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Welcome to Sun Media Singapore weekly e-newsletter, your go-to source for the latest news and insights on key markets that include Central Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia. In this edition, we'll be taking a closer look at the latest bilateral developments in India, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Saudi Arabia with a focus on the 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



1ST G20 EMPLOYMENT WORKING GROUP CONCLUDES IN JODHPUR

The first G20 Employment Working Group concluded on a positive note on 4th February 2023 in Jodhpur, with all G20 countries expressing interest and commitment to constructively working towards the Indian Presidency's three priority areas of Addressing Global Skills Gaps, Gig & Platform Economy & Social Protection, and Sustainable Financing of Social Security.

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MALAYSIA



SINGAPORE TEAMS UP WITH MALAYSIA TO SOLVE CHALLENGES IN ENERGY SECTOR

YTL PowerSeraya has announced a collaboration agreement with TNB Power Generation Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Tenaga Nasional Berhad, that involves the supply of 100 megawatts of electricity via the newly upgraded interconnector.

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SINGAPORE



OPERATION LIONHEART FROM SINGAPORE TO HELP TURKEY VICTIMS

A 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck Kahramanmaraş on February 6, causing damage in Adana, Adiyaman, Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kilis, Malatya, Osmaniye, and Sanliurfa. 20 SCDF officers from the Operation Lionheart (OLH) contingent headed to Adana, Turkey, at 2:05 a.m. on February 8 to assist with relief operations following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

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SINGAPORE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 16TH ARCTIC FRONTIERS CONFERENCE

Special Envoy for Arctic Affairs Sam Tan represented Singapore at the 16th Arctic Frontiers Conference (AFC) held in Tromsø, Norway from 28th January to 4th February. This is Special Envoy Tan's 8th participation at the conference. Special Envoy Tan participated in the high-level panel discussion titled "Food on the Move" on 1 February 2023, where he spoke about Singapore's strategies for food security.

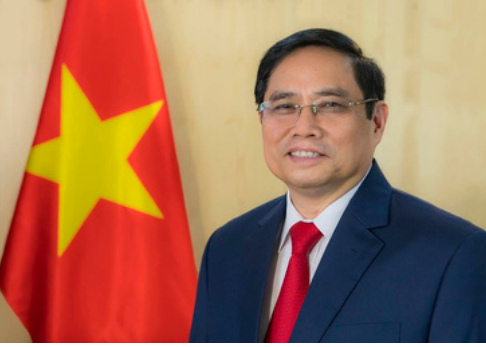
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SINGAPORE @ CONFERENCE ON PEOPLE TRAFFICKING IN AUSTRALIA

Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State (SMS) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of National Development, attended the 8th Bali Process Ministerial Conference on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons, and Related Transnational Crime in Adelaide, Australia from 9th to 10th February 2023

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OFFICIAL VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY PHAM MINH CHINH, PRIME MINISTER OF VIETNAM, 8-10 FEBRUARY 2023

His Excellency Pham Minh Chinh paid an official visit to Singapore from 8th to 10th February 2023 at the invitation of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. This is Prime Minister Chinh's first official visit to Singapore, which coincides with the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Vietnam.

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INDONESIA



HIGHLIGHTS: ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' RETREAT AND COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETINGS, FEBRUARY 3-4, 2023

On 4th February 2023, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat was held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Retreat, with the theme "ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth," was the first significant gathering held during Indonesia's presidency of ASEAN in 2023.

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32ND ASEAN CC MEETING ON GROUPING'S PRIORITIES

Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, attended the 32nd ASEAN Coordinating Council Meeting in Jakarta from 3rd to 4th February 2023. The Foreign Ministers discussed ASEAN's priorities including Indonesia's Chairmanship priorities and deliverables, Timor-Leste's ASEAN membership, and the situation in Myanmar.

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SAUDI ARABIA



ORACLE TO LAUNCH ITS NEWEST CLOUD REGION IN SAUDI ARABIA

Oracle announced plans to open a third public cloud region in Saudi Arabia in order to meet the rapidly growing demand for its cloud services. The new cloud region, which will be based in Riyadh, is part of a US \$1.5 billion investment by Oracle to expand cloud infrastructure capabilities in the Kingdom.

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ARAMCO TO BUILD ZOOM'S GLOBAL DATA CENTER IN SAUDI ARABIA

On February 6, Aramco and Zoom unveiled a strategic alliance. Zoom's strategic partnership with Aramco aims to build the Kingdom's first global data center to support the digital transformation ecosystem.

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