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INDONESIA - SINGAPORE TIES CONTINUE TO GROW CLOSER



Indonesia and Singapore continue their forward-looking agenda for a robust and mutually beneficial relationship. That was the main takeaway message at the recently held Singapore-Indonesia Leaders' Retreat hosted by Indonesian President Joko Widodo in Bintan, Indonesia, on 25 January 2022. The ties that bind both nations are nourished by their sincere efforts to support each other at many levels, especially bilateral and economic ties. Over the past two years both nations have joined forces against the battle with the COVID pandemic, which in many ways has brought them even closer still.

Both leaders expressed their satisfaction on the three significant agreements that were reached. While reviewing the progress made on bilateral cooperation since the last Leaders' Retreat they also touched upon ways by which this kind of collaboration could be expanded to embrace other key areas that were a priority for both nations.

Opportunities for further strengthening these ties will be underpinned by the broader framework of the G20 Summit to be held at renowned tourism enclave of Nusa Dua in Bali later this year on 15th - 16th November 2022.

Safe, stable, economically secure and efficient when it comes to medical and public transport services, Singapore has long been a country of choice for expats to send their kids to school here. A slew of private educational institutions have mushroomed offering a full spectrum of international schools and curricula here. Its lively tolerance factor that drives this melting-pot of cultural diversity is another reason for Singapore's popularity in this landscape of learning and people-to-people connectivity that the Singaporean government lays great stress on. So choices are aplenty and we aim to help parents with our guide to the top international schools that offer places for Kindergarten right up to Grades II to I2.

Singapore International Jewellery Expo (SIJE), featured over 200 exhibitors from 25 countries, and offered Indonesia an excellent opportunity to showcase its jewellery and tap opportunities in Asia's fast-developing jewellery market. The expo is an affluent hub to showcase fine collections of luxury gems and draws the well-heeled in Singapore as well as traders and high net worth buyers from China and India. The Indonesia Pavilion received a tremendous response as its exhibitors' offerings were literally almost "Sold Out" and garnered many follow ups for business in Singapore, the region and beyond. By the way, many might not know this - Indonesia produces around four percent of the world's gold from the world's largest gold mine there! About 60 percent of the gold production is used for jewellery and as the high quality output of Indonesian designers and craftsmen at the SIJE has shown the country's designs which are rooted in traditions, have also absorbed modern influences and struck a responsive chord in today's marketplace.

With the handling of the pandemic more controlled and looking to boost overseas visitor's arrivals Indonesia has scrapped quarantine for fully vaccinated international visitors entering the country. The quarantine-free international entry policy will be expanded throughout Indonesia, requiring only entry PCR tests. The easing of travel restrictions aimed at rebuilding the economically gainful tourism sector will also be pivotal in creating economic and job opportunities for locals. Travellers with a 14-day travel history in Indonesia entering Singapore through the VTL (Vaccinated Travel Lane) need not serve a Stay-Home Notice (SHN). The move is aimed at reclaiming and rebuilding Singapore's position as a premier air hub. Indonesia and Singapore are joined by many other Southeast Asian nations in loosening travel restrictions. 🇮🇩

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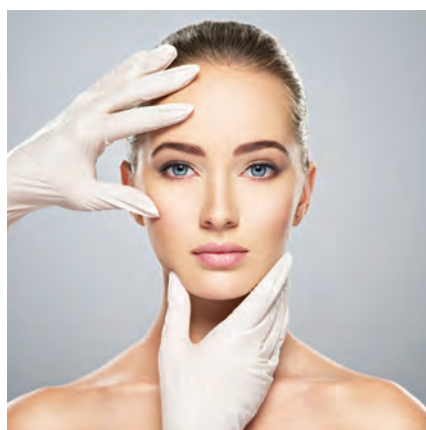


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Bilateral Agreements Finalised

Three significant agreements were reached at the Retreat and both leaders satisfied with state of bilateral ties and progress in various joint projects



Photo: Ministry of Communications and Information, Singapore

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong visited Bintan, Indonesia, on 25 January 2022 to attend the Singapore-Indonesia Leaders' Retreat hosted by Indonesian President Joko Widodo. This is the Prime Minister Lee's fifth Leaders' Retreat with the Indonesian President, following the Leaders' Retreat in October 2019, which was held in Singapore.

President Joko Widodo and Prime Minister Lee reviewed the progress made on bilateral cooperation since the last Leaders' Retreat and discussed ways to expand collaboration in key areas of priority for both countries. They also exchanged views on regional and global developments.

During the Leaders' Retreat, Prime Minister Lee and President Joko Widodo also witnessed the signing and exchange of a set of agreements negotiated on the basis of the 'Framework for Discussions' announced at the Leaders' Retreat in 2019 (see box story).

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS

- Realignment of the Boundary between the Jakarta Flight Information Region (FIR) and the Singapore FIR
- Treaty for the Extradition of Fugitives
- Joint Statement between the Defence Ministers on the 2007 Defence Cooperation Agreement and its Implementing Arrangement between the Singapore Armed Forces and the Indonesian Armed Forces (now referred to as "the Indonesian National Defence Forces") for the Military Training Area in Indonesia.

There was also an Exchange of Letters undertaking to bring the above agreements into force simultaneously.

The Leaders also endorsed the announcement of several Memorandums of Understanding (MOU), signed ahead of the Retreat, including in financial and economic cooperation, green and circular economy development, energy cooperation, and human capital development.

Prime Minister Lee was accompanied by Senior Minister and Coordinating

Minister for National Security Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law K Shanmugam, Minister for Transport S Iswaran, and Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry Dr Tan See Leng.

Leaders' Remarks in Joint Press Conference

Both leaders noted the excellent level of bilateral and robust economic ties. On their agenda were discussions on ways to build on the success of projects such as the Kendal Industrial Park and the Nongsa Digital Park (NDP). They welcomed the launch of the Nongsa Digital Town (D-Town) in Batam as the next phase of NDP's development. They also recently signed MOUs on Financial and Economic Cooperation between the Singapore Ministry of Finance and Indonesian Ministry of Finance, and the MOU between the Monetary Authority of Singapore and Bank Indonesia to expand cooperation across central banking, financial regulation and payments innovation would also

in Bintan

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- President Joko Widodo

encourage more multi-faceted and forward-looking institutional linkages in developing both countries' digital economies.

President Joko Widodo Statement (Extracts)

"First, strengthening cooperation in efforts to rebuild the economy. Singapore is Indonesia's top investor with an investment value of US\$7.3 billion in January-September 2021. The retreat meeting noted that there were new investments worth US\$9.2 billion, including in the field of new and renewable energy around Batam and Sumba Island and West Manggarai, East Nusa Tenggara province, as well as the construction of a logistics hub at the Tanjung Priok Port."

"Investment in energy and renewable energy continues to be a priority for the Indonesian Government to promote a green and sustainable economy. To support a green investment climate, in the series of retreat meeting we signed a MoU on energy cooperation and on green and circular economy development cooperation.

We also signed a MoU in the financial sector to maintain financial and monetary stability to support economic recovery. In November 2021, the Local Currency Bilateral Swap Agreement and the Bilateral Repo Line were extended for one year. I also hope that the MoU between central banks related to payment innovation, anti-money laundering measures, and prevention of terrorism financing can be immediately signed."

Interview H.E. Suryo Pratomo Behind the Scenes...



How much groundwork needed to be carried out by you and the staff of KBRI in Singapore?

This year's Leaders' Retreat was actually scheduled to be held last year yet

postponed as the two countries were facing rising numbers of pandemic cases. However, the two sides had actually made efforts for both technical and substantial preparations since the last Leaders' Retreat meeting in 2019. The Embassy particularly facilitated a series of meetings, discussions and negotiations between stakeholders and talks between high officials of both countries. Together with Singapore, we reviewed our existing and longstanding bilateral issues and analyzed potential endeavors to forward and strengthen our cooperation. Some draft agreements were drafted, finalized and then signed in the margins of the Leaders' Retreat in Bintan as deliverables of the meeting.

