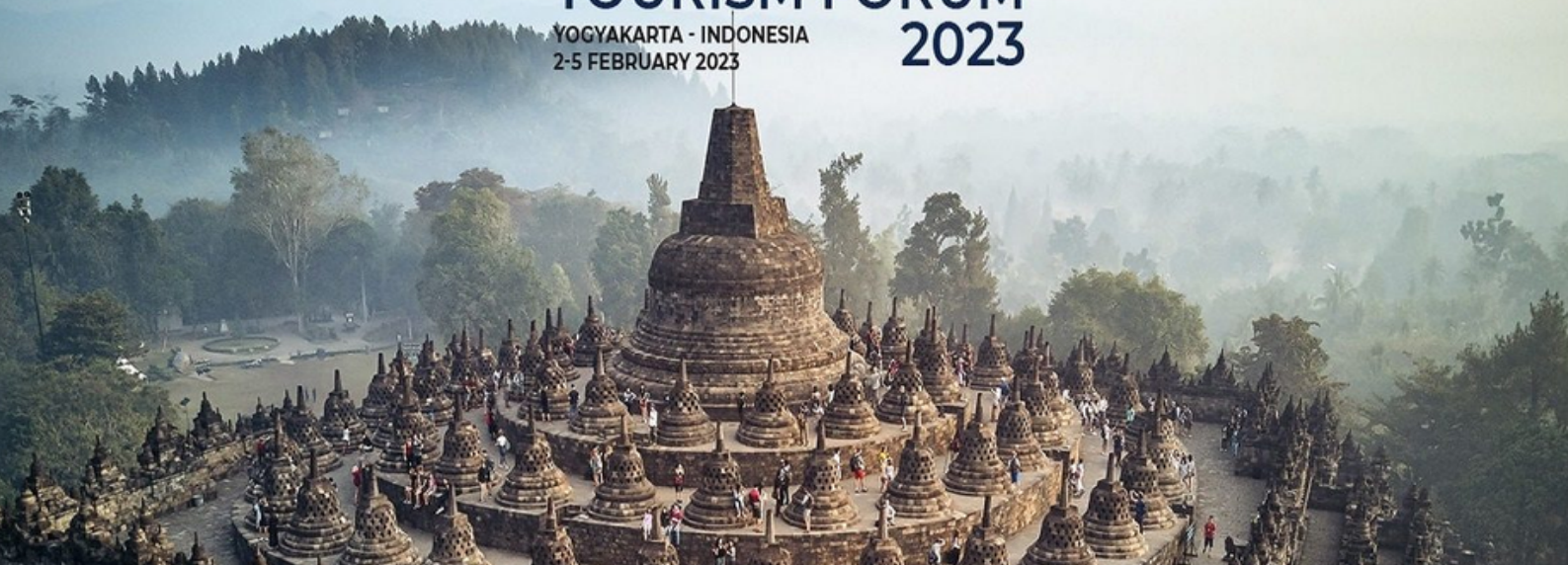




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SUN MEDIA NEWSLETTER

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!

INDIA



INDIA'S 74TH REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS IN SINGAPORE

The High Commission of India celebrated India's Republic Day by hosting a diplomatic reception with the Minister of Trade and Industry of Singapore, Gan Kim Yong, as the guest of honor. The High Commission of India, which is helmed here by High Commissioner Mr. P. Kumaran, celebrated the country's 74th Republic Day at Shangri-La Hotel Singapore on 25th January 2023.

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KAZAKHSTAN



KAZAKHSTAN-SINGAPORE BUSINESS COUNCIL HOSTS SUCCESSFUL MAIDEN NETWORKING EVENT

The Kazakhstan-Singapore Business Council (#KSBC) held its maiden networking event, bringing together business leaders and entrepreneurs from both countries to explore potential collaborations and opportunities. The event was graced by the Ambassador of #Kazakhstan to #Singapore Askar Kuttykadam who delivered the keynote address.

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SINGAPORE



PM LEE CONGRATULATES NEW PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, CHRIS HIPKINS

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has written a congratulatory letter to Prime Minister of New Zealand Chris Hipkins and a valedictory letter to former Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. Prime Minister Hipkins was sworn in on 25 January 2023. On behalf of the Singapore Government, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong congratulated the new Prime Minister of New Zealand, Chris Hipkins on his appointment.

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SINGAPORE CONSUMER PRICE DEVELOPMENTS IN DECEMBER 2022

MONETARY AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE From MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY Released Singapore Consumer Price Developments on 25 January 2023. Demand conditions in major economies have softened while supply chain frictions have continued to ease. Prices of energy and food commodities had come off the peaks earlier in 2022 but remained elevated.

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GLOW FESTIVAL 2023

Thaipusam Festival 2023, which will be held on February 5th, is an upcoming event in Singapore. Anchored by a colorful annual procession, Thaipusam sees Hindu devotees in Singapore seeking blessings, fulfilling vows, and offering thanks.

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INDONESIA



YOGYAKARTA WILL HOST THE ASEAN TOURISM FORUM 2023

is currently held by Indonesia. In keeping with ASEAN tradition, the 2023 ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF), with the theme "ASEAN: A Journey to Wonderful Destinations," will be held in Yogyakarta to kick off Indonesia's chairmanship of ASEAN. The ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) is the region's largest annual tourism event.

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LAUNCH OF INDONESIA'S 2023 ASEAN CHAIRMANSHIP BY PRESIDENT JOKOWI

On Sunday morning, the Hotel Indonesia Roundabout hosted the official start of Indonesia's chairmanship of ASEAN in 2023. President Joko Widodo expressed confidence that ASEAN will continue to be relevant by assembling a peaceful and stable Indo Pacific and acting as a center of economic growth.

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BANGLADESH



BANGLADESH INVITES WORLD BANK TO INVEST IN CLIMATE SMART INFRASTRUCTURE

"The World Bank can showcase Bangladesh's socio-economic development as an international success story to mark the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's partnership with the Bank", said Dr. A K Abdul Momen, MP, Foreign Minister today. He made the observation while meeting Mr. Martin Raiser, Vice-President, South Asia Region of the World Bank at his office in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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AFRICA



FIRST-EVER INCLUSIVE FINTECH FORUM WILL BE HELD IN KIGALI

The first annual Inclusive Fintech Forum, organized by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) and Elevandi, will be held from June 20-22, 2023, in Kigali, Rwanda. The Inclusive Fintech Forum 2023 will be held in Kigali, Rwanda, thanks to a partnership between the Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC) and Elevandi.

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MALAYSIA



OFFICIAL VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE OF MALAYSIA DATO' SERI ANWAR IBRAHIM

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Malaysia Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim will visit Singapore on 30 January 2023. This will be his first Official Visit to Singapore in his current capacity. Prime Minister Anwar's visit to Singapore underscores the close and enduring relationship between Singapore and Malaysia, and our people.

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