over the years, students from Raffles Design Institute have won numerous competitions. Raffles Alumni Sven Tan, who has dressed celebrities like Fergie, Michelle Yeoh, Lucy Liu, Danni Minogue and Zhang Ziyi, is now co-owners of fashion label, 'In Good Company.'

Courses offered:

- * **Bachelor of Design with Major in Fashion Design**
Duration: 3 Years (Full-time)
Intake: January, April, July and October
- * **Master of Design specialising in Fashion Design**
Duration: 1 Year
Intake: January and July

NAFA (Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts)

Why study here? With three purpose-built campuses in the arts belt, NAFA is within walking distance from major performing venues, museums and arts groups. It has a low lecturer-to-student ratio and offers partnership programmes with reputable universities in the United Kingdom. In a survey conducted in 2011, NAFA diploma and degree holders gained employment within three months of graduation.

Courses offered:

- * **Diplomas in Fashion Design**
- * **Diploma in Fashion Merchandising and Marketing.**
Duration: 2 Years
Intake: July
- * **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Fashion (Top Up) in collaboration with University of East London**
- * **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Fashion and Marketing (Top Up) in collaboration with University of East London**
Duration: 3 years

The Academy of Fashion Professions

Why study here? They have local and global fashion collaborations enabling the Academy to stay in line with leading national and international fashion industry. The in-depth knowledge of pre-production processes within the fashion industry enables their students to move up the supply chain through capacity development in Merchandising, Design and Product Development.

Courses offered:

- * **WSQ Diploma in Fashion Technology (either in Merchandising & Marketing or in Apparel Design and Product Development).**
Duration: 3 Months
Intake: April, September and February

First Media Professional Training Centre

Why study here? First Media Design School (FMDS) is a specialised boutique design institution offering only designing, design management and design

entrepreneurship programmes. It is the education arm under the First Media Design Group

Courses offered:

The courses offered vary, depending on the awarding partner university and has time duration between 12 months to 24 months for BA Honours. One of them is BA Honours, Fashion (Top-up)

- * **BA (Honours) Fashion (Top-up)**
Duration: 1 Year or 720 contact hours
Intake: June
- * **Advanced Diploma in Fashion Design and Merchandising**
Duration- 2 Years
Intake: January, April, July and October.

Palin School of Art & Design

Why study here? They allow flexibility in learning as subjects are conducted on short or long term, part-time or full-time attendance basis for each category of courses.

Courses offered:

- * **Part time fashion design courses**


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What do They Say?

Users tell us what are their favourite apps and dream features

Irvan Nugraha - iPhone 4s

Favourite App: *gothere.sg.*



Dengan aplikasi ini, saya dapat mengetahui bus/mrt mana yang harus saya naiki untuk mencapai tempat tujuan saya di Singapura. Maklum saya sering tersesat! Hehehe.. **Dream Feature:**

Unlimited Battery Life karena baterai

handphone saya sering sekali habis, bahkan ketika saya sangat membutuhkannya!!

Yoana Linda - Samsung S3

Favourite App: *Whatsapp.* Di



waktu senggang, saya sering menggunakan aplikasi ini untuk bercengkrama dengan teman-teman saya baik yang di Indonesia, di Singapura, atau di mana pun. **Dream Feature:**

Shoot-n-search, di mana ketika saya

memotret suatu barang, handphone saya mampu dengan cepat menganalisa barang tersebut lalu memberikan nama, serta deskripsi, harga barang, dan tempat saya dapat membeli barang tersebut.

Timothy Pan - Samsung S3

Favourite App: *SBS Transit Iris.*



Ketika saya ingin berpergian, saya selalu menggunakan aplikasi ini untuk mengetahui nomor bus SBS yang harus saya naiki dan juga waktu tempuh ke tempat tujuan saya. **Dream Feature:**

Unlimited Travel Planner yang

dapat menyajikan rencana perjalanan di negara mana pun dengan hanya memasukkan tanggal dan budget perjalanan.

Andre Yusak - Samsung Note 2

Favourite App: *Skyscanner.* Aplikasi



ini mempermudah saya untuk mencari dan membandingkan harga tiket pesawat karena salah satu hobi saya adalah travelling! :) **Dream Feature:**

Adjustable Screen Size di mana

saya dapat merubah besar kecilnya layar sesuai dengan keinginan saya. Dengan ini, saya dapat memaksimalkan fungsi multitasking yang ada di handphone saya. ©

The S5 Arrives

More evolutionary than revolutionary: apart from the bigger screen and 16 megapixel camera, what are the other innovations inside the camera?

The last year or so, the big debate on the best smartphone to buy was centred on whether to choose the Samsung Galaxy S4 or iPhone 5. Then last February, that discussion has been overtaken by how appealing is the new Samsung S5 which was launched at the Mobile World Congress in Spain.

The verdict (so far) from the world's technology press is that the changes are more evolutionary than revolutionary with the most outstanding features being the new 5.1-inch high definition (1080p) screen, a 16 megapixel scanner, a finger-print scanner and a heart rate scanner located next to the LED flash.

The S5 is Samsung's flagship model and buyers expect the best and latest. The heart of the smartphone is the powerful Snapdragon 800 2.5GHz quad-core processor. The skin though is still the same in plastic (and not metal as some had hoped for) and in terms of looks, it is still similar to the S4 with its rounded corners, the main differentiating feature being the back of the phone having a rubber indented case which is supposed to make it easier to hold. The back case can be replaced in various colours.

Phone security is enhanced thanks to the new finger print scanner (first introduced by iPhone) which will be welcomed as it unlocks the phone and open its use for mobile payments. It was reported that Samsung in partnership with PayPal can allow Galaxy S5 users to authorise the online payment portal to make mobile payments with a touch of a finger.

Wealth is nothing without health and the new heart rate sensor should also please users as placing a finger over the smartphone's flash will give a reading of the heart rate and together with some pre-installed apps such as a fitness tracker and pedometer means the Korean phone maker has beat Apple with a truly wearable piece of technology that appeals to fitness fanatics and those worrying about their health.

Battery life

Battery life is another important area users are looking at and the S5 does not disappoint. Samsung claims thanks to a new built-in power saving mode, the removable 2,800 mAh battery life is almost doubled when the battery is low on charge – stretching up to 21 hours of talk time and more than two weeks on standby on a full charge.

File connection and transfers are also upgraded with the faster USB 3.0 connector. The phone itself comes with 16GB and 32GB internal storage along with an extra 64GB space via a plugged-in micro-SD card. It uses the latest Android 4.4.2 Kitkat operating system and worldwide availability according to reports from Spain says it will likely be by early April. ©



Increase Your Testosterone with Yoga

By Denis Hoyle

Testosterone is the hormone commonly known as the sex hormone in humans

Men and women both produce the hormone. Men do it through their testicles, while the women secrete the hormone through the ovaries. Both sexes also produce the hormone through the adrenal glands. Though both produce testosterone, men produce it ten times more than women.

Testosterone is normally looked upon as the sex hormone, but it has many roles in a male body. It is responsible for their sex drive, libido and sperm production, plus it also ensures traits in males that are considered to be masculine. These traits include physical strength, muscle mass, body hair, dominant behavior and bone strength. As men age the testosterone levels increase till a certain age then start to decrease gradually. In some of them the decrease can be sharper than others. Decreased testosterone levels mean a decrease in a male's libido and sex drive. However, since the hormone plays other important functions in a male's body, the other functions are also affected. Men feel fatigued and less motivated to work despite getting plenty of sleep. This happens because the hormone is an anabolic hormone responsible for muscle strength and overall energy. Hair loss, especially facial hair loss, and an increased amount of body fats are also experienced in such a scenario.


Increasing Testosterone

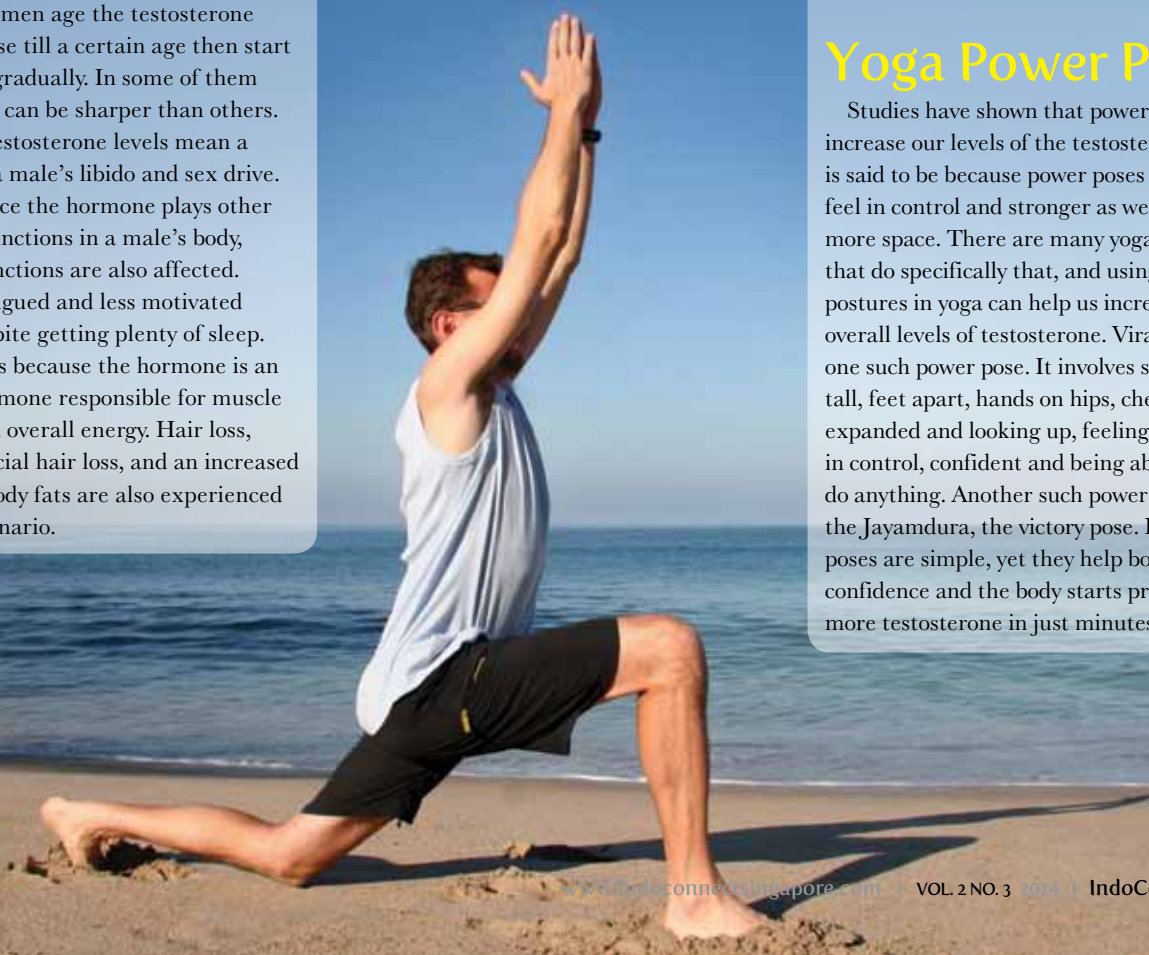
There are many ways of increasing the amount of testosterone produced in a male body. The easiest of them all is to remain stress free and have plenty of sleep. Reduced amounts of stress results in an increase of testosterone because, less stress means less cortisol produced in the body. Cortisol is the hormone of stress and decreases testosterone levels.

This is where yoga can help. Yoga stimulates our parasympathetic nervous system which is responsible for letting our bodies relax. Most yoga exercises are

designed for the purpose of stimulating the parasympathetic nervous system, which reduces the levels of cortisol present in our blood. As the levels of the stress hormone decrease, the levels of the sex hormone, that is testosterone, increase. Some yoga exercises which readily reduce stress and help us relax includes the Sukhasana — that is the easy pose and the Savasana — the corpse pose. In the easy pose, you have to sit back straight, legs folded, hands on knees and palms up, concentrating on breathing and feeling relaxed. In the corpse pose, you are supposed to lie flat on your back, keep the body loose, legs apart, hands on your side and focusing on your inside.

Yoga Power Poses

Studies have shown that power poses also increase our levels of the testosterone. This is said to be because power poses make us feel in control and stronger as we take up more space. There are many yoga poses that do specifically that, and using those postures in yoga can help us increase our overall levels of testosterone. Viramudra is one such power pose. It involves standing tall, feet apart, hands on hips, chest expanded and looking up, feeling being in control, confident and being able to do anything. Another such power pose is the Jayamdura, the victory pose. Both the poses are simple, yet they help boost our confidence and the body starts producing more testosterone in just minutes. 





What is Chiropractic?

A chiropractic doctor explains how removing obstacles in the nervous system helps the body heal itself naturally

Chiropractic is defined by the World Federation of Chiropractic as “A health profession concerned with the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mechanical disorders of the musculoskeletal system, and the effects of these disorders on the function of the nervous system and general health. There is an emphasis on manual treatments including spinal adjustment and other joint and soft-tissue manipulation.”

In other words, chiropractors believe in the body’s inherent ability to heal when the nervous system of the body is allowed to perform this task without interference. Diseases may afflict the body whenever the nervous system is compromised. The most common being the entrapment of a nerve. This creates a reaction of reflexes that affects blood flow and eventually, the organ that the blood is supplied to become stressed and works abnormally.

The job of a chiropractor is to remove interference to the nervous system so that the body will be able to heal itself naturally.

How does chiropractic treatment help?

Chiropractors are concerned with the interaction of the muscular-skeletal system and the nervous system, structurally. As the nervous system controls every cell in the body, it is important to keep that structure at an optimal state to function well. The chiropractic approach is to detect, correct and prevent nerve entrapment within the system naturally.