Can you comment on the choice of Bintan and the main venues there for the Retreat?

Bintan was agreed by both sides as the venue of the Retreat for several reasons. First, Bintan has historically played an important part in both countries' cooperation. For years, Batam, Bintan and Karimun, aka BBK, has been a cornerstone of Singapore and Indonesia's strong bilateral economic ties. With the view to reinvigorate its economy, Indonesia would like to reintroduce Bintan's potentials for investment. Second, Bintan, as PM Lee also stated in his remarks, has been an important venue for people-to-people links between

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- H.E. Suryo Pratomo

Singapore and the Riau Islands province (Kepri). Third, Bintan is the closest by distance from Singapore and a favorite destination for many Singaporeans. As such, we hope to reinvigorate tourism in Bintan as we have resumed tourism travel to Bintan and Batam, making it our pilot travel bubble project before we fully open up our tourism sector.

While many of the benefits and relevancy of the MoUs signed and witnessed by both leaders are clear to everyone, what are the agreements that you feel will have a great impact on many of the Indonesian communities in Singapore including the diaspora, domestic workers, travellers etc to Singapore that should also be highlighted?

Aside from the travel bubble for visitors from Singapore to Batam and Bintan, the two countries agreed to establish some agreements on energy cooperation, human capital development, finance cooperation, and green and circular economic development.

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Our businesses have also inked some agreements on renewable energy, logistic hub developments, on data center, on investment to Indonesian digital companies, etc. There is even a capacity programme on Food Industry 4.0 and supply chains - to be launched this year for Riau Islands Province in cooperation with Republic Polytechnic and Temasek Foundation.

I believe every Indonesian in Singapore can contribute and support the implementation of the bilateral cooperation agreements including those signed at the Leaders' Retreat.

You were able to witness at firsthand the personal chemistry and interaction of the leaders. What is your personal impressions of their closeness and rapport?

Indonesia takes part only in very few annual bilateral meetings at such a high level and one of them is the Leaders' Retreat with Singapore. The Leaders' Retreat meeting shows a strong indication that the two countries have robust and intensive relations in so many levels of cooperation. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong is one of the leaders that President Jokowi highly interacts with. They meet regularly at the Retreat itself and several times at other regional/international events including at the G-20 meeting last year. This close and cordial level of relations is clearly seen when these two leaders meet. I have seen for myself that they are pretty informal in addressing and talking to each other, taking a selfie etc and the Retreat took place in a very open, frank, and intimate manner.

Apart from registering the excellent level of bilateral relations that exists between both nations what is in your opinion was the most important highlight or issue of the meeting in Bintan?

The Retreat has shown us that despite the pandemic situation, the two countries can continue to work closely to resolve and strengthen existing cooperation, and even manage to ink and establish new areas of cooperation to help support economic recovery including cooperation in areas such as energy and renewable energy sources. While much has been done, we look forward to doing even more and seizing opportunities with Singapore.



Indonesia Gears Up to Host G20 Summit in Bali

The first developing country to lead the grouping, which yields considerable influence on global economic and social policies, Indonesia is determined to leave an indelible stamp of its Presidency of G20

Indonesia's beautiful island of Bali is gearing up to welcome leaders from G20 members for the 17th G20 Heads of State and Government Summit to take place on 15th - 16th November 2022 at the island's world-renowned tourism enclave of Nusa Dua.

Under the Indonesian Presidency, the G20 in 2022 will focus on the theme "Recover Together, Recover Stronger". Indonesia's presidency took a course from 1st December 2021 and will lead up to the summit in the fourth quarter of 2022. At the closing of Rome summit, the handover ceremony of the presidency was held in intimate handing-over of the G20 Presidency Gavel from Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi to the President of the Republic of Indonesia, Joko Widodo.

The 2022 G20 is important for Indonesia since it is the first time the country is hosting the forum. In addition, it is the first developing country to lead the grouping, which yields considerable influence on global economic and social policies.

Understanding the challenges and the need for collective action, Indonesia will focus on three main pillars for its G20 2022 Presidency namely: Global Health Architecture, Digital Economy Transformation, and Energy Transition as a comprehensive exit strategy to support global recovery. Besides establishing equitable vaccination programs, Indonesia's G20 Presidency is expected to successfully accelerate digitalization and steer global policy coordination, particularly in terms of green financing.



Italy handed over the gavel of leadership to Indonesia at the Rome Summit on 31st Oct 2021. Photo: Antara Foto / Laily Rache

Through these pillars, Indonesia will continue to take the lead on ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, promoting sustainable and inclusive economic development through MSMEs participation and digital economy. Simultaneously it will also maintain the aspiration to continue to improve the collective capacity in securing the shared prosperity among nations, through various reform efforts in global taxation,

During the G20 Presidency, Indonesia will raise the theme "Recover Together, Recover Stronger", which reflects the spirit of collective recovery with the world. This spirit is reflected in the logo of the G20 Indonesia Presidency. With red-and-white color base, and the design that combines the silhouette of the gunung and the kawung batik motif, the G20 Indonesia Presidency logo reveals the identity of Indonesia.



stronger cooperation in fighting corruption, deepening of infrastructure financing, and pushing for a more democratic, and representative international cooperation.

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More About the G20

The G20 members represent over 80 percent of world GDP, 75 percent of international trade and 60 percent of the world population. The members of the G20 are:

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|-------------|------------------|
| ■ Argentina | ■ Japan |
| ■ Australia | ■ Rep. of Korea |
| ■ Brazil | ■ Mexico |
| ■ Canada | ■ Russia |
| ■ China | ■ Saudi Arabia |
| ■ France | ■ South Africa |
| ■ Germany | ■ Turkey |
| ■ India | ■ United Kingdom |
| ■ Indonesia | ■ United States |
| ■ Italy | ■ European Union |

Spain is also invited as a permanent guest.



Leaders Welcome D-Town: Batam's Nongsa Digital Town

D-Town in Batam is the next phase of the Nongsa Digital Park (NDP) development and President Jookowi and Prime Minister Lee look forward to further areas of collaboration to support common interest in the digital economy

D-Town is being developed by two large and established Indonesian property developers Citramas and Sinar Mas Land based on a master plan by Singapore's Surbana Jurong which has helped developed more than 100 industrial parks in the world. In 2018 the Citramas Group launched the Nongsa Digital park (www.nongsadigital.com). It was envisaged as an integrated digital park providing a place for digital businesses to grow, an ideal site for data centre development (up to Uptime Institute tier IV certified), residential facilities that will blend ideally with the current Nongsa Resorts operated by the Group.

Last year in March, Nongsa D-Town a "digital downtown" was launched by PT Citra Sinar Global - a joint venture between Citramas Group and Sinar Mas Land. The launch was graced by both Singapore and Indonesia's economic ministers. The new downtown features co-working and co-living spaces alongside digital campus, office towers as well as lifestyle and shopping centres and hotels.

At the launch Indonesia's Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, H.E. Airlangga Hartato, said, "Batam has the

geostrategic advantage of being located close to Singapore, and can serve as a digital bridge to connect Singapore to other growing cities in Indonesia."

When completed the 62-hectare development will be able to accommodate up to 8,000 tech workers and be a digital bridge for tech companies in Singapore and Indonesia. As far back as during his first term President Jokowi with Prime Minister Lee has envisioned Batam's Nongsa Digital Park as a "Digital Bridge" connecting Singapore and Indonesia's digital economies.

D-Town and the 'D' is for...

