



# SUN MEDIA NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Sun Media Singapore weekly newsletter, your go-to source for the latest news and insights on key markets in Central Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia. In this edition, we'll be taking a closer look at the latest bilateral developments in Uzbekistan, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, and Bangladesh, with a focus on economy, and business. So whether you're a business professional, investor, or just interested in keeping up with the latest news from these dynamic regions, this newsletter is for you. Let's dive straight in!

## UZBEKISTAN



### PRESIDENT OF UZBEKISTAN STATE VISIT: CLOSER CONNECTIVITY WELCOMED

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, H.E. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, received a ceremonial welcome at the Istana this morning and called on President Halimah Yacob. President Halimah and President Mirziyoyev reaffirmed the friendly ties between Singapore and Uzbekistan on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of diplomatic relations.

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## SAUDI ARABIA



### MASAGOS ZULKIFLI'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

Masagos Zulkifli, Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Health, recently visited Saudi Arabia and Egypt to advance positive developments in Singapore and Saudi Arabia's bilateral relations. The Islamic Religious Council of Singapore had established the Research Programme in the Study of Muslim Communities of Success last year in preparation for the inaugural International Conference of Communities of Success.

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## SINGAPORE



### LIGHT TO NIGHT 2023 FESTIVAL: HERE AND NOW

The good news is that the Light to Night Festival is now back again. It is up and running from 6-26 January 2023 in the civic district. Light to Night 2023 embraces the theme of 'Here and Now' and explores what it really means to be in the present. The festival allows people to reflect on contemporary issues through freshly commissioned pieces of art by local and international artists in the civic district. The festival is inspired by the act of responding to one's time and the environment through art.

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## SINGAPORE BUSINESS FEDERATION HOLDS BUSINESS OUTLOOK SEMINAR

Against the backdrop of slowing global economies, rising interest rates and economic uncertainties, the Singapore Business Federation (SBF), in partnership with DBS Bank, held the annual flagship Seminar on Business Outlook 2023 today to help Singapore businesses better capture opportunities and sustain broad-based growth.

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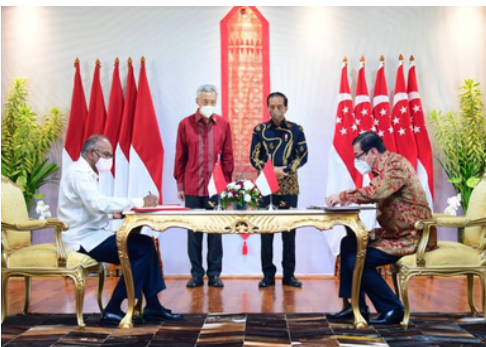


## SINGAPORE'S TOURISM EXPECTED TO THRIVE IN 2023

Singapore's international visitor arrivals (IVA) reached 6.3 million in 2022 (~33 per cent of 2019 IVA), exceeding STB's forecast of between 4 and 6 million visitors. Tourism receipts (TR) are estimated to reach \$13.8 to \$14.3 billion[1] (~50 per cent to 52 per cent of 2019 TR). Barring unexpected circumstances, tourism activity is now expected to recover to pre-pandemic levels by 2024.

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# INDONESIA



## SINGAPORE WELCOMES RATIFICATION OF THE ET AND DCA AGREEMENTS

The Leaders' Retreat between Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and President Joko Widodo of Indonesia took place on January 25, 2022, in Bintan, Indonesia. A series of agreements on three long-standing bilateral issues were signed under an Expanded Framework in front of the Leaders by the respective Ministers.

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## INDONESIAN VP, MA'RUF AMIN, MAKES COURTESY CALL ON SINGAPORE PRESIDENT, HALIMAH YACOB

Indonesian Vice President (VP) K.H. Ma'ruf Amin made a courtesy call to the President of Singapore, Halimah Yacob, at the Singapore Presidential Palace, Monday afternoon (16 January 2023).

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# INDIA



## PM MODI: DIASPORA CAN STRENGTHEN INDIA'S GLOBAL VISION

The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention attracted 3,500 diaspora members from almost 70 countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said they are national ambassadors who can uphold India's heritage and spoke on the convention's theme: "Diaspora: Reliable partners for India's progress in Amrit Kaal."

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# MALAYSIA



## DR. VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN MEETS MALAYSIAN PM, DATO' ANWAR IBRAHIM

On January 17, Foreign Minister Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan met with Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Anwar Ibrahim in Putrajaya, Malaysia. This meeting is part of his official visit to Singapore from January 15 to 18, with the goal of bolstering bilateral cooperation with Malaysia's new government.

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# BANGLADESH



## BANGLADESH BUSINESS SUMMIT 2023 TO BE HELD IN MARCH

Bangladesh Business Summit 2023 is an international trade and investment promotion event being organized by Bangladesh's apex business body, the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI), in partnership with the government of Bangladesh.

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