Hence, everybody benefits from chiropractic; be it an athlete, an elderly, an adult or a child. Without a proper functioning nervous system, the performance of an athlete or the optimal health of an individual would be compromise.

How is the chiropractic represented in Singapore?

Chiropractic profession is categorized under the traditional and complementary medicine branch of the Ministry of Health, Singapore.

The Chiropractic Association (Singapore), TCAS, is the professional national association in Singapore. It

plays an important role in maintaining the standard of practice and ethics of member chiropractors. TCAS is the official association to also represent Singapore at the World Federation of Chiropractic; an NGO of the World Health Organization. The association is the public’s best assurance for an ethical and professional service in Singapore. Members abide by a code of ethics and practices that are internationally recognized.

What trending problems are chiropractors observing in their practices?

Through my 18 years of practice, I have treated a whole range of conditions ranging from apnea to zygapophyseal joint degeneration. However, my colleagues and I, are witnessing a disturbing trend emerging with the usage of smart devices..

The use of smartphones, tablets and laptops are causing an increased occurrence of cervical spine-related conditions. Though this is often seen with office workers, the trend is now observed in kids who are using

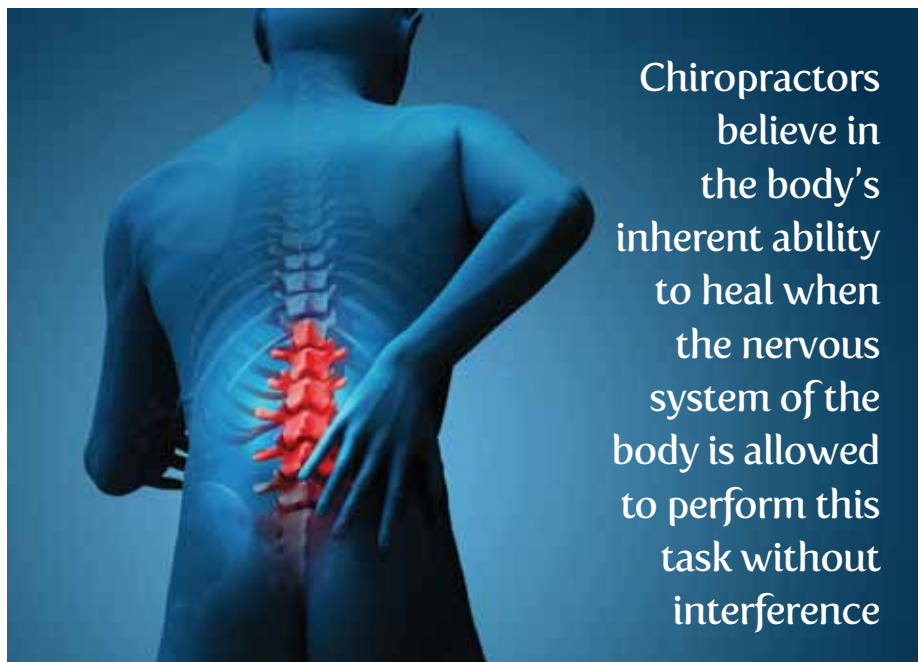
There is a new medical term known as “Ipad Shoulder” to describe “neck and shoulder discomfort” for smartphone and tablet users

these devices more often than adults.

The Chiropractic Association conducted a research survey and the findings were similar to a recent study by Microsoft and the US Department of Environmental Health. They also found that smartphone and tablet users have a higher potential for “neck and shoulder discomfort” compared to desktop users. There is also a new medical term known as “Ipad Shoulder” to describe injuries from these devices.

Patients would experience greater head and neck issues when these devices were used on the lap. Watching a movie or gaming puts undue strain on your neck and shoulders with improper posture over a constant period. This results in pain and over the long term, spinal diseases such as osteoarthritis. When the spinal joints are stressed chronically, the spinal structure adapts and eventually degenerates. We are now seeing early-stage posture problems in children.


The best solutions to these afflictions are adopting good posture habits with an active lifestyle, such as, taking periodic breaks from these devices and encouraging more physical activities. Proper ergonomic accessories and



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furniture also go a long way in combating neck and shoulder pain if used as instructed.

Existing pains in the neck and shoulder should be evaluated. Spinal adjustments from a chiropractor together with corrective exercises and good posture habits can help relieve pain and prevent future injuries. A study presented in the journal, Spine 2011, showed that supervised exercise received the most favourable outcome and patient satisfaction in terms of pain relief with improve mobility, and global improvement in general health status compared to patients treated only with manipulation.

As old habits die hard, persistently reinforcing good posture habits and an active lifestyle will reap the benefits of a healthy spine for a life-time. 

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How to **Avoid** Buying **TOXIC** Cosmetics **Online**

By Smith Francies

The number of online stores selling cheap cosmetics has mushroomed over the past few years

Many online stores sell nail polish, blush-on and makeup. But what most people don't know is that many, if not all, of these products are highly toxic. Despite well designed and marketed labels, many of these are highly toxic with little or no information given on the packaging or the site about its dangers. The end result is the hundreds of horror stories in newspapers and websites of women who have experienced severe adverse effects owing to use of cosmetics they purchased online. The surprising bit about this is the fact that it's not just small or new manufacturers but also a few established ones that fail to inform their buyers.



Finding out if they are toxic?



If you want to find out if a cosmetic product contains dangerous toxins then make sure to read the label. There should be a list of ingredients either on the box, the leaflet or on the website itself. If there is no detailed description of exactly what the makeup contains then it is best not to take the risk of buying something that may be dangerous to your health. The reason being that credible and established manufacturers will always list what their product contain even if they are selling it at a low price point.

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Beware of this toxic trio



Once you do get to read the list of ingredients how do you know which of these are toxic? Making an educated purchase requires that you be familiar with the so called toxic trio. These are three frequently used chemicals in the cosmetics industry but which are dangerous and which contribute to the toxicity of the formula.

- **Dibutyl phthalate (DBP):** Known to trigger severe asthma attacks cause breathing issues, and even temporary blindness, DBP is one of the most toxic chemicals used in cosmetics today. DBP has been associated with cancer and even reproductive issues when tested on lab animals. Some experts refer to this as being a potent male reproductive system disruptor.
- **Toluene:** An extremely strong solvent derived and found in crude gasoline. Toluene is known to cause temporary intoxication and dizziness. This volatile chemical if inhaled or perhaps absorbed through the skin, nails and hair will cause an array of health issues. It is important to note that toluene is often listed as toluol or phenylmethane.
- **Formaldehyde:** Considered as a human carcinogen by a number of American health agencies, Formaldehyde is an extremely irritating-creating chemical which can be especially dangerous for people with allergies. Many cosmetics sold online that list the chemical will list it as being "formalin" so women need to look out for this.

When purchasing cosmetics over the Internet it pays to be informed and vigilant. If you want to avoid buying highly toxic yet cheap cosmetics perhaps opt for their herbal or natural alternatives manufactured by reputed cosmetics companies. 





Dian Pelangi From Indonesia to the World

Menuju Indonesia menjadi pusat Fashion Muslim Dunia


Kecintaan dan kesetiaan Dian Pelangi dengan kain tradisional seperti jumputan, batik dan tenun, dalam di setiap rancangan busananya membawanya di kenal di dunia fashion Internasional. Lewat karyanya, Indonesia di kenal oleh dunia karena fashion muslimnya yang menarik dan khas. Karena eksistensinya, Dian Pelangi mendapat suatu kehormatan untuk berpartisipasi dalam acara “Haute Arabia High Tea 2014” yang akan dilaksanakan pada tanggal 17 Januari 2014 bertempat di Bulgari hotel 171, Knightsbridge, London UK.

Haute Arabia High Tea 2014, merupakan acara jamuan teh yang menampilkan Fashion Show designer Muslimah seluruh dunia yang berbasis di London. Acara ini akan menampilkan 12 designer dari seluruh dunia, dan Dian Pelangi terpilih menjadi satu-satunya desainer dari Indonesia dan akan menjadi desainer penutup.

Haute Arabia 2014 akan di hadiri oleh kalangan VVIP dan VIP dari London dan Timur tengah. First Lady Qatar Sheikha Mozah yang menjadi guest of honor, para bangsawan dari seluruh Timur Tengah, Afrika Utara, buyer Internasional, fashion

blogger, Artis dan media Internasional ikut hadir memeriahkan acara ini.

Dian akan menampilkan 15 koleksi busana muslim bertemakan “Royal Kingdom of Indonesia” yang dirancang khusus selama 2 bulan. Terinspirasi dari kerajaan-kerajaan yang ada di Inggris, Dian mempersembahkan busana yang diadaptasi dari kerajaan-kerajaan di Indonesia seperti Sriwijaya yang di modifikasi menjadi busana muslim modern. Selain menampilkan busana, Dian juga akan menampilkan seni tari Indonesia, menghadirkan snack dan memberikan souvenir khas Indonesia persembahkan Dian Pelangi dan Kementrian Pariwisata dan Ekonomi Kreatif.

Pada Misi Kebudayaan kali ini, Dian mendapat dukungan penuh dari Kementerian Pariwisata dan Ekonomi Kreatif sebagai perwakilan desainer muslim dari Indonesia. Dian juga sangat berharap atas dukungan yang sama dari rekan-rekan media untuk menginformasikan kepada masyarakat Indonesia kabar bahagia ini agar menjadi suatu kebanggaan bagi rakyat Indonesia. Dian selalu berharap dapat menjadi Inspirasi masyarakat Indonesia untuk mengharumkan nama bangsa dan dapat membantu mewujudkan impian para desainer Indonesia untuk menjadikan Indonesia sebagai pusat fashion muslim dunia. 



Indonesia Fashion Week Goes Green

This year's Indonesia Fashion Week will place environmental concerns in the spotlight with terms like sustainable or eco-fashion championing the Green Movement. The event will be held at the Jakarta Convention Centre from 20 to 23 February 2014.

What is Green Fashion? According to leading fashion couturier, Auguste Soesastro, for his fashion brand Kraton, "We seek to lessen any negative impact of modernisation. What we produce as a result of our creative efforts should minimise waste and we should try to also use natural materials, for example, pineapple fibre in our creations."

The event is Indonesia's largest fashion and trade show that showcases the country's latest designers with extravagant fashion shows, seminars and competitions. It covers all important elements of fashion from designers, academic institutions, business, association to government.

To find out more about who are the designers featured here which includes finalists of the Indonesia Week Fashion Show Competition visit: www.indonesiafashionweek.com







Maison&Objet Asia Debut Showcase Indonesian Designer

High-end furnishing exhibition singles out Indonesian furniture designer Denny Priyatna as one of Asia's rising talents

For the first time in Asia, the high-end European furnishing and decor show, Maison&Objet will debut at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre this March. Apart from showcasing the best of the décor world, it will also feature elements like the Designer of the Year, Interior Design & Lifestyle Summit and Rising Asian Talents. Identified as one of the six rising talents in Asia is the Indonesian star furniture designer, Denny R Priyatna.

Jakarta-based Denny, a graduate from the Bandung Institute of Technology designs furniture, lighting, tableware, home decorations and consumer goods. Denny's designs are known to intentionally blur the line between the animate and the inanimate and they frequently merge the old with the new. The young designer has accumulated multiple awards for his work. Notable among these are the Singapore Furniture Design Award (2013), the Bravacasa Indonesia Design Challenge award (2012)

and the Eco Mobility World Festival Video Contest (2013).

He has also been a Runner Up for the Mookum & I-Materialise Award (2012) and a Finalist for the Black Innovation Award (2012). His award-winning product, titled the 'Exploded Chair,' attempted to depict the process of turning raw materials into a final product.

“It is always interesting to see how humans communicate with inanimate objects, like a child talking to his toys as if they are real.”

Another product, the 'J Low Chair' was inspired by the Indonesian traditions and the 'Aksara Wall Clock' showcased the originality of the Indonesian script.


Denny, being a new designer, prefers to follow his “intuition” rather than hastily deciding on a signature style. His priority, he says, is to break his own boundaries and gain knowledge “without any limitation.” Though culture and society inspire his art to a considerable extent, he believes that the “emotional relationship between human and inanimate object” remains his main influence. “It is always interesting to see how humans communicate with inanimate objects,” he says, “like a child talking to his toys as if they are real.” He hopes that his creations would also communicate with people in “this way.” He hopes that his products, apart from functioning as tools required for an activity, would also be a means of facilitating a communication, which according to him, occurs when



1. Apolite Table Lamp 2. J Low Chair 3. Keis Chair

users acknowledge the thought behind the designs they use.

The twenty-four-year-old designer likes to travel. When not designing, Denny also enjoys playing music and finding “new places to waste time- especially the coffee shops.” Jakarta, according to him has some “beautiful and peaceful places,” in spite of being a busy city. These places help him to relax and serve as his inspiration. Since his work is equally inspired by the Indonesian culture, he frequently alludes to the customs and traditions of Indonesia. Finding the ‘connection’ with the other Asian designers, Denny feels that though the Asian countries have their own “culture-influenced characteristics,” there is a string that connects one country to another. Asia, he feels, has a strong tradition of craftsmanship, which puts it in an advantageous position.

Likening the current designing scene in Indonesia to a “Guerrilla Movement,” Denny says there are too many diverse design-related events running there independently. “But it’s just a matter of time,” he then adds, “When this (very) diversity will unite us all.” 



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Maison&Objet Expo Note

At the time of going to press, there will be three Indonesian exhibitors at the inaugural Maison&Objet Show on 10 to 13 March 2014 at the MBS Expo & Convention Centre:

- Carlo (www.carloshowroom.com)
- Ong Cen Kuang (www.ockdesigns.com) and, of course,
- Denny (www.dennypryatna.com).