The "D" is for "Downtown." As explained by Citra Sinar Global most cities in the world have their own downtown areas that embody ecosystems of diversity and creativity. "Nongsa D-Town" will be place where diversity of people and ideas converge, to spark creativity. Nongsa D-Town is also designated as the strip of downtown connecting and supporting the various developments within the Citramas and Sinar Mas Land masterplans in Nongsa, which comprise of Nongsa Digital Park, Infinite Studios, Nuvasa Bay, and the various resorts and golf courses.

Indonesian Jewellery Sparkles in Singapore

by Ranees Sahaney

Boutique jewellery exhibitors at the Indonesian Pavillion received a spectacular reception at the Singapore International Jewellery Exhibition (SIJE). Many may not also realise that there is a long history that connects gold and gemstones with the country as well that dates back to the first millenium BPE

There are over 400 distinct ethnic groups in Indonesia each with their own language and culture, as also their own jewellery making traditions. And like many other cultures across the world a bride's jewellery serves as both an ornament and a financial resource, as regulated by ancient traditions and rituals as well as a precious heirloom which is handed down from one generation to the next.

If not all of it, at least some part, the role of Indonesian jewellery traditions has been lucidly recorded in the historical and cultural context and linked to bridal jewellery. And, of course, jewellery traditions are also expressions of social rank and prestige and symbolic linkages with the spiritual and supernatural world as well!

One of the most thrilling chapters in the annals of Indonesian jewellery traditions is the contribution of ethnic jewellery in all its creative richness. This is where the story is brought up to date at last December's Singapore International Jewellery Exhibition (SIJE) held at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre from the 2nd to 5th of December 2022.

One other highlight is that Indonesia is a partner country for this year's SIJE. In the run up to the event at the Indonesian Unique Jewellery Craftsmanship webinar held in September, the Indonesian Ambassador to Singapore HE Surya Pratomo highlighted Indonesia has lots of unique jewelry craftsmanship which are made by talented and creative jewelry designers. Indonesia will showcase Indonesian unique jewelry craftsmanship from several provinces and these include several Small Medium Enterprises (SME) among them brands that feature highly original accessories designs!

There were seven boutique jewellery accessory exhibitors and one fine jewellery company (out of a total of 23 that participated) from Indonesia at the SIJE that were assisted and organised by Bank Indonesia and the Embassy of Indonesia in Singapore:

- Joglo Ayu Tenan
- Pyo Jewelry
- Bara Silver
- Nio - EL
- Nahdi Jewelry
- NTB Ana Pearls
- Lilara/ Pandora Mutiara and
- Zamrud Jewelry (fine jewellery)

An Important Trade Component

As part of the run-up to the SIJE the Indonesian Embassy held a webinar with the theme "The Truth Behind Gemstone Authentication" which was held in collaboration with Conference & Exhibition Management Services (CEMS) and Singapore Jewellers Association. Ambassdor Surya Pratomo in his welcome address highlighted Indonesia has recorded that jewelry export (HS Code 71) to Singapore US\$2,97 billion in value and has positive trend 10.01% since 2016 and even had reached US\$3,23 billion in 2019 as the biggest jewelry export value.

Indonesia jewelry export dominated the entire non-oil and gas goods which were exported to Singapore. The total value of non-oil and gas export of Indonesia to Singapore had been reached US\$8.5 billion in 2020. Total trade between Indonesia and Singapore had reached US\$23,0 billion in 2020 and even reached US\$34.35 billion in 2018.

IndoConnect was privileged to talk to some of the exhibitors and the owners of the SME who are also talented jewellery designers in their own right. Following are some excerpts and images from their collections!



(Above): Indonesian Ambassador H.E. Surya Pratomo, Ms Low Yen Ling Minister of State at the Ministries of Culture, Community and Youth and Trade and Industry and Ms Caroline Wihono (of CW Jewels) at the Indonesia Pavilion
Photo: Minister Low Yen Ling FB

JOGLO AYU TENAN >>>>

Ibu Rahayu Dwiastuti is the owner of the Yogyakarta-based SME Joglo Ayu Tenan. She also happens to be the chairperson of the Crafters Association there. She started weaving her dream about a space for sharing as she founded a hub for crafters to get together and share their knowledge. Here, foster housewives and people with disabilities are empowered. Caring for nature, they select eco-friendly materials as well as apply sustainable methods and work principle.

Indonesia produces around four percent of global gold production, half of which originates from the giant Grasberg mine, the world's largest gold mine, in the western half of Papua. Records reveal this mine is believed to contain the world's largest gold reserves (67.4 million ounces). Indonesia's most prolific gold producing areas are Sumatra and West Java



Joglo Ayu Tenan champions sustainability as the Amira collection uses leftover woven cloth!



Joglo Ayu Tenan's Rahayu Dwiastuti



Joglo Ayu Tenan's Maktika collection marks the jeweller's effort to repopularise parchment craft of Imogiri, Yogyakarta.



The Story of Gold and Indonesia

Revered and coveted by kings and commoners... straddling the spiritual and temporal world, gold is one of the most precious and rare gifts of Mother Earth to humankind. Gold, the most malleable or ductile metal, is regarded as a precious metal because of its texture, density and high melting points.

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About 60 percent of the gold production is used for jewellery, 40 percent for investments (for example central bank reserves as a hedge against inflation or recession), and 10 percent for industries. Its excellent ability to conduct heat and electricity is the reason gold is used in industrial applications, ceramics and electronics. As gold production in Indonesia outstrips domestic gold demand, by far, most of production is shipped abroad.

BARA SILVER >>>>

Bara Silver is based in Celuk, Bali and produces jewellery made from silver, gold and various gemstones. Ibu Putu Sudiadnyani established her business in 2003 with the aim to promote Indonesian cultural heritage worldwide through its beautiful designs which find inspiration from nature's flora and fauna as well as Balinese cultural motifs. Ibu Sudiadnyani's Bara Silver is committed to greater creativity and innovation in expanding into the world market, including greater use of online digital marketing.



Putu Sudiadnyani



NIO-EL >>>>

Nio-el is owned by Lydia Waskita who established her firm in 2011 in Sidoarjo, East Java. She designs all the jewellery accessories herself and works together with another craftsman to produce them. She finds inspiration from nature and her own imagination using materials such as copper, gemstones, fresh water pearls and crystals in her modern contemporary creations. Her exhibits at SIJE are divided into two categories: Exclusive Masterpieces and Mass Produced.



Lydia Waskita



SIJE Exhibitors from Indonesia

- Jana Pearls
- Bara Silver
- BEADSTOWN
- CW Jewels
- Gallery Zahra Mutiara
- Iges Jewelry
- Jayadi
- Joglo Ayu Tenan
- Kalsel Iges Jewel
- Lombok Pearls
- Maza Handcrafted Pearls & Jewelry
- Nio EL
- Pandora Mutiara
- Pegadaian
- Pyo Jewelry
- Riana Meilia
- Santhos Jewellery
- Vite Jewelry
- Zamrud Jewelry
- Zem Silver





LILARA PANDORA MUTIARA >>>>

Lilara was founded in 2020 by Laillina Mardhiyati who championed the cause of women empowerment. Adopting the symbol of the baroque pearl as something that is 'Perfectly Imperfect!' she wanted women to be okay with their imperfections and strive for happiness. She characterised her creations as having a casual, sporty and elegant design and always mindful of three issues: Support women's cause by supporting the hire of more women workers; partner with local artisans and purchase from local pearl farmers and where ever possible create using sustainable materials. Lailliani says she tries to touch a women's deepest feelings in each of her collection.