For more on the show (also held in Paris twice a year), visit: www.maison-objet.com/en/asia

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FHA 2014:

About 50 Indonesian Companies Coming

The business of food at the biggest regional Food & Beverage industry show will take place this April

FoodHotelAsia (FHA) 2014 together with Wine&SpiritsAsia 2014, is the biggest and most important regional food, beverage and hospitality show to be held in Singapore from 8 to 11 April. For the first time, all nine exhibition halls at Singapore Expo will be taken up by exhibitors from all over the world including 48 firms from Indonesia (as of press time).

Among them will be small medium enterprises to conglomerates that range from well known food companies and brands like PT Sinar Sosro, PT IndoFood Sukses Makmur, PT SMART Tbk and food distribution companies like PT Diamond Cold Storage.

To browse through the full list of exhibitors visit:
<http://www.foodnhotelasia.com/index.php/to-visit/list-of-exhibitors/>

The event is meant for the trade and industry and consists of five speciality shows: FoodAsia, HotelAsia, Bakery & pastry, HospitalityStyleAsia, HospitalityTechnology and something new for this year: SpecialityCoffee&Tea.

According to Ms Ting Siew Mui, the Project Director of Lifestyle at Singapore Exhibition Services the latest speciality show was created because, "Rising affluence and changing lifestyles in the region has created greater demand for gourmet coffee."

Coffee is one of Indonesia's major farm products, the others being rice, cassava (tapioca), peanuts, rubber, cocoa, palm oil, coconut products, poultry, beef, pork, eggs and seafood.



Competitions

The top chefs and cooking teams in the region will also compete for the FHA Culinary Challenge 2014 in which 856 chefs from 23 countries will compete. The winner will be chosen by a panel of internationally-acclaimed chefs headed by Chief Judge Otto Weibel. Altogether there will be seven competitions for various individual and team challenges, wines, cocktails, gourmet, latte, barista and pastry, categories amongst others.

Since 2010, Wine&SpiritAsia (WSA) has been held alongside FHA. WSA is the region's premier industry event for the wine trade attracting 200 exhibitors from 20 countries and seven country pavilions with Spain having the largest pavillion.

Overall, about 2,800 exhibitors from 70 countries (80 per cent overseas representation) are participating and 64,000 visitors expected to attend this year's FHA. The exhibition is a 'must' event for anyone involved in the F&B industry and is open to only business and trade professionals. For more information, please visit www.foodnhotelasia.com and www.winespiritsasia.com. 



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Founded by Esad Sedjic and Mojtaba 'Moshee' Tehrani, Sahara is an institution in the Singapore food scene. The former S-League players, Esad and Moshee, bring the same energy and enthusiasm they displayed on the football pitch to serve the best of authentic Persian and Mediterranean food at the Sahara Authentic Persian Restaurant.



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30 Ikon Kuliner Tradisional Indonesia

A collection of 30 dishes have been compiled to highlight traditional Indonesian culinary icons. IndoConnect brings you a selection of these dishes that raise the awareness and richness of the country's culinary culture.



Soto Ayam Lamongan

Bahan (7-8 porsi):

- 3.000 cc air untuk merebus ayam
- 500 gr (½ ekor) ayam kampung bersih
- 3 batang serai, dimemarkan
- 3 cm lengkuas, dimemarkan
- 3 butir cengkih
- ½ butir pala
- 1½ sdt garam
- 2 butir jeruk nipis, dibelah-belah
- 1½ sdm kecap manis
- Minyak goreng

Bumbu dihaluskan bersama:

- 12 butir bawang merah
- 6 siung bawang putih
- 3 cm jahe
- 3 cm kunyit
- 5 butir kemiri sangrai
- 1½ sdt merica
- 1 ½ sdt ketumbar sangrai

Pelengkap:

- 50 gr suun kering, direndam dalam air hingga lembut, digunting 10 cm
- 3 butir telur, rebus, dibelah-belah
- 50 gr kol diiris ½ cm, direbus
- 150 gr tauge, diseduh air panas sebentar
- 2 batang seledri, diiris-iris ½ cm
- 3 sdm bawang putih goreng
- Sambal cabai

1. Ayam direbus bersama serai, lengkuas, cengkih, dan garam sampai mendidih, kecilkan api. Rebus kembali sampai kuah ayam berkurang. Keluarkan ayam, takar kaldunya sebanyak 750 cc kalau kurang tambahkan air, masak kembali. Goreng ayam sebentar, angkat, tiriskan, lalu disuwir-suwir, sisihkan.

2. Panaskan 6 sdm minyak goreng, tumis bumbu halus sampai matang dan harum, tuang ke dalam panci kuah soto. Didihkan kembali, beri kecap manis, angkat.

3. **Penyajian:** Atur dalam mangkok saji, kol, ayam suwir, tauge, dan suun di dalamnya. Tuang kuah soto yang panas, taburi seledri dan bawang putih goreng. Beri telur rebus di atasnya. Sajikan selagi panas dengan sambal cabai dan jeruk nipis iris.



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Orak Arik Solo



Bahan (6 porsi):

10	butir bawang merah diiris tipis	200	gr udang dikupas kulit dan dibuang kepala
3-4	siung bawang putih diiris tipis	1-1 ½	sdt garam
3	buah cabai merah buang bijinya, dipotong-potong	1	sdt gula pasir
2	cm lengkuas, dimemarkan	500	gr buncis dibuang serat pada ujung-ujungnya, dipotong serong ½ cm
3	lembar daun salam		
2	batang serai dimemarkan	100	cc air
5	buah ampela dipotong tipis	1-1½	sdm air asam



1. Tumis bawang merah, bawang putih sampai harum, masukkan cabai merah, lengkuas, daun salam dan serai. Tumis hingga layu, baru campurkan ampela, udang berikut garam dan gula.

2. Setelah ampela matang, masukkan buncis dan air, masak hingga matang. Air asam dicampurkan sesaat sebelum diangkat dari api.

3. Bila menghendaki kuah agak banyak, tambahkan 100 cc air lagi, sesuaikan jumlah garam dan gulanya sesuai selera.

Sarikayo



Mingangkabau

Bahan (20 buah):

250	gr gula pasir
200	cc air
6	butir telur
20	lembar daun pandan (sebagian bisa diganti daun suji, bila ada)
100	cc air
1	sdt air kapur sirih
450	cc santan, dari 1 butir kelapa tua
2	sdt garam
1	sdm tepung maizenna, larutkan dalam 2 sdm air
20	buah mangkuk volume ± 75 cc

1. Campur tepung beras, kelapa parut, dan garam, aduk-aduk sambil dituang santan dan air daun pandan sedikit demi sedikit. Aduk-aduk terus sekitar 15 menit, sampai lembut dan halus.

2. Panaskan cetakan/wajan serabi. Olesi minyak pada permukaan wajan.

3. Tuangkan 4 sdm adonan, tutup dengan penutupnya/tutup panci kecil. Jika adonan mulai terlihat berporipori dan adonan di permukaan serabi sudah padat dan licin, keluarkan serabi dengan mencongkel dengan sutil kecil. Sajikan dengan saus.

4. Saus gula merah: rebus semua bahan, gunakan api kecil, aduk-aduk sampai mendidih, angkat, hidangkan sebagai saus



Baby Skin Care Tips for Parents

A lovely, soft cuddly child is every parents dream. Everyone likes to touch the newborn's skin yet we sometimes tend to forget that baby skin is very sensitive and delicate

Baby Nathan Fights all odds

A fifteen month-old Indonesian baby Nathan Stefanus, has been fighting for his life for the last few months here at Singapore's National University Hospital. Despite the numerable tubes attached to his tiny body, Baby Nathan clasps the visitors' fingers as tight as any other infant his age. However, unlike the others his age he has been clasping for dear life since November 3, 2013. His parents Ian Stefanus and Ria both 30, flew him to Singapore in December after the doctors in Bandung Indonesia advised them to do so.

Starting with a fever back home his condition has become complicated in the last few months. Since his arrival here, he has been operated on six times, had an attack of Stephan Johnson Syndrome and now is suffering from kidney failure. The doctors have recommended dialysis, which his tiny body may struggle to withstand.

The parents are from a very humble background and the medical expenditure that they have incurred is beyond their capacity. While the doctors and nurses at NUH have grown attached to baby Nathan, the parents expressed deep gratitude for their care and empathy. "We have faith in God and our prayer and we know he will take us out of this situation. With all the care and blessings we will surely take baby Nathan home soon," say Stefanus and Ria. They are very grateful to many Indonesian community members and MacDonaldis in Singapore who came forth to offer help in many ways. While the ordeal for Nathan and his family is far from over, they also have mounting bills to pay.

Readers wishing to help baby Nathan Stefanus can directly reach out to:

Hospital: National University Hospital

Name: Nathan Stefanus

ID number: X3462565D

DOB: 13 Nov, 2012. ©

A new born is very fragile, as is it's still-developing immune system as its developing after the baby is born. In this period when the baby's immune system is developing, the newborn is susceptible to infections. Taking care of the baby is very important and so is skin care. Baby skin is quite different from that of an adult, so it takes more work and care to keep it smooth and beautiful. There are a variety of skin conditions that a new born baby can suffer from; however, there are a few skin products that may help alleviate the problem, it is also possible that some may even worsen the skin condition.

Since the baby's skin is sensitive, it usually develops different skin conditions. You may often not know the type of skin condition the baby is suffering from. To overcome this issue here are a few parenting tips for new parents. Information on the common types of skin conditions that babies face are mentioned below.

Acne: There are times when you see pink spots on your baby's skin, especially on the face. The reason for acne could be the hormones from the mother. Most often acne does occur in newborn babies but soon fades away on its own, without any extra skin care needed.

Baby Chafing: Chafing is a condition that happens when there is friction between the skin and the baby's clothing. It can also happen when the baby's skin rubs against skin. What you can do is make sure the baby is not dressed in tight clothes and use cornstarch powder to help prevent chafing.

Rash due to heat: Extra heat and humidity are often reasons that cause heat rashes that appear as pink spots all over the baby's body. To prevent rash parents should dress the baby in loose clothes. The baby's crib should be placed in an area that is not too warm or humid. Doing so will allow the baby's skin to breathe and not cause friction that is the reason for heat rash.

Eczema: Scaly skin, irritation and redness are some of the symptoms of eczema that a child may suffer from. Eczema can be prevented by keeping the baby's skin clean and dry. It is also prudent to discuss the same with your child specialist before trying any skin care product for the baby's skin. Most often products meant for sensitive skin can be used for babies suffering from eczema. Parenting tips for baby skin care are often ones that need the parents to use their common sense. Taking care of the baby is a huge responsibility but worth all the trouble taken to care for them. ©





Know the Facts of Online Dating

Online dating is getting very popular and if you would like to join this world, there are a few things that you should keep in mind


As with the other aspects of life, you will have more success if you follow the rules of the game and treat other people with respect. Some people may not realize these rules but in the end it will mean the difference between you getting the date and continuing to be single.

If you find an attractive picture online, it is ok to tell the person that you think they are nice looking. However looks are not everything. If that is all that you have to say online, then it is going to be better not to say anything at all. Read the person's profile so that you can say something more than just a comment about their looks.

You can read the profile in all situations. Always look at a person's "My perfect date" section to see what he or she is going to be interested in. Most people are looking for others within a certain age range and distance from home. They might also have preferences about children, smoking, religion, looks, race, and sexual preferences. If you are 33 and someone online is looking for a date between 20 and 28, he or she is not looking for you so you need to pass them by.

Do not send an initial email if you did not read the profile. Ask general questions like "How are you?" and "What can you tell me about yourself?" can be annoying. Be more specific and ask the other person questions that can be answered in an email back to you and your questions will show her your personal interests.

The most important thing is if another person is not interested, move past them. Sometimes people will not answer your messages on purpose. This is a very common and acceptable way of showing you have no interest in the online world. Do not repeatedly send messages that ask a person if they got your previous message. They got them and they are simply not interested. If someone writes you back and indicated that there is no chemistry for him or her, let the issue go.

There are millions of other profiles for you to pursue and someone is going to reply. Writing back to that person and telling them that they are close-minded, mean, or something unpleasant is not going to help and it is against the websites rules. Use your common sense and do not do or say anything that you would never do or say in real life. Online dating can be more fun for everyone if you follow the etiquette rules. 

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ENGLISH TO INDO



Siapa sih yang tidak pernah mendengar situs kencan online? Seiring dengan perkembangan teknologi dan zaman, kencan melalui online sudah merupakan sesuatu yang tidak asing lagi.

Ketika kalian tertarik dengan foto yang dipasang oleh seseorang, tidak ada salahnya kalian memuji dia, tetapi apakah paras wajah cantik saja cukup?

Kenali orang tersebut lebih detail melalui profilnya untuk mengetahui kriteria yang ia inginkan dari pasangan. Apabila kriteria kalian sesuai, mulailah mengirimkan surat untuk mengenal dia lebih dalam.

Apabila orang tersebut merespon surat kalian, ini merupakan langkah awal yang baik. Dan selanjutnya, itu tergantung kalian bagaimana kalian menyikapinya. 



The 56th Grammy Awards held 28 January shines the light on the best of the music world. If you are looking out for something new to listen to or want to see if your favourite artist is in this list, the following are the major winners. For the record the biggest winner was hip-hop duo Macklemore who won in four categories: Best New Artist, Rap Album, Rap Song and Rap Performance.

Album Of The Year:

“Random Access Memories” — Daft Punk

Record Of The Year:

“Get Lucky” — Daft Punk & Pharrell Williams

Song Of The Year:

“Royals” — Joel Little & Ella Yelich O'Connor, songwriters (Lorde)

Best New Artist:

Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

Best Pop Solo Performance:

“Royals” — Lorde

Best Pop Duo/Group Performance:

“Get Lucky” — Daft Punk & Pharrell Williams

Best Pop Vocal Album:

“Unorthodox Jukebox” — Bruno Mars

Best Pop Instrumental Album:

“Steppin’ Out” — Herb Alpert

Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album:

“To Be Loved” — Michael Bublé

Best Rock Performance:

“Radioactive” — Imagine Dragons

Best Rock Album:

“Celebration Day” — Led Zeppelin

Best Metal Performance:

“God Is Dead?” — Black Sabbath

Best Rock Song:

“Cut Me Some Slack” — Dave Grohl, Paul McCartney, Krist Novoselic & Pat Smear, songwriters (Paul McCartney, Dave Grohl, Krist Novoselic, Pat Smear)

Best Alternative Music Album:

“Modern Vampires Of The City” — Vampire Weekend

Best Music Video:

Suit & Tie — Justin Timberlake Featuring Jay Z (David Fincher, video director; Timory King, video producer)

How to Run Effective Webcasts

Webcasts are technically live Internet broadcasts; however, due to their video nature, many video webcasts are posted for posterity either internally or for the general public

Whether your video webcast is a one-time event or will be made available for years to come, you’ll want it to be both effective and professional. Use these tips to ensure that your webcasts are both.

Production Values

Approach your video webcasts as you would any other video production. Just as lighting, appropriate attire, an attractive stage, and sound quality are important when shooting a corporate video, the same is true of a video webcast. If your office has sufficient space, consider building a small studio for holding webcasts. If not, you can temporarily convert a conference room or other space into a studio.

Content

Just as you’d script a corporate video, the same is true of your video webcast. This doesn’t necessarily mean that every word needs to be scripted. It does mean that you should have a well thought out agenda. Consider both the audio and video content. For example, if you will be discussing regional sales figures, make sure to include graphics that illustrate them visually.

Participation


Unlike traditional videos, video webcasts typically include participants. This interactivity adds a measure of unpredictability to your webcast. Determine in advance who will participate in the webcast and at what level. For example, will your audience be relatively passive until you open up the webcast for questions or will your webcast be more of a “round table” meeting where participants interact throughout? Will you have specific speakers who talk at specific times and for predetermined lengths of time? Another consideration involves which interactive features to enable. For example, do you want participants to be able to use text-based chats during the webcast? Would an online poll complement your video webcast?

Time Considerations

Effective video webcasts are neither too short or too long. By creating an agenda or loosely scripting your webcast, you will have a much better sense of how much time to allot for your webcast. Once you have scheduled it and invited participants, be as mindful as possible about timing. If you’ve told everyone the webcast will take up just 20 minutes of their time, don’t allow it to run over.

Technical Considerations

Have a plan for technical difficulties. Many video webcasters have an assistant standing by specifically to help should something go awry. For example, if a participant can’t hear the audio, instead of halting the webcast while you figure it out, your assistant can help troubleshoot the issue.

Finally, rehearse your webcast before the actual event. Rehearsals with all equipment and a few assistants can help you to overcome any obstacles and fine-tune your presentation in advance. Knowing that all of the kinks have been worked out will help you to deliver your webcast with confidence. 



Nonton Yuk!

Berikut ini kami sajikan tiga film blockbuster Hollywood yang akan segera hadir ke bioskop kesayangan kalian.



The Amazing Spiderman 2

IndoConnect Predicts: ●●●●●○

Director: Marc Webb

Stars: Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Jamie Foxx, Paul Giamatti

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (known as The Amazing Spider-Man 2: Rise of Electro in some countries) is an upcoming American superhero film featuring the Marvel Comics character Spider-Man, directed by Marc Webb and released by Columbia Pictures. It serves as a sequel to the 2012 film The Amazing Spider-Man and was announced in 2011. The studio hired James Vanderbilt to write the screenplay and Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci to re-write it. Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Jamie Foxx, Dane DeHaan, Campbell Scott, Embeth Davidtz, Colm Feore, Paul Giamatti and Sally Field are set to star.

Development of The Amazing Spider-Man 2 began after the success of The Amazing Spider-Man. DeHaan, Giamatti, Jones, and Cooper were cast between December 2012 and February 2013. Filming took place in New York from February to June 2013. The film is scheduled to be released in 2D, 3D and IMAX 3D on May 2, 2014.



Maleficent

IndoConnect Predicts: ●●●○○○

Director: Robert Stromberg

Stars: Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley, Miranda Richardson

Maleficent is an upcoming 2014 dark fantasy film directed by Robert Stromberg and produced by Walt Disney Pictures, from a screenplay written by Paul Dini and Linda Woolverton. Starring Angelina Jolie as the eponymous Disney Villainess

character, the film is both a prequel and a re-imagining of Walt Disney's 1959 animated adaptation of Sleeping Beauty, and portrays the story from the perspective of the antagonist, Maleficent. It began filming on June 18, 2012, and is scheduled for release on May 30, 2014 in the Disney Digital 3D and RealD 3D formats, as well as in conventional theatres.



X-Men: Days of Future Past


IndoConnect Predicts: ●●●●●●

Director: Bryan Singer

Stars: Jennifer Lawrence, Evan Peters, Michael Fassbender, Nicholas Hoult

X-Men: Days of Future Past is an upcoming 2014 American superhero film, based on the fictional X-Men characters appearing in Marvel Comics and on the 1981 Uncanny X-Men storyline "Days of Future Past" by Chris Claremont and John Byrne. Directed by Bryan Singer, it is the seventh film in the X-Men film series and the third X-Men film directed by Singer after 2000's X-Men and 2003's X2.

It stars an ensemble cast including Hugh Jackman, James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Halle Berry, Anna Paquin, Jennifer Lawrence, Ellen Page, Peter Dinklage, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Shawn Ashmore, Daniel Cudmore, Nicholas Hoult, Omar Sy, Booboo Stewart, Fan Bingbing, Adan Canto, Evan Peters, Josh Helman, Evan Joingket and Lucas Till. The story is written by Simon Kinberg, Matthew Vaughn and Jane Goldman, with Kinberg writing the screenplay.

Days of Future Past acts as a sequel to both 2006's X-Men: The Last Stand and 2011's X-Men: First Class, as well as a follow-up to 2013's The Wolverine. Principal photography began in April 2013 in Montreal, Canada and ended in August 2013. The film was shot in 3D and is scheduled to be released on May 23, 2014. 

Pojok Jenaka

Menurut penelitian, ketawa itu sehat. Oleh sebab itu, mulai edisi ini, IndoConnect akan menghadirkan pojok jenaka.



A Lesson in Politics

A son asks his father, "What can you tell me about politics? I have to learn about it for school tomorrow."


The father thought some and said, "OK, son, the best way I can describe politics is to use an analogy. Let's say that I'm a capitalist because I'm the breadwinner. Your mother will be the government because she controls everything, our maid will be the working class because she works for us, you will be the people because you answer to us, and your baby brother will be the future. Does that help any?"

The little boy said, "Well, Dad, I don't know, but I'll think about what you said."

Later that night, after everyone had gone to bed, the little boy was awakened by his baby brother's crying. Upon further investigation, he found a dirty diaper. So, he went down the hall to his parent's bedroom and found his father's side of the bed empty and his mother wouldn't wake up. Then he saw a light on in the guest room down the hall, and when he reached the door, he saw through the crack that his father was in bed with the maid. The son then turned and went back to bed.

The next morning, he said to his father at the breakfast table, "Dad, I think I understand politics much better now."

"Excellent, my boy," he answered, "What have you learned?"

The little boy thought for a minute and said, "I learned that capitalism is screwing the working class, government is sound asleep ignoring the people, and the future's full of crap." 

Here's Little Johnny!

A teacher in New York City wanted to see how many animals the city kids in her fourth-grade class could identify.

She drew a picture of a cow on the blackboard and said, "Who can tell me what this is?"

A little girl raised her hand.

"Yes, Janie, what do you think it is?"

"It's a cow, teacher."

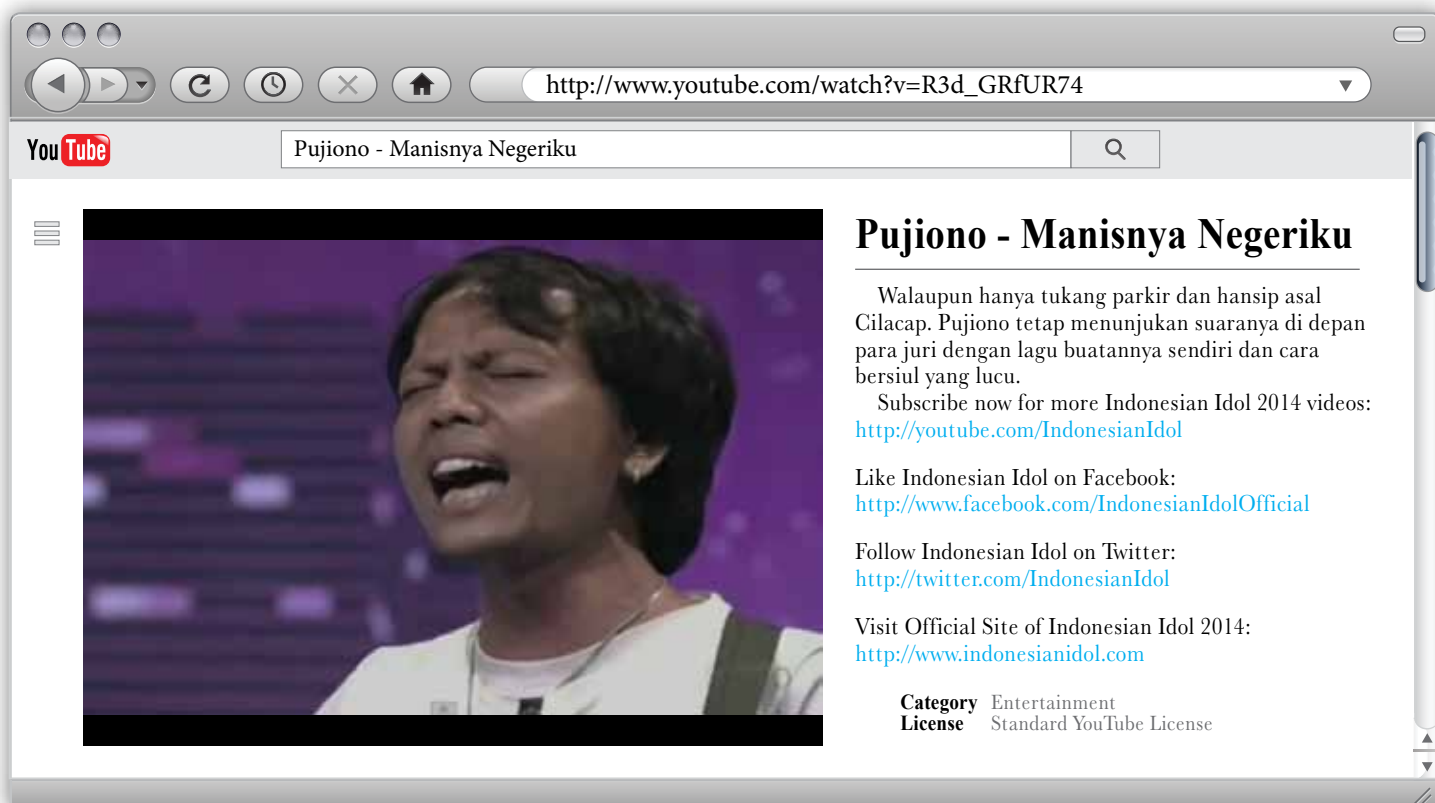
"Very good, Janie," said the teacher.

Then she drew a picture of a pig, and a little boy answered correctly. She drew several other barnyard animals and was unable to stump the class.

Finally, she decided to try something a little more difficult. She drew a stag with a large spread of antlers. The kids just stared, but nobody offered an answer.

"I'll give you a hint," said the teacher. "What does your mommy call your daddy when she's trying to be 'lovey-dovey'?"

Instantly, little Johnny raised his hand and said, "Ooh, ooh!, I know, Teacher. It's a big horny bastard!"



The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. The address bar displays the URL: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3d_GRfUR74. The video title is "Pujiono - Manisnya Negeriku". The video thumbnail shows a man singing into a microphone. To the right of the video player, there is a description of the video and links to subscribe, like on Facebook, follow on Twitter, and visit the official site of Indonesian Idol 2014.

Pujiono - Manisnya Negeriku

Walaupun hanya tukang parkir dan hansip asal Cilacap. Pujiono tetap menunjukan suaranya di depan para juri dengan lagu buatannya sendiri dan cara bersiul yang lucu.

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CARI KATA

Carilah nama-nama olah raga (dalam Bahasa Inggris) sebanyak-banyaknya yang tersembunyi di dalam daftar huruf-huruf di samping. Nama-nama olah raga tersebut dapat dicari secara diagonal, horizontal, dan vertikal dari kanan ke kiri atau atas ke bawah dan sebaliknya.





YEAR OF THE HORSE

So what does the year of the Horse 2014 hold for you?

HORSE

(1990 1978 1966 1954 1942 1930)

The horse person is into a year of conflict. Beware of your health. Stay away from gambling and speculations. Your regular income should be ok. You have a leadership sign this year. Your authority may increase.

WORK If you are in a position of authority, you would do very well. You favor to be in government office, army, police or lawyer. However, speculative businesses (such as stock markets) are bad for you.

WEALTH Don't expect to make big money. Value your proper income. You may find it easier to earn fame than real money.

RELATIONS There won't be much excitement in your relationships. If you are single, you may want to delay your marriage. There would be arguments. Spiritual endeavors would be good for you.