(Above clockwise): Laillina Mardhiyati; Samples from Lilara's Family and Birth Collections



PYO JEWELRY >>>>

The Palembang-based business in South Sumatra was started by Luthfia Fataty in 2015. The owner cum designer divides her collection generally into two categories: Heritage and Contemporary. The Heritage collection are replicas of old jewelry made with more affordable raw materials - considering that such jewelry usually use pure gold, and has a philosophical meaning, and function. 'Heritage' is made with pride in Indonesian culture and include replicas of historical archipelago jewelry such as Sriwijaya accessories, anak ayam necklaces, and tapak jajo necklaces. The 'Contemporary' collection consists of necklaces and bracelets made of natural Sumatran natural stones and Indonesian sea pearls.



(Above): Luthfia Fataty



Top International Schools in Singapore

Singapore being rated amongst the most safe, stable, economically secure and efficient when it comes to medical and public transport services makes it a country of choice for expats to send their kids to school here

A slew of schools have mushroomed on the island nation to attend to the educational needs, as also a wide choice of extracurricular activities, of the children from the international community, based here. The country offers a full spectrum of international schools and curricula here including, International Baccalaureate, European, American, Indian, Australian, even Japanese.

Its lively tolerance factor that drives this melting-pot of cultural diversity is another reason for Singapore's popularity in this landscape of learning and people-to-

Best Time to Apply

Admission periods for International Schools vary and it is best to make enquiries directly. But regardless, it is always a good idea to plan ahead and allow for a transition period to transfer your child from the old school. Many schools accept new primary students (Grades 1 to 8) students throughout the year. Usually the academic year runs from August to July. For secondary curricula Cambridge IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) from Grades 9 - 10 and IBDP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme) for Grades 11 - 12) each last for two years and it is difficult to admit students in the middle of the programmes. Some schools in Singapore require at least six months' notice of a student's planned withdrawal due to tuition payment cycles, plus parents would also need to factor in some time to obtain their child's previous school reports.



(Above l & r): Photos: Australian International School

people connectivity that the Singaporean government lays great stress on. With their high standards Singapore's schools are regarded highly, internationally, for producing high-achieving, Ivy League calibre students.

The academic emphasis continues to create a culture of high scholarship. The graduating results, in 2021, for example, resulted in an International Baccalaureate average of 36.2. In an Australian context, this IB outcome equates to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 94. As a non-selective school, the management is pleased that the pass rate for 2021 was 100% of students.

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, SINGAPORE

Language of instruction is English by native English teachers

The Australian International School is the only southern-hemisphere international school in Singapore that offers an Australian curriculum-based global education for students from the age of 2 months to 18 years.

This truly international education begins with the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB PYP) from Preschool to Year 5, Australian Curriculum for Years 6 to 8, Cambridge IGCSE in Years 9 and 10, and the Higher School Certificate (HSC) or International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB DP) for Years 11 and 12.

The school's philosophy also commits it fully to the notion of a holistic, rounded education, which cherishes the arts and sports as well as academics as essential dimensions of each student's education.

Beyond the graduating years, the focus on student learning evolves across all year levels. From the world-leading Early Years program, through Elementary School and throughout Secondary, the teaching environment maintains an academic wellbeing emphasis where the child's emotional, intellectual, physical, aesthetic and relational being is blended.

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Language of instruction is English by native English teachers

CIS provides extraordinary learning opportunities for the globally connected student. A nurturing environment, an international curriculum, and a culturally diverse community will facilitate exceptional achievements. Values should be more than inspiring or beautiful words. The values of CIS are a behavioural blueprint that shape who it is as a school community and as individuals.



(Top): Global Indian International School SMART Campus. Photo: GIIS

CHATSWORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Language of instruction is English by native English teachers.

Chatsworth is a mid-sized and internationally minded school that caters to students of approximately 50 nationalities from Kindergarten to Year 13 (Grade 12). Established in 1995, the Chatsworth mission to inspire, educate and enlighten forms the core pillars and education philosophy. As a three programme IB world school, it offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) PYP, MYP and DP curriculum to students. The IB Learner Profile is embedded into everything at Chatsworth and the entire school community is encouraged to recognise and support these attributes.

A non-selective school, Chatsworth focuses on the holistic development of each individual student and prepares students to either enter universities around the world or to transfer to international and national system schools as their families move on from Singapore. Highly qualified and dedicated teachers come from all over the world to offer a truly international education. Learning technologies here are progressive and grounded in 21st century learning; it also runs an Apple and Google school with a 1:1 laptop program running from Year 4 upwards. The school has a friendly, family feel and Chatsworth is known for its strong community spirit



Photos: Chatsworth International School

DULWICH COLLEGE (SINGAPORE)

Language of instruction is English by native English teachers

Dulwich's educational philosophy places equal emphasis on intellectual and personal development. The College is an international school with a British independent school ethos which draws upon 400 years of excellence, innovation, tradition and values and is proud to welcome over 50 nationalities. It is a co-educational day school, catering for students aged 2 to 18 in classes from Toddler to Year 13.

Junior and lower Senior School, Dulwich follows an enhanced form of the English National Curriculum, incorporating elements of the Common Entrance syllabus. From the age of 10, students are taught by subject specialist teachers in subject specific learning spaces. In Senior School, Dulwich is an IB World school authorised to offer the IB Diploma as well as the International General Certificate of Secondary Education.

All students are encouraged to participate in sporting competition and every child from the age of 7 is taught a musical instrument. Drama and opportunities for public speaking feature heavily from an early age.

As an internationally-minded school it lays stress on the importance of young people acquiring confidence and competence in languages other than English. It offers a dual language programme in English and Mandarin for children from 2 to 7 years of age and daily Chinese classes, streamed according to ability, for children from the age of 4. Additional modern foreign languages are offered in its Senior School.

GIG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The language of instruction is English by native English teachers

GIG International School and the GIG Professional Development Centre, part of the prestigious CIA group, are acknowledged leaders in creating innovative and experiential study techniques for nurturing independent learners, be it students or teachers. Parents should explore GIG's offerings, even as the school continues to set standards in pedagogy, teacher training and future skills development.

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At the cornerstone of its educational philosophy is a commitment to equip every student with positive and inspirational learning exposure. This is achieved through continuous experience to proprietary learning frameworks and futuristic skills that develop them into holistic individuals with a lifelong appetite for excellence.

Primary Immersive learning features include Large, brightly lit classrooms, equipped with IQ Panels to make lessons interesting and interactive; Small class size of not more than 25 students, which increases focus on the individual learner, ensuring involvement of every learner; Enhanced active & immersive learning approaches make lessons enjoyable. Futuristic learning facilities and digitized learning tools enhance learner's interest.

GIGIS Professional Development Centre is the only professional development centre in Singapore registered with Cambridge Assessment International Examinations (CAIE) as well as London Teacher Training College (LTTC, UK) and approved by Committee for Private Education (CPE) to run the Cambridge International Diploma in Teaching & Learning (CIDTL) and Cambridge International Certificate in Teaching & Learning (CICTL) and an array of Certificate of Professional Practice (COPP).

GLOBAL INDIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Language of instruction is English with native English teachers

Students from ages 2.5 to 18 are welcomed at GIIS, into a diverse and interconnected community. Experienced and passionate educators help students explore their interests through a holistic educational framework, a vast array of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and collaborative learning spaces.

It offers students a choice between international curricula like the IB Primary Years Programme (IB PYP), Cambridge Lower Secondary Programme, IGCSE, IB Diploma Programme (IB DP) and the Indian CBSE curriculum. A unique Montessori-inspired curriculum is offered for its youngest learners from 2.5 to 5 years of age.

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The state-of-the-art campus in Singapore, which is also Asia's first SMART campus, features over 40 skill-based studios, high-end performing arts and sports infrastructure and digital classrooms to provide students with a well-balanced 21st Century education. With highly qualified and dedicated teachers to support them, GIIS students are well-rounded, confident individuals who are groomed to face the challenges of the real world. For almost 20 years now, its students have excelled academically, go on to study at the world's top universities and become leaders in their respective fields.

HOLLANDSE SCHOOL SINGAPORE

The language of instruction is Dutch

The Hollandse School is well-known in Singapore and beyond. As the largest Dutch-language IPC International Primary Curriculum) school abroad, it has been providing excellent quality Dutch education for more than 100 years.

As a Dutch-language school with an international dimension, it creates an optimal learning environment with a home feeling. The HSL offers a child-friendly and safe environment, in which children are challenged to purposefully learn and collaborate.

The Hollandse School provides excellent education and a curriculum that prepares its pupils for the international world while retaining their Dutch language skills at the highest level.

There are three important areas of focus that are incorporated in the education Education in the Dutch language; International dimension; Individual attention HSL provides complete Dutch language education, in addition to which children receive English lessons every day.

Many foreign schools teach Dutch for a few hours each week, but this is in no way equivalent to the Dutch Language education provided by HSL. If pupils return to the Netherlands, they will have no problem entering primary or secondary education and will also have a huge advantage when it comes to English language skills. They will also be able to enter international secondary education without any problems, either in Singapore or elsewhere.

IPC is an abbreviation of International Primary Curriculum. This type of education works with interesting and inspiring themes that examine both the home and the host countries. These themes incorporate the



Photo: Hollandse School Singapore

subjects of history, geography, nature, technology, IT and visual art and focus on internationalization. Examples include young and old, the mission to Mars and the Middle Ages.

In 2010, HSL became the second school to obtain accreditation at Mastering Level for the International Primary Curriculum. This is proof that HSL occupies a leading position in the field of international education.

INSWORLD INSTITUTE

The language of instruction is English by native English teachers

Insworld Institute is a private school in Singapore offering programmes taught exclusively in English for local and international students. Its range of programmes include pre-high school courses such as Edexcel International Tuition Programme (an International Lower Secondary Programme), and English for Academic Study. It also prepares students for Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level, GCE A-Level, and IGCSE examinations. All its curriculums are British-based and are benchmarked to UK standards.

British qualifications such as A-Level and IGCSE are recognized as valid qualifications by all universities in Singapore, the UK, and Australia, as well as leading international universities. Local and international students who have studied A-Levels at Insworld Institute have gone on to study subjects such as Medicine and Engineering at some of the world's most prestigious international universities.

Flexibility is also a key part of its approach. Students can choose the combination of subjects which best matches their interests and their ambitions; they can also start their programme at different times of the year, and they can take internationally recognised exams at different times.

Insworld's approach to education is based on best practice in the UK. While its main focus is on academic achievement, it also promotes the social, moral and cultural development of its students team working and leadership, critical and creative thinking and an independent mindset are essential skills for young learners. Insworld works with small classes (4-12 students). This allows personalised learning, with a focus on the needs of each individual student.

ISS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Language of instruction English by native English teachers

ISS is the longest established three programme authorised World IB school in Singapore. It welcomes students across all ages and abilities from IB PYP (Kindergarten to Grade 5), IB MYP (Grades 6-10), right up to its IB DP (Grades 11-12) programme.

ISS has the benefit of more than 20 years' experience in offering the IB programme to expat students, and by offering all three IB programmes it arguably offers students the most rigorous preparation for the Diploma Programme. Although each IB programme has a standalone framework and curriculum,



Photo: ISS International School



Photo: Nexus International School

students with an MYP and PYP background can find it easier to meet the varied demands of the DP. For example, the experience of the MYP can equip students with the research skills need for the DP's Extended Essay.

Compared to many larger Singapore schools, ISS does offer smaller class sizes and the opportunities for personalised learning. The average class size across the school is 18 – 20 students; the teacher to student ratio is 1:8.5. The Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes have no more than 20 students in each class, while class sizes from Grades 2 to 5 are limited to a maximum of 24 per class.

ISS is one of only seven international schools in Singapore to teach all three IB programmes – the Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), and the IBDP. So, by moving all IB students onto one site, the school can offer a seamless IB education.

INVICTUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The language of instruction is English by native English teachers

Invictus has seen rapid growth in the last two years under the aegis of SingEd Global Schoolhouse Pte Ltd. With a short history that began with a 3-room school in 2015, Invictus in Singapore now has expanded to offer a full primary programme at the Dempsey campus and a Bilingual Chinese-English Primary Programme at the Centrium campus. In addition, a full Secondary Programme is also offered at Centrium making it a truly all through school from Year 1 to Year 13. Despite challenges with the pandemic, Invictus has also successfully expanded its brand into the Asia region.

Invictus has a dedicated team of diverse teaching staff who have experience from both the Singapore and international curricula, led by educational leaders with very strong backgrounds in international schools. Invictus is committed to being a leading educational institution that develops each learner holistically within a quality educational framework and its current EduTrust certification since May 2021 is a testament to this.

The English language primary school is located Dempsey Hill campus while its English-Chinese Bilingual Programme primary school is at its Centrium campus.

Invictus uses the International Primary Curriculum which offers a holistic education delivered by skilled educators.

For Grades 7 and 8 it offers the International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC) offered by over 155 schools in 50 countries around the world. Students in Grades 9 and 10 prepare for the International General Certificate of Second-

ary Education (IGCSE) exams and receive internationally-recognised grades. This is a key qualification that prepares students for the Cambridge International A-Levels (Advanced Level) in Grades 11 and 12, a recognised international qualification for application to global universities.

The International Primary Curriculum (IPC) is the curriculum of choice for over 1,800 international and national schools globally. At the heart of the IPC is a set of rigorous and holistic subject, personal and international learning goals. More than 130 theme and topic-based units of learning connect learning across these goals to equip the child with an international perspective while honing key personal traits.

NEXUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The language of instruction is English by native English teachers

Students here follow an inquiry-based curriculum in line with the school's overarching values-based framework, the self-named 'The Nexus Way', and a very 21st century use of open-plan classrooms and ever-present technology. An IB world school running a hybrid curriculum of the IB PYP, English National Curriculum to IGCSEs and onto IBDP. The school is currently a candidate school for the IB MYP.

This is a globally minded school; the IB PYP is delivered in primary years (3-11) against Singapore standards for maths, UK and New Zealand standards for English, and the Australian science curriculum. The end of primary years exhibition is a highly anticipated moment when children put this all into action; previous years have run a training session for the Singapore Paralympics team and created a road safety programme for nursery and kindergarten years.

In the secondary years, ages 11 to 16, teaching follows an enhanced English National Curriculum. The school is currently rolling out the IB MYP for years 7 to 9, which it says is more in keeping with its innovation and critical thinking style. IGCSEs will remain on the menu for years 10 and 11. There are 22 subject choices available, a global slant thrown in; world literature sitting alongside English literature and global perspectives a core subject.

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Moving into years 12 and 13, the IBDP is rolled out with a big bang; creativity, entrepreneurship and innovation all highly encouraged alongside core academics. For two years running, Y12 students have won first place in the Junior Achievement Company of the Year award for Singapore and Asia. The focus at Nexus is on 'developing the whole learner'. The results back this up. In 2021, the average IB grade was 37 points, up from 34 in 2020 and 32 in 2019 and 44% of diplomas were bilingual. At IGCSE in 2021, 38% of all entries were A/A* grade and 93% pass rate for A* to C, again an increase from 33% and 85% respectively in 2020.

French and Mandarin are the languages of choice, offered throughout the school with five lessons a week. Spanish is introduced from year 9 and falls into IGCSE and IB options.

Teaching is delivered through open plan classrooms known as learning pods. Many schools talk about breaking down walls; Nexus actually did it. Sliding panels, beanbags, presentation spaces; these are not classrooms as most parents know them. Children sit where they like, teachers move around them. Where desks are needed, they'll be white board desks.