HEALTH You may tend to get tired easily and subject to small ailments. Exercise more and rest well

SHEEP

(1991 1979 1967 1955 1943 1931)

This is a connecting year for you. You may get lots of help from other people. Your people relations are good. This year especially favors the male sheep people. However, you are subject to accidents. Don't push yourself over your limit.

WORK You favor businesses to do with cars. You also favor analytical work. If you are a surgeon, butcher, soldier or police, you should do very well. Other favorable businesses include public relations and entertainment.

WEALTH Your wealth would be stable and even going up. Both regular and speculative incomes are good for you. For investments, you should simplify your portfolio.

RELATIONS This year makes you very lovable. Beware of love triangles. If you are still single, consider marriage. If you are married, you should be more loving to each other.

HEALTH You are much healthier compared with last year. However, you tend to get hurt easily. Take your time in your work and drive carefully.

MONKEY

(1992 1980 1968 1956 1944 1932)

The monkey person is into a year of great motilities. You would either move or travel. You should not be too stationary. The more you move around, the better you would do. However, you are also prone to legal conflicts. Hence you should ensure doing things within the law. You favor learning and writing exams. Beware of the health of your elderly relatives.

WORK You favor movements. Good businesses for you include trading, logistics, sales and marketing, travel, financial, etc. You also favor businesses to do with the law, education, funeral and burials. Politics is also good for you this year.

WEALTH You would enjoy good income this year. If you are employed, there could be promotions. Your investments should do well.

RELATIONS You have a loneliness sign. If you are still single, don't expect much romance. If you are married, it would be stable and lasting.

HEALTH Your overall health is good. Be careful of accidents such as from driving.

ROOSTER

(1993 1981 1969 1957 1945 1933)

This is a breaking year for the rooster person. You are prone to problems with people and emotions. Your relations also tend to be volatile. Luckily, there are friends to help you out. Your work would generally end up ok. There would be many opportunities for your work or business.

WORK You favor businesses to do with the army, police, law or politics. You would do better outside the office than inside.

WEALTH You must not gamble or speculate this year. Even for investments, you should be more conservative.

RELATIONS In spite of many romances, there are also many arguments. When you deal with people, take a step back; otherwise you may break your relations.

HEALTH You are subject to many small accidents and problems. Pay attention to your heart and lungs.

DOG

(1994 1982 1970 1958 1946 1934)

This is a triple connecting year for the dog person. There are many opportunities for both work and investments. People relations are good. There would be luck with you. Try to expand what you do.

WORK You favor businesses to do with arts, music, painting and acting. You are creative. You also would do well in fields such as architecture, story writing. Acting or singing is also favorable for you.

WEALTH Your money should be stable. If you do investments, use your instincts. They may be more effective than your logic.

RELATIONS If you are still single, consider marriage. If you are married, you should be more loving. In dealing with people, be humble because there would be people jealous of you.

HEALTH You are generally very healthy. Just watch out for over eating. Watch your digestion and your weight.

BOAR

(1995 1983 1971 1959 1947 1935)

This is your spiritual year. You would make a lot of friends. You would be surrounded by people who can help you. There may be a breakthrough for your business. You may step into a new area of work. However, most of your achievements require a lot of efforts at the beginning.

WORK You would do very well if you are in a spiritual business, such as metaphysics, religions or arts. You also favor public relations, human resources, media and politics.

WEALTH Your wealth would be stable. However, you should stay away from gambling or speculations.

RELATIONS Your relations would be flat but stable. You may communicate better spiritually. This would be longer lasting too.

HEALTH Your health is much better than last year. Even if you get sick, you would recover relatively fast.

RAT

(1996 1984 1972 1960 1948 1936)

This is an opposition year for you. You may lose money. Hence stay away from gambling. Otherwise, you do have a lucky sign with you that should get you out of trouble from time to time.

WORK Stay away from gambling or stock markets. You favor show business, including beauty pageants, esthetics, arts, etc.

WEALTH You have a money-losing sign. You must not gamble or speculate. Longterm investments are ok. The old saying is that: if you are not greedy, you won't lose money.

RELATIONS There would easily be controversies and arguments. Try to be quiet and patient.

HEALTH You may be prone to problems with the lungs or kidneys or waist issues. Watch your clothing. Exercise and rest well.

OX

(1997 1985 1973 1961 1949 1937)

You are in conflict with the horse. Beware of people relations. Stay away from arguments. However, you have an authority sign. There could be promotions for you.

WORK If you are in the politics, army or police arena, it would be easy for you to be promoted. You may, however, make a lot of enemies. Beware!

WEALTH Your income is directly proportional to your authority level. However, don't expect substantial money.

RELATIONS There would not be too much romance. Be calm and patient in dealing with people. Then your relations would go a long way.

HEALTH In general, your health is fine. You are just prone to small accidents.

TIGER

(1998 1986 1974 1962 1950 1938)

You are into a very connecting year. There would be luck and joy. People relations are good. There would be romances. Your learning power is good. You would also be spiritual. However, you may be prone to accidents and bleeding.

WORK You favor businesses to do with the blood, such as surgeon, butcher, soldier, etc. You also favor teaching and spiritual endeavors, such as teacher, priest, and philosopher. If you are employed, your boss would promote you. If you are self-employed, expand your business.

WEALTH Your hard work would render good money for you. This is a year of stability for your money.

RELATIONS This is a very romantic year for you. If you are still single, consider marriage. If you are married, you may want to be careful about extramarital relations. You would be good at public relations.

HEALTH Beware of accidents and bleeding. Watch out for sharp objects. Drive carefully.

RABBIT

(1999 1987 1975 1963 1951 1939)

The rabbit person has plenty of romances and also controversies. There is a breaking sign between rabbit and horse. Hence be careful about people relations. The rabbit person may have many happy events this year.

WORK You would be good at businesses to do with entertainment and speaking, such as singing, acting, public relations, media and politics, etc. Also good would be in sales.

WEALTH Your income is very much related to the nature of your work. The more you go out or talk, the more you make. Mental work is better for you than physical.

RELATIONS You have much romance, but also arguments. Beware of love triangles.

HEALTH You are healthy in general. Just be careful about sharp objects.

DRAGON

(2000 1988 1976 1964 1952 1940)

Dragon and horse together represent high energy. This is therefore a good year for the dragon person. You would do well in both health and wealth. However, your blood sign this year should warn you against accidents.

WORK You favor to businesses to do with the blood, such as surgeon, butcher, soldier, etc. You also favor spiritual kind of work, such as priest, monk, Taoist, philosopher, etc.

WEALTH Your wealth sign is quite good. You should invest based on your intuition. You would do well in travel or trading businesses.

RELATIONS You may not have much romance because of your loneliness sign.

HEALTH Other than tendency to get into accidents, you are actually quite healthy in general.

SNAKE


(2001 1989 1977 1965 1953 1941)

After a year of conflict, the snake person is into a money year. You could make money from your investments. However, there is a sickness sign. Pay more attention to your health.

WORK You favor businesses to do with finance, stock markets, medical, etc. Those to do with entertainment, acting or singing are also favorable.

WEALTH This is a year of advancement for you. Both regular and speculative incomes are good.

RELATIONS You would have very good people relations. If you are still single, consider marriage. You would be even more loving if you are already married.

HEALTH Watch out for your health downturn. You would be prone to the common cold and flu. Exercise & rest well. 



Singapore Calling

Special events, promotions and activities you should not miss while visiting Singapore!

Welcome to the island city! Whether you are a tourist looking to explore the island or are a new resident wanting a cultural immersion, Singapore offers an eclectic spread of many choices. Here's a look at what to do and what to see while in Singapore.



MARINA BAY SANDS

Marina Bay Sands is where the action is. Located along Marina Bay waterfront, MBS houses the ArtScience Museum, high end shopping outlets, celebrity chef restaurants, theatres and the nightclubs, so, whether you want to catch a glimpse of art, immerse yourself in history, experience a world-class event or just chill with the kids, MBS does not disappoint.

Events: Booking for all MBS events: tickets@marinabaysands.com

* **Rolling Stones** – Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ronnie Wood
Show Date: 15 March 2014, 8pm
Venue: Sands Grand Ballroom, MBS

* **Grease**
Show Date: 25 April - 11 May 2014, 8pm
Venue: Grand Theatre, MBS

* **Tap Dogs**
 An 80-minute adrenaline rush performance
Show Dates: 27 May – 1 June 2014
 Tuesday – Friday: 7.30pm
 Saturday: 2.00pm & 7.30pm
 Sunday: 1.00pm & 5.00pm
Venue: Sands Theatre, MasterCard Theatres, MBS

* **The Greatest Love Of All**
 The Whitney Houston Show, a tribute to the late pop music icon
Show Date: 4 – 5 April 2014, 8pm
Venue: Grand Theatre, MasterCard Theatres, MBS

MBS for the kids: Kids have a special status at MBS, and there are many family friendly options that can put a smile on a little face.

* **Ice-Skating Rink**
Cost: \$7/hour (adults), \$6/hour (children) and \$3 for skates rental.
Opening Hours: 11:30–20:30

Exhibitions: The iconic lotus-inspired ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands features 21 gallery spaces, totaling 50,000 square feet and it is also the premier venue for major international touring exhibitions from around the world.

* **The 2 Degree Ice Art Exhibition**
Exhibition Dates: 20 November 2013 to May 2014
Opening Hours: 10am–10pm Daily

* **Ice Bar**
Opening Hours: 3pm – 3am Daily
Venue: Sheares Link, Bayfront Avenue.
Tickets: \$32 (adult) and \$26 (child).
What to expect? Experience snowfall and a temperature of -15 degrees in tropical

Singapore, and see the iconic landmarks of the world, carved out of ice by the carving masters from Harbin, China. There is even a special playground, carved out of ice for the children.

* **Dawn to Extinction exhibition and 'Dinosnores!'**

A sleep-over with Dinos.

Exhibition Dates: 16 - 21 March 2014

Tickets: \$120 per child (For children aged 6 – 12). Free for accompanying adults.

Family Package promotion for the Dinosaurs:

Dawn to Extinction exhibition at \$74 (or \$64 for Singapore residents). The package includes admission tickets to Dinosaurs: Dawn to Extinction for 2 adults and 2 children (2-12 years old), and 4 complimentary bottles of Coca-Cola. Buy tickets from any Marina Bay Sands box office, including one at the ArtScience Museum lobby.

Opening Hours: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

What to expect? Expect exhibits, movie screening and interactive workshops for parents and children.



JURONG BIRD PARK

Experience a slice of the tropics, forest adventure and a re-launched aviary waterfall at one of the most renowned bird sanctuaries in the world.

* **Waterfall Aviary**

Opening Hours: 8.30am to 6.00pm daily

Feeding sessions for the birds: 10.30am and 2.30pm

What to expect? Waterfall Aviary is one of the world's largest walk-in aviaries, home to more than 50 species of birds and also home to the world's first man-made waterfall. On 23rd January, this waterfall was re-launched and it remains the world's tallest waterfall inside an aviary.

* **Forest Adventure**

Cost: Adult (Grand Course): \$44;

Junior (Grand Course): \$42;

Child (Kids Course): \$32

Packages:

- Family Package Grand Course (2 Adults and 2 Juniors): \$162
- Family Package Kids/Grand Course (2 Adults and 2 Child): \$130

What to expect? Experience thrilling adventure as you zip through the air, jump off the Tarzan Swing and balance on bridges and obstacles in complete safety. The Grand Course is for adults and teenagers, at least 1.4m tall and has 34 different obstacles that take 2.5hrs to complete. The Kids Course has 16 crossings ending with a zip line and is meant for children between 5 and 10 years of age, measuring at least 1.1m. Young people below the age of 18 must be accompanied by participating adult.



SENTOSA

Sentosa, called 'Asia's Favourite Playground' is visited by almost five million people each year and Resorts World Sentosa, is home to two mega attractions - Universal Studios Theme Park and the Marine Life Park. Sentosa is quite easily accessed by public transportation and an exciting entry in to Sentosa can be made by the Singapore cable car.



* **Universal Studio Theme Park**

Opening hours: 10am to 7pm

Promotions:

- 1) Buy Four Universal Studios Singapore 1-Day Adult Passes at the price of \$248 (U.P. \$296, save \$48). This price is exclusively for online purchase.
- 2) One Adult Day Pass to Three Attractions at \$123
- 3) Annual Pass: \$158 (children and seniors) and \$188 (adults)
- 4) Season Pass - 6 months unlimited access to Universal studio for \$88 (students, children and seniors) and \$98 (adults).

What to expect? Go beyond the screen and Ride The Movies on roller coasters and other movie-themed attractions, including TRANSFORMERS The Ride: The Ultimate 3D Battle, Shrek 4-D Adventure, Madagascar: A Crate Adventure, Jurassic Park Rapids Adventure, and more.

* **Marine Life Park**

Opening hours: 10am to 7pm

Promotions:

- Buy a package of 3 S.E.A. Aquarium adult tickets at \$88 (U.P. \$114). Valid for online purchase and park visits till 31 Mar 2014.
- Enjoy 2 or more attractions at a 10% discount.

What to expect? Experience the world's largest aquarium - accredited by Guinness World Records. Featuring more than 100,000 marine animals from over 800 species across 49 habitats, the aquarium is home to majestic manta rays, enormous goliath groupers, hammerhead sharks and other gentle giants of the sea. While at Marina Park, enjoy Adventure Cove waterpark, waterslides and Adventure River too.



SINGAPORE ZOO

Singapore Zoo is known to be among the most beautiful in the world, where animals roam freely in open and natural habitats. It provides special experiences like the award winning breakfast programme, where you can enjoy your meal with the Asian elephants, orangutans, snakes etc. Night Safari, the world's first safari park for nocturnal animals is also located here.

* Singapore Zoo

Opening Hours: 8.30am to 6pm

Tickets: \$28 (adults), \$18 (children) and \$12 (senior citizens)

Promotions: Buy tickets online and save 5%

What to expect? Enjoy the award-winning park that believes in immersive experiences of the guided rides, the camps, the photography with the animals and the wild life tours. Singapore Zoo is also well known for its walk-through exhibits that bring animals and visitors together in one space for incredibly intimate encounters.

* Breakfast with wildlife

Location: Ah Meng Restaurant, Singapore Zoo

Timing: 9.00am- 10.30am

Price: \$32 (adult), \$22 (child 6-12 years old)

* Night Safari

Opening Hours: 7.30 pm to 12.00am

Tickets: \$39 (adults), \$25 (children) and \$16 (Senior Citizens)

Promotions: Buy tickets online and save 5%

What to expect? Observe the nocturnal animals in their specially lit enclosures in a special 40 -minute tram ride; enjoy animal shows or the walking trails at the Night Safari.



BOAT RIDE BY NIGHT

Enjoy Singapore with a boat ride! Marvel at the night-lights of Singapore as your boat takes you on a relaxed ride down the Singapore River. You can see government buildings, cultural heritage, city skyline, restaurants, and the Merlion all with an accompanying commentary that explains the sights and the monuments.

Departing Points: Clarke Quay Jetty, Clarke Quay Festive Market, and Raffles Place Jetty.
Tickets: \$10 (Adult) and \$5 Child (under 12 years old)

Hours: 8am to 11pm daily at regular intervals (subject to tidal & weather conditions)



MUSEUMS

There are many art and history museums in Singapore that are well known for world- class exhibits and though most are reasonably priced, the following have free entry.

* Changi Prison Chapel and Museum

Address: 20km Upper Changi Road North

Opening Hours: 10am-5pm (Mon to Sat except public holidays)

Admission: Free

* Singapore Mint Coin Gallery

Address: 20 Teban Garden Crescent

Opening Hours: 9am-4: 30pm (Mon to Fri)

Admission: Free

Friends of the Museums Programme

For those who are new to Singapore and want to meet other newcomers while enjoying a cultural experience, the Friends of the Museums provide an ideal opportunity. The FOM programme allows free entry to all National Heritage Board museums. It allows you to attend lectures and study tours and join special interest groups and even docent training at one of the museums. If you are an art and/or history lover living in Singapore, this is the perfect cultural immersion programme. FOM has been training individuals to guide in Singapore's museums for more than two decades. Docent-training programmes are available for the following museums and institutes:


- Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM)
- The Peranakan Museum (TPM)
- Singapore Art Museum (SAM)
- National Museum of Singapore (NMS)
- San Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall (SYSNMH)
- Malay Heritage Center (MHC)
- Singapore Tyler Print Institute (STPI)
- Heritage Conservation Center (HCC)

Training session: The next docent training session for most of the museums will commence in Sept 2014. For details contact docent.training@fom.sg

Across the Causeway



If you want to explore around Singapore, two attractions in Malaysia are within comfortable reach. Legoland Malaysia and Puteri Harbour Family Theme park offer areas of attraction with in twenty minutes to an hour drive from Singapore.

Puteri Harbour Family Theme Park is a 4-level building, located strategically in Nusajaya Johor, 20 minutes drive from the Malaysia-Singapore Second Link and LEGOLAND Malaysia Resort brings together a LEGOLAND Park, Water Park and Hotel in a LEGO themed location. 



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Koh Samui

the Perfect Island Short Break

Breathtakingly beautiful, inspirationally memorable, Koh Samui is your insurance policy against those days when the mundane elements of life back home start getting to you

When the allurements of Phuket and Pattaya begins to fade, savvy visitors spread their wings to explore the horizons. And guess what they found: one of the purest pearls of the Orient. Unspoilt beaches, sapphire blue waters and secluded coves are just the beginning of a whole new journey of discovery on this archipelago, Mo Koh Samui, located in the Gulf of Thailand adjoining the South China Sea. Koh Samui's 228.7 km sprawl falls in the Thai province of Changwat Suratthani, 770 km from Bangkok.

Nathon may be the main town of Koh Samui but you'll be spending those lazy-dazy days living the life of a Lotus Eater at Hat Chaweng, its most popular beach. Essentially beginning out as a retreat for the fisherfolk about 1500 years ago, Samui's rich coconut plantations and fishing activities drove the economy of subsequent settlers. It's no surprise that tourism has changed the face of its economic profile. The local population, known as 'Chao Samui' have figured out the dynamics of

tourism as an employment creator and income generator and they've taken to it like ducks to water. The backpacking community discovered Koh Samui's laidback charms, way back in the 70s. Today jetsetting celebs, holidaying families, honeymooners, singletons, senior citizens et. al. can't get enough of seductive Samui. In store are fun filled adventures at nearby Koh Nang Yuan (three tiny islands, linked by a pretty beach next to Koh Tao) and the Angthong National Marine Park which is set between Koh Samui and the Suratthani mainland.

Best Beaches

Beaches Hat Chaweng's splendid allurements have also made it the best developed beach in terms of accommodations, restaurants and bars. If you're looking for something quieter head for the Lamai Beach, just 10km away. To the north of Lamai is the Ao Tong Takian Beach, whose popularity is on the rise judging from a few resorts which have come up here. In northern Samui visitors have started flocking to Maenam, Big Buddha and Bo Phut, less

crowded than Lamai and Chaweng. You could book in at one of the hotels here or the lovely bungalows which have come up around the Chong Mon Beach and Bang Por Beach. For a truly luxury stay getaway isolated from the tourist crowds, go to the south western tip where you'll discover the Conrad Koh Samui Resort, the perfect spot to pamper oneself with its award winning spa and restaurants (see accompanying story). In fact, Samui, is one of the best spa destinations in South East Asia.

Watersports

Kayaking and windsurfing are popular, but if you're feeling a bit adventurous how about some scuba and snorkeling. Scuba gear is readily available on hire at the gorgeous dive sites at Koh Samui, Koh Tan and Koh Tao. If you are new to it surprise friends and family with lessons from any of the professional dive outfits located around Chaweng Beach (Koh Samui), Sairee Beach (Koh Tao) and Bophut Beach (Koh Samui). Discover a whole new underwater universe snorkeling and wave-diving in these crystalline pristine waters.



Be a sport

If you enjoy learning new skills on holidays sign up for lessons in Thai boxing at the Lamai Stadium or Chaweng Stadium. It's a lot of fun and you'll even get to share a few laughs with other novices trying their paces at the boxing ring. You could go go-karting at Bo Phut Main Road and if you are a serious thrill-seeker how about some bungee jumping which is on at Chaweng as well as Chaweng Lake. The traditional buffalo fighting sessions draw huge gatherings. Check with your hotel for best recommendations around the island.

Night life

There's plenty of action in the late hours at the sprawl of discos, clubs and bars on the islands. A good place to start is Chaweng Beach. The Full Moon Party, a tradition since the late 80s, is a monthly beach party on the island of Koh Phangan (comprising scatterings of intimate parties around a fire with friends in the light of the moon). It can become somewhat rowdy so avoid if you don't like huge crowds of about 10,000-15,000 people grooving to the music by DJs.

Eating out

Post yourself at a harbourside restaurant at Nathon and watch the boats come in from the mainland. There are plenty of restaurants serving global culinary delights, ranging from Japanese, American, Italian, Swedish, Korean, English, Chinese, Spanish, German and Indian, on the islands.

Shopping

The picturesque harbour town of Nathon has a string of stores for souvenirs and traditional handicrafts. The banks and ATMs will take care of currency issues. Chaweng has scores of shops and boutiques and even tailors and dressmakers. Branded products and excellent copies can be found here too.

Getting there

SilkAir and Bangkok Airways have direct flights from Singapore to the island. Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport also offers direct flights to Samui Airport. Hop on to a bus or cab from here for the one-hour drive to the Donsak ferry pier 45 km from Suratthani town. Ferry tickets can be booked at any travel agency on the islands, or directly on the pier.

Best time to go

Generally the high season starts from December to April and restarts from July to September; low seasons are from May to July and the rainy season from October to November. ☑



CAPTIVATING CONRAD KOH SAMUI

You can't go wrong with the luxury pool villa resort of Conrad Koh Samui - a great island getaway, perfect for honeymooners as well as the family

Conrad Koh Samui is situated on the South West tip of the island which boasts a coveted vantage point to take in views of Koh Samui's fabled five islands and its majestic sunset. The resort's twenty-five lush acres sit on a scenic hilltop overlooking the azure reefs of the Gulf of Thailand. Its secluded location is home to the finest accommodation and restaurants as well as its award-winning spa.

The resort has 80 free-standing pool villas, from the ultra-exclusive Royal Oceanview Pool Villa to the equally lavish one, two and three bedrooms Oceanview Pool Villa. The Thai-inspired interiors offer luxurious accommodations with commanding ocean views from vast picture windows. They are furnished with original artwork and artefacts, providing guests with a sense of contemporary Thailand. Spacious bedrooms, sprawling terraces and generous spaces combine to create a private paradise for guests.

Dining options are plentiful with three innovative restaurant concepts, two bars and lounges, a private wine cellar as well as destination dining options. The resort's fine dining restaurant, Jahn, offers contemporary Thai cuisine of ultra-prime and imported ingredients, harmoniously paired with traditional Thai cooking techniques and flavourings to create unforgettable dishes. Jahn has won Thailand's Best Restaurant award in 2012 and 2013 with top score of all selected restaurants in Koh Samui for two consecutive years.

The Spa at Conrad Koh Samui, perched high above a 270-degree panoramic view of the Aow Thai sea, combines international treatments and Thai spa techniques. Set over two floors, with a mixture of luxurious, spacious single and couple treatment rooms, The Spa offers an experience of unique quality that focuses on personal attention, sensory engagement and exceptional results. Signature treatments include Samui Enriched, Romance Ritual, Crystal Healing and Divine Sunset.

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Indonesian Wins Changi Millionaire Prize!

Changi Airport crowns Jakarta-based businessman in its fourth Millionaire Grand Draw

In January 47-year-old Indonesian Mr Irvung Tio won a million-dollar windfall at Changi Airport as the overall winner of Changi Airport Group's (CAG) 'Be a Changi Millionaire' 2013 Grand Draw. The Jakarta-based businessman, who works in the waste management industry, bought his wife some cosmetics at Changi Airport in September last year – never expecting that his purchase would be his ticket to becoming S\$1 million richer.

The 'Be a Changi Millionaire' Draw at Changi Airport is Singapore's biggest retail promotion, featuring the largest prize purse in a local retail promotion and by any airport in the world. The fourth run of CAG's annual anchor promotion, which was open for entries from May to October 2013, culminated in a dramatic grand finale at Changi Airport. Over the six-month period, one finalist was drawn each month for participation.

From all over the world, six lucky passengers returned to the Changi's Terminal 3; two from Singapore, two from China, and one each from Russia and Indonesia for the draw to determine the winner. The finalists went head-to-head over four rounds of games that involved progressive elimination, in a bid to stake their claim on the grand prize.

The last two remaining contestants were Mr Tio and Ms Thum Pei Xing, from Singapore. After a nail-biting round, Mr Tio emerged triumphant, triggering a dramatic shower of confetti and fanfare, pronouncing him the overall winner.



Accompanied by his wife, daughter and son, who were all ecstatic over his win, Mr Tio said, "I am very happy and my family is still in shock from the unbelievable moment. We came here with the mentality of playing some games and having a fun family holiday and didn't want to focus too much about the outcome. In fact, at the last round, I thought the other contestant would win. We cannot believe our luck!" said Mr Tio.

Asked what he would do with the money, Mr Tio said he would put a big part of the sum towards his retirement nest egg. "I will definitely save it up for the future. Before that, the first thing we will do now is to have a celebration dinner at Changi Airport before we fly back to Jakarta." He also said he would take a holiday with the family during his children's school holidays

and look at donating part of the winnings to charity.

Frequent visitors of Singapore and Changi Airport, Mr Tio and his family made more than five trips to Singapore in 2013. In September 2013, the Tios were on their way home after one such holiday, when they shopped at Changi Airport. He bought \$667 worth of Shiseido skincare products for his wife, which turned out to be his winning ticket to the million-dollar fortune!

As a result of the positive response received, CAG will be running the fifth instalment of the 'Be a Changi Millionaire' Draw in 2014. More details will be unveiled in the coming months with "instant prizes" that include the new iPad mini, Samsung Galaxy camera, shopping vouchers, plush toys and travel accessories.

Western Adventure on Two Wheels!

Go on Singapore's grand cycling tour of nature parks on its Western Adventure Park Connector Network (WAPCN) Trail



Escape from the mundane ventures of daily routine. Borrow — or if you have your own — opt for an all-terrain or mountain bike as the route encompasses both city and forested trails. The terrain you cover may not exactly be like the Tour de France, but it's enough to help you build up a good sweat.

The scenic 20-km cycling trail of the Western Adventure Park Connector Network (WAPCN) is basically a loop around the Choa Chu Kang, Bukit Panjang and Bukit Batok area. The ride guarantees you many precious moments of leisure in the lap of nature and a string of highlights which you'll discover in the eight parks it links up with, in this part of Western Singapore.

The trail allows you the leisurely jaunt of a hop-off-hop-on tour because you can hop off and enjoy the sights along the way and then hop back on your bike and head out to the next point on the trail which networks with the Nature Trail at Bukit Batok Nature Park, the Bukit Panjang Park Connector, Zhenghua Park, Dairy Farm Nature Park, Singapore Quarry, Wallace Centre, Bukit Batok Town Park' and Bukit Batok Nature Park.

Mapping your way from Bukit Gombak, Choa Chu Kang, Bukit Panjang, into Zhenghua Park, Dairy Farm, Hillview and back to Bukit Gombak, you can take several detours along the trail. Parking hubs are scattered along the trail for the convenience

of those drivers who will be transporting their bikes to the WAPCN trail.