The BML programme, that's bilingual and multilingual no less, is offered through two levels: additional or intensive English. In this latter programme, students receive up to 22 sessions a week joining their peers in mainstream classes for art, music and maths.

This is a very multicultural school, 50% of all IB diplomas are bilingual. Adapted annually to the cohort, previous offerings have included Dutch, Russian, Polish, Tamil, French and Japanese. English classes are even available to parents.

NPS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The language of instruction is English by native English teachers

Founded in 1959 the NPS Group nurtures over 15,000 students in various campuses. NPS is ranked 13th on the Global Top IB Schools, an achievement in academic excellence where students have achieved an average high score of 41.4 points and a 100% IB Diploma pass rate. Students here have gone on to the world's top universities over the past eight years.

Focusing on small-class size of an average 16 students in IBDP, 22 students in IGCSE and 25 students in other grades enables students to build strong skills and perform well from individual attention.

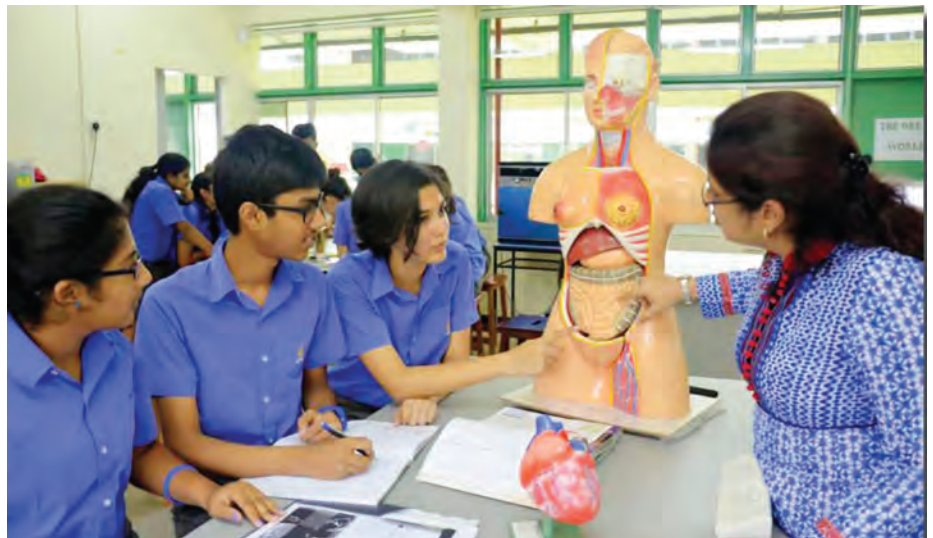


Photo: NPS International School

The holistic learning experience enables students to enjoy a variety of activities, clubs, and sports in a positive, motivating, and safe environments and winning over 50% of the medals at International Schools' championships.

Language options of French, Spanish, Hindi as 2nd language and Mandarin as 3rd language will benefit your child in having a better cultural, awareness, and ethos. Subject options in STEM and liberal arts widen our students' perspectives and college preparedness. Strong Parent Engagement, Pastoral Care and Empathy are practiced and Happy children are as important as academically strong children.

NPSI has the following exam affiliations:

- University of Cambridge Assessment Education (CAIE), UK, for International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) for Grades IX and X
- The IB Diploma Programme by International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO), Geneva, Switzerland, for Grades XI and XII
- Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for Grades IX, X, XI and XII

ONE WORLD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Language of instruction is English and Chinese by native English and Chinese teachers

One World International School's (OWIS) approach to education is distinctly different from many of the other schools in Singapore. Its ethos is to deliver a highly personalised education for all students and kindness is integral to everything it does. From its values and mission to curricula choices, its fee point and assessment practice – its philosophy around kindness aims to equip its students with the skills and awareness they need to thrive in a global society.

OWIS is an internationally diverse school with students from over 70 nationalities. It maintains this diversity by limiting each individual nationality to no more than 30 percent of its student population. It offers the IB PYP, the Cambridge IGCSE and the IB Diploma Programmes for students from the ages of 3 to 18 in a nurturing environment at an equitable fee point. Its educators come with international experience and are very passionate about education and its culture of kindness.



Photo: Overseas Family School Campus

OVERSEAS FAMILY SCHOOL

Language of instruction is English by native English teachers

OFS is one of the largest international schools in Singapore and has been providing a modern education in the English language for overseas families living in Singapore since 1991. OFS faculty is a professional team of highly qualified and experienced teachers from about 40 countries

OFS has students from over 70 countries with new school capacity at all levels. Students can also study Foreign Languages chosen from English, French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Mandarin or Spanish. OFS students, from Pre-K2 to Grade 8, may choose to study their own Mother Tongue four hours per week within the school timetable.

OFS curriculum is the International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) Pre-K1 (2 years old) to K2 (5 years old), the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) Grades 1 to 5 and International Baccalaureate (IB) Grades 6 to 12.

RAZUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The language of instruction is English by native English teachers

Razum International School is a boutique school that has a campus right in the city center. The campus at Tanglin Road is designed for up to 150 students. Razum means mind, intellect in Russian and the school is committed to maintaining a bonded, nurturing community that provides students with every opportunity to belong, grow and be respected. The four-hour school day sets it apart from other learning institutions. The shorter hours make learning more effective and efficient allowing students to be more focused on their core subjects such as Mathematics and English. At the same time, students are encouraged to develop a love for Art, Music, Dance and Drama which are instrumental in their cognitive development.

Class sizes are limited to 12-18 participants to allow students to benefit from individual attention and to allow the teacher to adjust curriculum according to student's unique needs and learning style.

Razum offers the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) for all students 5-12 years old. The curriculum is based on world renowned Singapore Mathematics and English for primary age students (5-12 years old). It



Photo: United World College Southeast Asia (UWCSEA)

is designed to be enquiry based, engaging and relevant to international students. The curriculum is expertly crafted so that it can be delivered within a 4- hour day, over the course of 10 months; from August to June. The maximum student-to-teacher ratio is 18 to 1.

STAMFORD AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The language of instruction is English, by native English teachers.

Stamford accommodates global language learning for children as young as 18 months. Through its World Language Program, it offers daily instruction in 3 of the world's most widely spoken languages - Mandarin, Spanish and English. Coupled with its community-based Mother Tongue Program, Stamford American's language curriculum offers literacy in more than a dozen languages.

Its High School program is aimed at meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of learners in high school from Grade 9 to Grade 12. In addition to a rigorous academic syllabus, it advocates cultural understanding, positive social interactions and a thirst for lifelong learning.

Stamford American International School is the only school in Singapore to offer Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB DP) and Business and Technical Education Council (BTEC) Diploma curricula.

Students graduate with a US accredited Stamford High School Diploma alongside the opportunity to pursue the IB Diploma, AP International Diploma or BTEC Diploma that is aligned closely to their ambitions and future university or career plans.

UWC SOUTHEAST ASIA (UWCSEA)

The language of instruction is English, by English-speaking teachers.

UWCSEA has a unique 50-year history in Singapore. It is a united, welcoming community that embraces students and their families from almost 100 different nations. The second of the now 18 UWC schools globally, the College was opened by Lee Kuan Yew as Singapore International School in 1971. SIS became the UWC South East Asia in 1975 in the same year it introduced the IB Diploma. It is now a world-renowned K-12 international school of over 5,600 students across two campuses on either side of Singapore.

UWCSEA's, concept-based curriculum is designed to develop the knowledge, skills and understandings that will challenge students to take responsibility for shaping a better world. This is achieved through a unique education, encompassing five elements in the bespoke holistic learning programme - academics, activities, outdoor education, personal and social education, and service.