The Western Adventure Park Connector Network trail takes off from Zhengua Park to Dairy Farm Nature Park, Hillview Park Connector, Bukit Batok Nature Park, Bukit Batok Town Park and ends up at Bukit Gombak MRT. You can, of course, start your cycling journey from anywhere along the trail, but a good place to use as a base and starting up point is Chu Kang Park, conveniently located in close proximity to public transport, a car park, toilet facilities and a food centre.

You can whiz past or stop for a breather at the quirky 'mini zoo' at **Limbang Park** with its stone statues of the 12 traditional Chinese Zodiac animals. The trail on the **Pang Sua Park Connector** is one of great bio-diversity and you may even cross paths with some animals. The foliage is glorious here - just take a deep breath and feel the adrenaline rush. The forested area attracts a lot of avifauna making it a popular bird-spotting hotspot. The latest attraction, which is a major draw for butterfly buffs, is the lovely community-based self-sustainable **butterfly garden** which has 16 butterfly species.

Along the way is a fabulous range of biodiversity - over 550 species of trees and a record of sightings - 50 different species of birds. Other excellent birding-spotting along the trail are Bukit Panjang Park Connector, Zhenghua Park and Bukit Batok Nature Park. There are great photo-ops all along the trail.

Supply Stop

At **Ten Mile Junction**, which is exactly 10 miles from South Bridge Road, you can stop for supplies and then head off for **Bukit Panjang Park Connector** which offers some truly pleasurable moments of cycling as you follow the trail from the Bukit Panjang Park Connector to Zhenghua Park. Do stop by and check out the interesting **Bukit Panjang Community Garden** you'll discover lovingly tended by the locals, along the Zhenghua PC. Savour the sights by the little stream running along the Bukit Panjang Town Park. It's quite popular with picnickers.

Views unfolding along the trail at **Zhenghua Park Connector** are two-fold: the cacophonous urban sprawl one side and the tranquil surge of the natural landscape stretching out as far as the eye can see on the other; so off you go, roller-coasting all the way to the undulating terrain of Dairy Farm Nature Park. The terrain here makes it a mountain biking hot spot. The Bukit Panjang Plaza has an array of tempting eateries with multiple cuisines on offer. The hill gets steeper and you might end up pushing your bike and gasping for breath. Expect to get off a couple of times to maneuver those steep bends. The hill trail gets even steeper and narrower, especially when it catches up with the Dairy Farm Nature Park.

By the way if you've got kids with you the **Zhengua Park** has a children's play area where they can hangout, while you just



chill. You'll find other bikers bowling along the tree-lined asphalted tracks, but there are also walkers and joggers enjoying this park. The **mountain biking trail** at Zhengua Park runs out into the pelt of forest cover in this hilly terrain. It's tough and steep and you might end up pushing the bike up rather than riding it.

The terrain around the **Dairy Farm Nature Park** is a serious challenge for the serious cycling buff. A mountain bike is perfect here, for some really memorable thrills. You'll find those unused leg muscles creakily opening up as the terrain gets even more challenging.

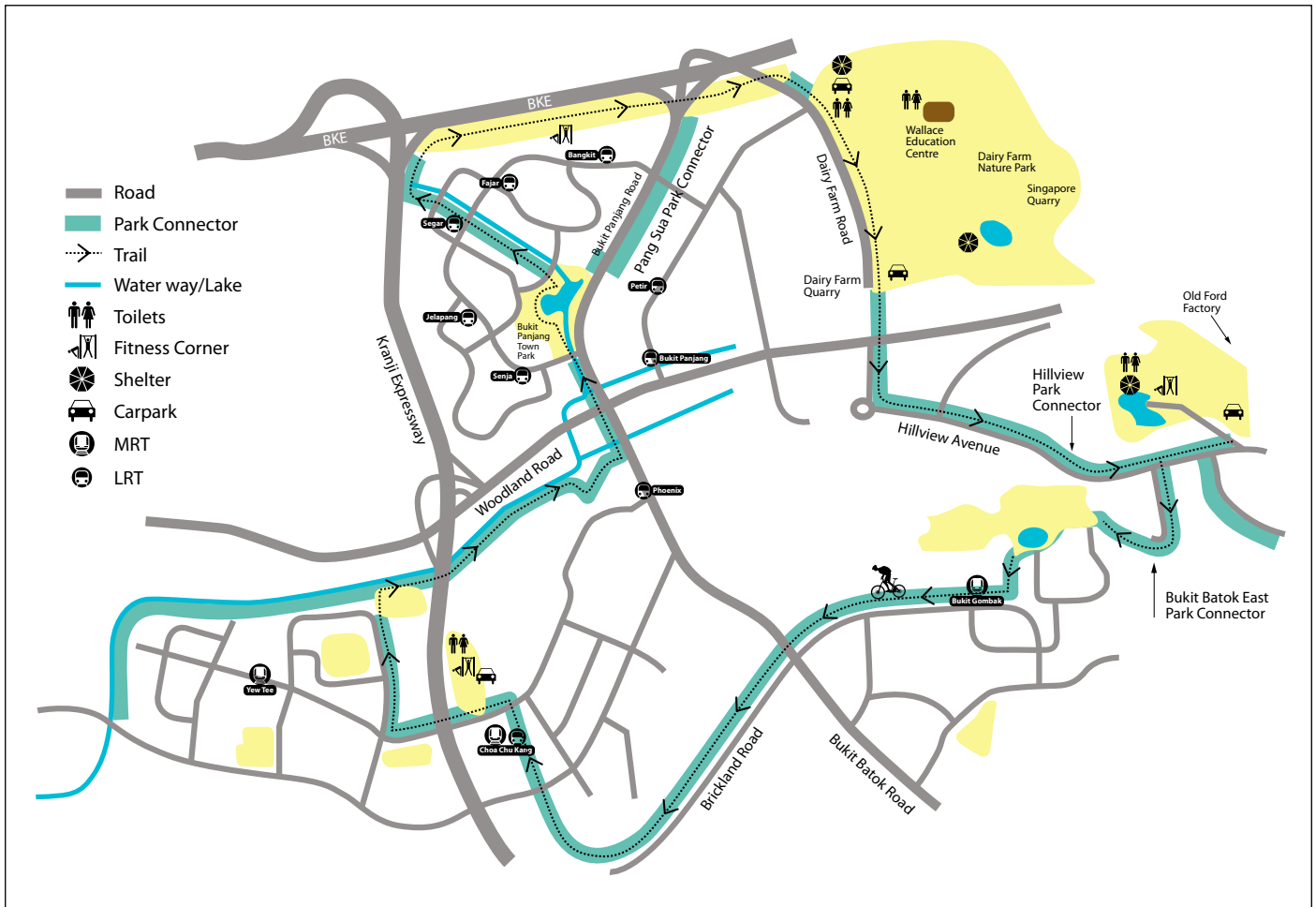
This part of the trail also offers multiple trails of varying degrees to be found within the **Bukit Timah Nature Reserve** for the serious biker to explore. Do remember that it's important to adhere to the guidelines set up for visitors in the reserve. Stop by at the **Wallace Education Centre**, which throws light on the varied terrain of the region. Alfred Russel Wallace, after whom the center is named, was a peer of Charles Darwin, and is famed for his work

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as one of the world's top field biologists of the 19th century. The centre showcases some of the most important work done on species discovered everywhere from nature reserves to coastal areas in the island's countryside.

Another well-marked trail, which takes cyclists to the historic but now abandoned **Singapore Quarry**. The area is alive with avifauna and rich in insect life. This is the habitat of the rare endemic dragonflies, damselflies and the endangered Little Grebe. The Dairy Farm Quarry serves up some enticing rock climbing diversions for adventure sports enthusiasts.

The trail now brings you up short at the **Rail Mall** where you can stop for coffee or pick up some supplies at the clutch of up market F&B outlets located there. There's also Singapore's first supermarket, Cold Storage Store, to explore. From here you can either head out for the **Old Ford Factory**, which is now a public museum exhibiting artefacts from the time of the Japanese Occupation, or, you can carry on cycling into Bukit Batok estate, which



features the popular Bukit Batok Nature Park and Bukit Batok Town Park (Little Guilin). You'll be cycling along **Hillview Park Connector** to get to the two parks fabled for the stunning panoramas of the quarry lake. From here you can see the vaulting rock pinnacles which offer a fantastic backdrop to this pretty lake. Picnicking families make a day of it at the lakeside at **Little Guilin**. The area has a walkway and benches scattered around to relax on. If you prefer being a bit away from the crowd just perch yourself on a rock and watch the ripples of the lake under a benevolent sun.

You'll love being in the serene and scenic environs of the Nature Trail at the **Bukit Batok Nature Park**, which goes through a lovely forest full of silences and deep beauty. Huff and puff your way up the incline to the **World War II Memorial** at the top of the hill. Its dense canopy of trees shed dappled sunlight on the hilly tracks leading off in different directions. The park is beloved of hikers, joggers, cyclist and birders. Picnics are *de rigueur* with holidaying families in these expanses. Once a granite quarry it now hosts a pretty pond backed by cliffs of granite. Overlooking the pond is a nice little plaza, dotted with wooden tables and chairs, with families enjoying themselves in the

sun under the trees. Kids love it as there's plenty of space to play games while dog walkers find it a restful place to spend time with their pets.

The Choa Chu Kang Park Connector runs through a public residential area. Cycle carefully here; also watch for those traffic lights. Carry on south to Brickland and Choa Chu Kang Park Connectors to get back to the point where you began. In the course of your route here keep your eyes peeled for the delightful avenue lined with star fruit trees along Brickland Park Connector and the landscaped **butterfly gardens** at Choa Chu Kang Park connector. You can rest at Choa Chu Kang Park and if you've got kids they have a play area complete with a sandpit area; you might even find someone giving kids rollerblading lessons!

For those who enjoy life slow paced there's an equally pleasing alternative. You can hit the walking trail on the paths that connect the different parks and nature reserves ... stopping and soaking in the star points of each area. For nature loving cyclists here's an interesting titbit to pencil into your yearly calendar. The **Singapore Garden Festival 2014** will take place this year. A garden and flower show, it will exhibit displays from all over the world.

Singapore's Park Connector Networks

Eastern Coastal Loop

Explore Tampines Eco Green and Bedok Reservoir Park; enjoy scenic views along Coastal Park Connector and dine at Changi Beach Park.

Northern Explorer Loop

Sweeping views of the Straits of Johor from the jetty at Woodlands Waterfront is a highlight with a nature trail at Admiralty Park; rich biodiversity along park connectors and scenic views of Lower Seletar Reservoir.


Western Adventure Loop

Highlights of the this trail includes the Butterfly Garden at Pangsua PC; mountain tracks at Dairy Farm Nature Park; Wallace Education Centre (learning journey) and the nature trail at Bukit Batok Nature Park as well as scenic views at Jurong Lake Park and of Pandan Reservoir.

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Kasihi Sesamamu


1 December 2013 - Perayaan Natal Bersama 2013 di KBRI

Tema tahun ini "Kasihi Sesamamu" and lebih dari 600 telah bersama untuk acara ini dan turut di undang adalah satu finalis Indonesian Idol 2010 dan Bapak Lurah Tioloweru untuk bersaksi tentang persatuan Antara agama dan hidup dengan mengandalkan Tuhan. Acara ini didukung penuh oleh Ibu-ibu Forerunner Fellowship. 



Dirgahayu Dharma Wanita Persatuan Ke-14

11 December 2013 - December was full of activities and month it celebrated its anniversary

Dharma Wanita Persatuan (DWP) celebrated with a simple ceremony commemorating its 14th anniversary on 11 December 2014 at KBRI. The ladies have good reason to be proud of the work they do under the leadership of its president Mrs Ferial S Hadi, promoting goodwill, social, welfare and charitable causes have helped many and contributed to improved ties. The ladies participated in Culinary Workshop at Rumah Budaya at Sekolah Indonesia Singapura (31 Nov), promoting dental health care for children (5 Dec) and a visit to the Asian Civilisation Museum (11 Dec). 



Indonesia at Chingay 2014

8 January 2014 - This is the seventh year Indonesia has participated with a country contingent

Chingay 2014 is one of Asia's biggest street parades and this year the Indonesian contingent was represented by more than 200 people from Sanggar Greget (Semarang), Kutai Kartanegara (East Kalimantan), SMPN 2 Ngamprah (Bandung), Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (Bandung) and Jember Fashion Carnival (East Java). Several cultural showpiece dances that fused traditional and contemporary styles were performed such as the Mask, Angklung, Batik and the Balinese Jaipong dances. @



Love Across the Oceans



13 December 2013 - The Star Performing Arts Centre

Konser 'Love Across the Oceans' merupakan sejarah dalam dunia angklung orkestra, dikarenakan baru kali ini konser angklung dilakukan khusus berkolaborasi dengan Chinese Orchestra, yang memiliki karakter berbeda dengan musik Angklung. Hal inilah yang menarik perhatian penonton kedua negara yang terbukti dari kapasitas 5000 penonton, hadir sekitar 3900 di gedung konser terbesar di Singapura tersebut. Tak kalah penting, menjelang konser ini dimulai di bagian luar auditorium teater, dilakukan angklung interaktif "How to Play Angklung" pada sejumlah pengunjung yang banyak diantara mereka adalah para turis asing dan para pelajar yang sangat tertarik bermain angklung bersama para pelajar dari Sekolah Indonesia Singapura yang dipandu oleh Pak Budi Hartiana, seorang guru seni musik dari Sekolah Indonesia.

Dalam kesempatan tersebut, sebagai Guest of Honour adalah Menteri Pembangunan Nasional Singapura Mr. Koh Bun Wan, sedangkan dari Indonesia adalah Duta Besar untuk Singapura Bapak Andri Hadi, dan yang membuka acara ini adalah Sekretaris Parlemen Senior untuk Kementerian Tenaga Kerja dan Pendidikan Singapura, Bapak Hawazi Daipi. Beliau merupakan pelopor terwujudnya pertukaran budaya ini. 📷

Singapore Solidarity Games

23 January 2014 - Sekolah Indonesia Singapura – Generasi Cerdas

Pada tanggal 23 Januari 2014, diadakan perlombaan robotik bertajuk Singapore Solidarity Games yang diselenggarakan oleh Generasi Cerdas bekerja sama dengan Sekolah Indonesia Singapura. Kegiatan ini diikuti oleh beberapa Instruktur dan Guru Robotik serta peserta dari berbagai sekolah di daerah di Jakarta, Yogyakarta, Bandung dan Sekolah Indonesia Singapura.

Kegiatan ini juga dihadiri oleh Bapak Duta Besar Republik Indonesia untuk Singapura Bapak Andri Hadi dan Koordinator Fungsi Pensosbud Bapak Simon.

Kegiatan dimulai dengan pemaparan mengenai sejarah dan teori robotika oleh salah seorang Guru Robotik dari Generasi Cerdas.

Perlombaan membuat robot pun dimulai setelah semua peserta memahami cara-cara merakit robot. Adapun kategori yang diperlombakan adalah merakit robot line follower yang cukup simple namun memerlukan ketelitian.

Perlombaan berjalan begitu meriah, semua asyik berlomba sementara penonton menyemangati peserta yang berlomba. Setelah perakitan, maka



tahap akhir dari perlombaan adalah menguji kelayakan robot tersebut. Hasil uji ini menentukan siapa yang keluar sebagai juara.

Sekolah Indonesia Singapura menyabet medali pada semua tingkatan, baik SD, SMP maupun SMA. Bahkan menjadi juara Pertama di tingkat SD.

Setelah pengumuman pemenang, Bapak Duta Besar didampingi Pak Simon menyerahkan medali dan piagam penghargaan kepada para pemenang. Kegiatan ditutup dengan berfoto bersama. 📷

Little by Little: Students Gain Insights on Indonesia

25 January 2014 - Indonesian Embassy and IPA interacts with students in Singapore International Federation programme (SIF)

The SIF-Little Arts Academy (LAA) Little by Little session on 25 January 2014 saw members of the Indonesian Professionals Association (IPA) and members of the Indonesian Embassy in Singapore share cultural insights with students of LAA. These included unique insights into Indonesian cultural etiquette or "do's and don'ts" in a talk by IPA Vice President, Komang Narendra. Sekolah Indonesia Singapura art teacher, Budi Hartiana Sudradjat demonstrated basket weaving using recycled materials while Indonesian Embassy Information, Social and Culture division's officer Muhammad Alamsyah taught some preliminary steps of the traditional Saman dance. The



fun and informative session was also attended by the division's Third Secretary, Ibu Prairie Maharwati and IPA President Verdyka Kurniawan. To show their appreciation, the LAA students shared the origins of the lo hei, or prosperity toss, which is part of the Chinese Lunar New Year tradition. The visit provided the students an opportunity to meet

and learn more about Indonesia. "We have participated again this year as we believe the programme can promote people-to-people contact between Indonesia and Singapore," said Ms Prairie about the second collaboration. The SIF invites the international community in Singapore to share with LAA students arts and cultural information and activities. @

Anies Baswedan on Leadership, Education and Entrepreneurship

16 February 2014 - How the diaspora can help with Indonesia's development



A golden opportunity was offered when Anies Baswedan, the respected President of Paramadina University and chairman of Indonesia Mengajar (Teaching Indonesia) shared his thoughts at the Indonesian Embassy in Singapore on the subject of nurturing leaders and entrepreneurs. He started by providing a glimpse into Indonesia's future that is filled with tremendous opportunities as well as challenges. He also gave insights into how the country can go forward and one of the top most priorities he said is reformation of education policies; tapping into the network of Indonesians abroad as well as inviting international scholars to teach in Indonesia. He also said bureaucratic and budgeting reforms be undertaken and financial assistance to support entrepreneurship. The event was organised by FKMIS (Forum

Komunikasi Masyarakat Indonesia Di Singapura), IDSG (Indonesian Diaspora Singapore), PPIS (Perhimpunan Pelajar Indonesia Singapura), IMAS (Indonesian Muslim Association in Singapore), IPA (Indonesian Professionals' Association), Ikatan Alumni ITB and KUNTUM (Keluarga NTU Muslim). @



Indonesian Day

26 January 2014 - Hari Bertemunya Masyarakat Indonesia di Singapura

Untuk meningkatkan dan mempererat jalinan tali silaturahmi antar masyarakat Indonesia di Singapura, Forum Komunikasi Masyarakat Indonesia di Singapura (FKMIS) bekerjasama dengan KBRI Singapura menyelenggarakan Indonesian Day pada tanggal 26 Januari 2014 di Singapore Botanic Garden. Acara yang resmi dibuka oleh Duta Besar Indonesia di Singapura, Andri Hadi ini dihadiri oleh sekitar 500 warganegara Indonesia yang tinggal di Singapura.

Diantara masyarakat yang hadir adalah dari beberapa komunitas Penata Laksana Rumah Tangga, seperti Indoozoo, Buruh Migran Indonesia (BMI), dan International Family Network (IFN). Di samping itu juga terdapat kelompok komunitas lain seperti Bobotoh, Masyarakat Kristiani Indonesia Singapura (MKIS), Ikatan Profesional Indonesia, Assosiasi Wanita Indonesia di Singapura, Perhimpunan Pelajar Indonesia Singapura, Ikatan Muslim Indonesia di Singapura, Ikatan Alumni ITB, dan beberapa komunitas lainnya. Tampak pula beberapa pelajar Indonesia yang menempuh jenjang perguruan tinggi di universitas Singapura seperti National University of Singapore (NUS) dan Nanyang Technological University (NTU) turut meramaikan suasana. Acara yang dihadiri oleh sekitar 500 orang tersebut menuai pujian dari para peserta. @

Pelantikan PPLN 2014

10 February 2014 - Official appointment for election officials in Singapore

As Indonesia's elections draw nearer, part of the process in the country's embassies is the appointment of the members of Panitia Pemilihan Luar Negeri (PPLN) for the Indonesian embassy in Singapore. Six members of the Embassy staff have been officially appointed and you will probably be seeing more of them when you go to vote on 6 April at the Embassy. They include Mirza Nurhidayat, Muhamad Alamsyah, Kholifah, Dhonny Firdana and Renaldo Alvin Da Costa. For more information please visit www.pplnsingapura.org/ @





Jupiters Thrills at Singapore Airshow 2014

**16-21 February 2014 -
Singapore Air Show 2014**

The TNI-AU Jupiters team, Indonesian Air Force's elite formation aerobatic display team provided plenty of excitement and thrills at this year's Singapore Airshow display. The Jupiters joined four other top world-class aerobatic display teams from South Korea, Australia, the USA and host country Singapore. The team consists of nine pilots who are flying instructors from Adisutjipto Air Training Wing in Yogyakarta. Eight were former fighter pilots and one a transport pilot in the air force. They are led by Maj Feri 'MIRAGE' Yunaldi, who has been in the air force for 16 years since graduating as a pilot from the air academy.

The Major said, "Personally, I am very, very happy to perform at the Airshow. It is one of the biggest events in Asia and as

pilots we were able to meet and interact with other pilots from some of the best aerobatic teams in the world such as the Black Knights of the RSAF and Black Eagles of South Korea. We hope to come back in the future."

The team has a proud history of participation in aerobatic shows flying the Korean TK-B1 'Wong Bi' turboprop aircraft since 2011. Most recent performances were during the 50th anniversary of the Royal Thai air force in 2012, LIMA in Langkawi and in Brunei last year. One of the proudest moments for the team was during TNI's anniversary celebrations in 2011 where the Indonesian public and the Chief of the Airforce saw for the first time what the team in the new KT-1Bs and custom Red-White livery can do.

The 38-year old Major, who comes from West Sumatra revealed, "We had a month to adapt our display routines to fit the weather, cloud conditions and operational rules given

here by the organisers. We had greater freedom in designing the manoeuvres in Brunei and Langkawi. However, many of the basic moves in aerobatic displays - up to 60 per cent - are the same, it's how we 'choreograph' and sequence them to entertain the crowds that makes the difference."

Nevertheless, when one sees two planes flying at 450kmh head on with about 10 feet separating each aircraft it is quite heart stopping. "Yes, we try to make it more interesting for the crowds," smiled the Major. Of all the stunts, his personal choice of the most challenging is the 'Mirror' where two aircrafts flying together in tandem one is positioned upside down above the other!" And the most dangerous would probably be the solo vertical spin, he said that right at the apex when the plane comes to a stop, sometimes the pilot might not be able to predict in which direction the plane will fall!"

For more information and links to videos of the Jupiters performances visit www.facebook.com/JupiterAerobaticTeam.



PLRT Lulus Program P3K

Acara kelulusan para PLRT di Sekolah Indonesia Singapura

Lebih dari 1,800 penatalaksana rumah tangga (PLRT) berhasil menyelesaikan kursus komputer, menjahit, tata rias wajah, Universitas Terbuka, Bahasa Mandarin dan Bahasa Inggris, di Singapura. Mereka telah menyelesaikan pendidikannya pada Program Pusat Pendidikan dan Pelatihan Kerja (P3K) di Sekolah Indonesia Singapura (SIS).

The latest batch of students have graduated on 15 Desember 2013 and have acquired new knowledge and skills to be able to better compete in the workplace for the future. IndoConnect presents this photo tribute to the hardwork and accomplishments of everyone who have undergone the P3K Programme last year and salute the contributions of the 26 teachers and local volunteers who have participated in their education.



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From Singapore with Love

Stephanus Widjaja, Linawaty and Eka Mardiarti are founders of Business Indonesia-Singapore Association (BISA), one of the most active associations promoting trade between SMEs

According to official Indonesian government statistics, there are over 55 million MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) in Indonesia today. Stephanus, Linawaty and Eka are themselves three Indonesians who are MSME entrepreneurs but working in Singapore. Each established in their own fields of expertise with Stephanus Widjaja being a professional educator and business consultant, Linawaty from the financial sector and Eka Mardiarti from IT. Together, they shared a belief that entrepreneurs and MSME businesses from both countries can derive mutual benefit by arranging 'casual' networking nights. That was over three years ago.

Today, BISA has established itself as a creditable force in linking businesses and recognised by various government and commercial organisations. Stephanus as the spokesperson for BISA shares the founders' collective thoughts in what lies ahead for BISA and, indeed, for Indonesian small businesses in the year ahead.

"We don't think it will be 'business as usual' after 2015 when the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) takes effect. Many MSMEs in Indonesia have to be prepared and we see a useful and constructive role for BISA as we think the timing is right for MSMEs who want to penetrate the overseas market using Singapore as a hub or jump-off point into this region.

The AFTA 2015 issue should be made more prominent but this year with the general election in April, all provinces will

Today, BISA has established itself as a creditable force in linking businesses and recognised by various government and commercial organisations

be devoting their resources and attention to the polls. But this will not slow down a trade barrier-free ASEAN economy coming into being around the corner next year. This development will have an impact for both Singaporean and Indonesian companies and we should be in a position to be prepared to take full advantage of the liberalisation of the ASEAN economies.

Singapore has presented itself as a good alternative destination for investment dollars during these times and with such a close proximity to Indonesia – with excellent communications, transport and logistics infrastructure - and blessed with hardly no natural disasters like floods, volcanoes or man-made ones like the massive jams you see in Jakarta, this is a good time to meet and do business in Singapore. You can be very productive and achieve much more here as Singapore is ranked first in the World Bank's 2014 table for 'Ease of Doing Business' (Indonesia ranks 120th position).

Established business associations and clubs from Japan, Korea, Thailand and

even upcoming Myanmar are sprouting up here in Singapore and they are positioning themselves for growth in the post AFTA period.

BISA wants to be proactive about this. A major reason for its success has been its openness in its structure, we do not rely only on one person to do everything. We do not have costly joining fees and you do not have to be a formal member to join our activities; it makes it easier and convenient for busy business people to take part. This is very much the opposite of the 'closed' networking structures of membership-based organisations.

Since 2011, we organised basic, monthly, informal networking sessions in the evenings - that was our start. Last year, a major breakthrough came when Bank UMKM Jawa Timur together with the Indonesian Embassy in Singapore in collaboration with the Governor of East Java organised a seminar on promoting investment in the region. We were introduced to President Director of the Bank, Mr HR Soeroso. The management of the Bank saw the bigger picture when it comes to promoting economic development. They already knew that sourcing for overseas investment funds would be critical and they have to prepare and fortify themselves for 2015 to compete effectively in the ASEAN economy. The bank was also looking for ways to help its customers who are MSMEs to venture overseas to develop their business and realised how BISA can help in these areas.

Now BISA represents the Bank in investor relations in Singapore as well as seeking importers and buyers for the MSME products from East Java, funded by the Bank. To date, BISA has entered into strategic partnerships with Fortune Pramana Rancang, Universitas Ciputra Surabaya, Indosat and Bank UMKM to create solutions for increasing the competitiveness of Indonesia MSME's in the free trade economy of ASEAN in 2015.

We are serious about our objectives but we are relatively small. But the few steps that we have taken in the last three years were significant ones and deliberately geared for sustainability. The latest initiative undertaken by BISA for 2014 is the launch of its monthly Indonesia Singapore Business Forum. As an SME you don't have to spend a fortune to participate in the event and we will be working on helping Indonesian companies who want to use Singapore as a springboard to sell their products here as well as overseas.

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