Learning in all five elements is organised around the development of transferable ideas (concepts), which may be disciplinary or interdisciplinary. Knowledge and skill acquisition is vital, but not the end goal in a concept-based learning environment. Instead, by using their knowledge and skill learning, students are challenged to construct and express conceptual understandings, which transfer to new contexts. This allows students to apply critical thought in any situation, now and in the future. This curriculum is shared across all the two campuses, and a professional development programme ensures all teachers are supported in developing their classroom practice in concept based teaching and learning.

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Bali Latest Villa-Style Holidays

by Jenny Tan

Bali is preparing itself for the G20 Summit at the end of the year and much has been done to spruce up the facilities and amenities available on the island. IndoConnect compiles the latest news on what is on offer in the 4- to 5-star class of resorts with that villa-style touch at the Island of the Gods!



(Above): One of two dining options - the Chedi Club Ubud with restaurant and spa; (below right): View from the restaurant's verandah



Bali's famous Kecak Dance at the amphitheatre



Tanah Gajah by Hadiprana

Moored amongst the rice paddies of Bali's spiritual heart at Ubud, the idyllic 20-key property was once the private family estate of noted Indonesian architect Hendra Hadiprana. Built in the 1980s as a holiday home for the legendary designer and transformed into a resort in 2004 when the architect's imagination conjured the possibility of another estate nearby, this *Leading Hotel of the World* came back into the Hadiprana family's fold in the January of last year. The resort's extensive art and antique collection, gathered over decades, remains a pillar of the property and strolling the grounds is a rewarding immersion in Balinese art and sculpture. The secluded five-hectare estate also features two dining destinations, both with uninterrupted views of some of Ubud's most iconic scenery, an indulgent spa that also makes the most of the view, and a spacious swimming pool with mythic gajah (elephant) statues standing guard over the



water. Rooms are in traditional Balinese style with semi-outdoor bathrooms and several with private plunge pools.

(Clockwise, from above): The spa pool villa living room and exterior views; outdoor garden view



Wyndham Tamansari Jivva Resort

Surrounded by the lush tropical landscapes of Bali's eastern coast, Wyndham Tamansari Jivva Resort Bali offers unparalleled proximity to sparkling blue waters and the black sand beaches of beautiful Lembang Beach. This resort features standard and deluxe hotel rooms, suites and private pool villas that comfortably sleep two to four guests.



Villa poolside bedroom



Another inviting view of the private pool villa bedroom

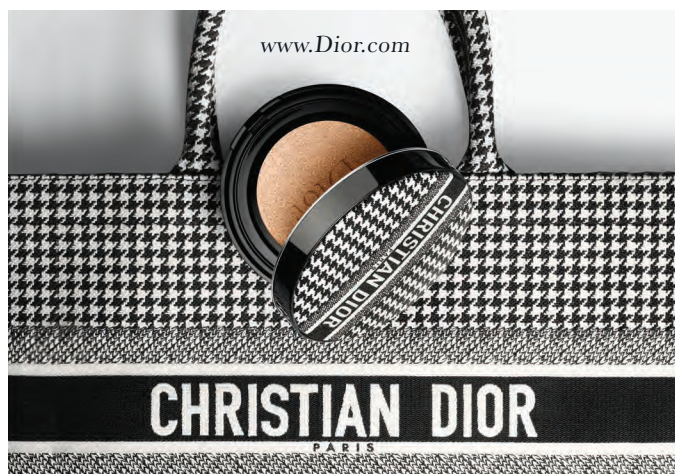
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DIOR Limited Edition New Look Collection

Inspired by Christian Dior's dazzling and daring début runway show called "New Look" that shook up the world of fashion, La Collection Privée Christian Dior fragrances and Dior Makeup iconic Rouge Dior and Dior Forever Couture Perfect Cushion are dressed in the iconic houndstooth check emblematic of the couture House.

Exclusively for Dior's three leading fragrances, Gris Dior, Lucky and Jasmin des Anges, the houndstooth check takes command, from the case to the bottle, whose pure lines it decorates to the eternally elegant couture signature aesthetics.



(Above): Brand ambassador actress Natalie Portman with Rouge Dior and Dior Forever Couture Perfect Cushion

New look of La Collection Privée Christian Dior fragrances

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Scent designer and CEO of Maison 21G Johanna Monange (inset) and the new flagship store at Marina Bay Sands The Shoppes

Meeth Japanese Model Skincare

Luxurious Skincare For Men and Women by Sonmi Japanese Model Celebrity goes by the philosophy meeth - Perfect Skin Is The Best Jewellery.

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Japanese model/actress Sonmi (inset) and the first meeth store in the Asia Pacific at Plaza Singapura's new wing

Aesthetic Medicine – Beauty in the Hands of...

by Jenny Tan

Radium's founder Dr Siew Tuck Wah believes every person is unique and aesthetic medicine is as much an art as a science: "The widely held belief that aesthetic medicine comprises only creams and medical procedures is wrong. What we are striving for is a healthier, more confident you. This can only be achieved with a sound diet, a healthy lifestyle, and a balanced mind"



(From left): Dr Siew Tuck Wah, Dr. Phoon Yi Shan and Dr Jody Paige Goh

○ RADIUM MEDICAL AESTHETICS

Radium Medical Aesthetics was founded by Dr. Siew Tuck Wah, medical director and a dedicated aesthetics doctor with a decade of experience performing non-invasive treatments like Lasers, Fillers, B*tox and Thread Lifts and a certified trainer for medical devices and treatments.

Radium's experienced team of doctors and nurse therapists, places great emphasis on service excellence, patient rapport, and innovation. Key among them are:

Medical director Dr. Phoon Yi Shan who is fully accredited in aesthetic procedures like B*tox, filler injections and cosmetic lasers, hair restoration and body contouring and has over a decade of experience.

She believes in an evidence-based, holistic approach and that: "Every patient is a unique piece of canvas, and treatments have to be tailored specially to their needs. I believe in listening to each patient's individual concerns, and advising them on the best possible treatments, and bringing out the best in them." She has been a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh since 2007 and was also awarded Master of Medicine in Orthopaedics Surgery in 2008.

Medical consultant Dr Jody Paige Goh, obtained her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in 2018 and is

fully accredited in aesthetic procedures like B*tox, filler injections and cosmetic lasers. She also believe that aesthetic medicine can play a pivotal role in building confidence which translates to happiness, mental health and better interpersonal relationships.

Radium Medical Aesthetics prides itself as a clinic that offers the latest, non-invasive, FDA-approved/ CE-marked medical aesthetic treatments, designed to invigorate not only look better, but to feel better and to become the most confident, best version of yourself.

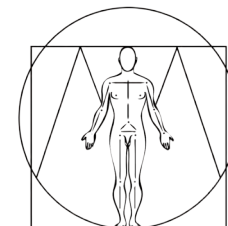
For foreign visitors there is a Medical Concierge Service which offers a one-stop assistance to coordinate all the needs of your visit. There are packages to enjoy priority booking on your preferred consultation slots with a stay at Conrad Centennial Singapore at exclusive room rates together with airport transfers to the hotel and clinic.

Popular treatments are Laser skin tightening, Genius radiofrequency microneedling for scar revision, Ultherapy skin lifting and Prohilo skin remodelling treatment.

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Mendis Aesthetics – A Full Suite of Wellness Solutions *by Jenny Tan*



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Dr Rohan Mendis has over two decades of experience in the field of aesthetics and has introduced Emsculpt Neo® a new way to reduce fat and at the same time build muscles. This is just one of the diverse selection of treatments geared to improve one's quality of life

Dr. Rohan Mendis, the founder of Mendis Aesthetics, practise a holistic approach to wellness: "My focus is on helping people improve their quality of life. This not only means enhancing your natural beauty, it also means helping you find the best ways to maintain that beauty and stay healthy, vibrant, fresh, and confident."

The MOH registered clinic is conveniently located in the heart of Orchard Road. He is highly respected for his aesthetics expertise with more than 20 years of experience in the field of advanced medical and technology administering with FDA and HSA approved treatments.

This includes treatments from B*tox, fillers, HIFU and laser treatments to skin boosters, face and body peels, body sculpting and contouring. The extensive clients include local celebrities, socialites, Singaporeans, expatriates and international patients from across the globe.

Dr. Mendis graduated with MBBS (Singapore), obtained Fellowship of The Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh (FRCS) and is a member of the American



Academy of Cosmetic Surgeons (AACS) and American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine (AAAM). He trained under several renowned international plastic surgeons and travels globally to attend medical seminars and forums, presented papers at a number of international Congresses like the World Congress of Cosmetic Surgery and American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery.

One treatment that Dr. Mendis is especially excited about is the introduction of Emsculpt Neo - that's billed as a 'fat reducer with muscle building ability'.

Mendis Aesthetics is the first aesthetics clinic in Singapore and Asia to administer the revolutionary Emsculpt Neo treatment to simultaneously burn fat while building muscle. Clinical studies show that on average there is a 30 percent reduction in subcutaneous fat and 25% muscle mass increment. (See box story below)

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This new treatment is a FDA cleared non-invasive body sculpting and contouring treatment in improving, strengthening, toning and firming of muscles and muscles development in abdomen, buttocks, thighs, calves and arms. It combines non-invasive lipolysis (breakdown of fat) of the abdomen and thighs with reduction in circumference of the abdomen and thighs with scientifically proven advanced technology.



Using synchronized Radiofrequency for fat elimination and High-Intensity Focused Electromagnetic Energy for muscle building - two therapies in a single 30 minutes treatment with no downtime.

Dr. Mendis shared that EmSculpt Neo is a great solution particularly for stubborn spots like abdomen, buttocks and thighs.

Every 30-minute session is equivalent to 24,000 muscular contractions at a supramaximal full 100 percent, compared to workout with weights which peaks at 60 per cent contraction. In addition to removing subcutaneous fat, it can potentially achieve results that can surpass many manual exercise regimes. This treatment procedure is completely non-invasive and without any downtime for busy men and women who not only want fat reduction, but also strengthen, tone, and firm their abdomen, thighs, arms and lift their buttocks.

Treatment note: Due to the nature of the treatments, reaction to the therapy depends on each individual. Results might not be immediate as muscle tissue takes time to build. Four to six sessions spaced five days apart are recommended.

Putra Minang: The New Name in Authentic Nasi Padang by Jenny Tan



Excellent taste, quality and value – a more than credible challenger for the title of best nasi padang restaurant in Singapore

Putra Minang Indonesian cuisine prides itself with freshly imported Indonesia ingredients and spices, lovingly prepared by its chefs. The native Indonesian cooks have honed their skills at famous and established Minang restaurants in West Sumatra and Jakarta.

Putra Minang takes the subject of authenticity seriously by cooking and preparing true blue Indonesian Minang Padang dishes, with that home-cooked quality using heirloom recipes, past down generations after generations.

If the restaurant is packed with Indonesians on weekends all day long, you know its serving real delicious homecooked Indonesian Nasi Padang dishes. Offering a feast of 45 to 50 main courses and accompanying dishes freshly cooked daily, Putra Minang believes that everyone should experience tasty authentic Minang and priced it affordably. Its location in the heart of town a stone's throw away from Bras Basah Road on Bencoolen Street with ample parking in the building makes it a convenient dining destination.

Popular Choices


Popular choices includes tender Beef Rendang, Ayam bakar, Gulai Kambing, Udang Sambal Petai, Ikan Asam Pedas, Sotong Masak Hitam, Tahu Telor, Telor Bladeo, Pucuk Ubi served with fragrant nasi rames.

One of the main highlights at Putra Minang is Sate Padang - which tastes different from our local satay - tasting more savory than sweet like our local version. This is one unique dish that we recommend. Marinated for hours and infused with spices, the sate is soaked in gravy and served with lontong and kripik ubi. Chose from options like Sate Ayam, Sate Sapi and Sate Babat.

Beef Lovers

Beef lovers are spoilt for choices here where literally almost every part of the cow is prepared in different spices. Take your pick from must try Beef Rendang to Gulai Cincang, Lemak Babat, Kikil in Belado, Gulai and Samabl Ijo, sop buntut, Paru Belado and Dendeng Belado, all cooked lovingly to tantalize your tastebuds.

Love your ayam? Chef Suriad uses only kampung chicken, known for its tender succulent flesh. Ayam cooked different styles - Gulai, Bakar, Belado, Goreng, Opor, Pop, Rendang are sure to keep you coming back for more. Ambeng set and Bentos are available for takeaways and delivery.

Putra Minang flagship restaurant is at Somerset Bencoolen Service Apartments 51 Bencoolen St, #01-05, S(189630). Open daily: 6.30am - 9pm. Branch outlet at International Plaza #01-33 (next to Coffee Bean), open daily from 10am to 7pm. 



Satay Padang - different from our local variants

For Reservation, takeaway and delivery, please contact +6582623535.
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Cooperation on Climate Change & Sustainability



During his visit to Singapore, Indonesia's Coordinating Minister of Maritime and Investment Affairs Mr Luhut B. Pandjaitan was accompanied by Ambassador Suryo Pratomo on several stops at TuasOne Waste-to-Energy incinerator plant on 23rd March 2022. The visiting party was greeted on arrival by Ms Grace Fu, Minister of Sustainability and Environment. At the Sembcorp Tengeh Floating Solar Farm he was accompanied by Senior Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam (pictured above). The Indonesian Minister was here to sign an MoU with Singapore on Cooperation on Climate Change and Sustainability on 21st March 2022.

Georgetown University Visit



The Embassy of the RI welcomed students from Georgetown University of McDonough School of Business as part of their Global Business Experience on 17th March 2022. The Ambassador updated them on various aspects of Indonesia, especially on Indonesia's Presidency of the G20 this year and other challenges facing the world. The students then presented their project that focused on the innovations needed in Indonesia related to logistics, healthcare and cyber security.

COVID-19 Aid for Indonesia



Ambassador Suryo Pratomo and several Embassy staff were on hand to witness the loading of COVID-19 aid from Singapore to Indonesia that consisted of ventilators and masks from Temasek Foundation at Changi Naval Base on 24th Feb 2022.



Indonesia Startup and Tourism Insight 2021



The Embassy of the RI's Adinata Centre was the venue of Indonesia Startup and Tourism Insight (ISTI) 2021. The ISTI 2021 Startup Pitch Battle on 27th November 2021 was the culmination of three weeks of activities and programmes that included workshops conducted by experts to help the startups prepare themselves for the finals. In the end 10 teams made the final cut and congratulations went to Abuzz Wellness for winning first place. Ambassador Suryo Pratomo was also the first Keynote Speaker for the event.


ISTI 2021 was organised by BISA. Founder Stephanus Widjaja on the occasion said, "Congratulations for Top 10 Startups for ISTI 2021 Final Pitch Battle. Since 2015, BISA (www.bisakita.com) has organized a platform for Indonesia Startups to showcase their idea in front of the potential investors in Singapore and Asia."



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JUPITER FLYING HIGH SINGAPORE AIRSHOW 2022



Indonesian Air Force Jupiter Aerobatics Team performed a spectacular display of I4 manoeuvres in KT-1B Wongbee propeller planes at Singapore Airshow 2022. Photo: B.P. Chua 

Towards Closer Ties and Collaborations

Congratulations on the Successful 5th Singapore-Indonesia Leaders' Retreat

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