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## SINGAPORE



### AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S FAREWELL DINNER IN SINGAPORE

His Excellency H.E. Mr. William Edward Felix Hodgman has completed his term as Australia's High Commissioner. A farewell dinner was held in his honor led by the Dean of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps in Singapore, His Excellency H.E. Mr. Kakhramon Shakirov.

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### TÜRKIYE EMBASSY IN SINGAPORE CALLS FOR DONATIONS

Earthquakes of magnitude 7.7 and 7.6 struck Türkiye recently, centered in the Kahramanmaraş province, affecting more than 13 million people in 10 provinces. The Türkiye embassy in Singapore urged Singaporeans who wished to assist the victims of the earthquakes to make monetary donations through authorised channels.

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### SINGAPORE'S NATIONAL PIANO AND VIOLIN COMPETITION WILL RETURN IN 2023

The highly anticipated National Piano & Violin Competition (NPVC), organized by the Singapore Symphony Group (SSG), returns for its 14th edition this year. The biennial competition, held at the Victoria Concert Hall and the Esplanade, is a well-known platform for discovering Singapore's best classical music talents.

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## **VISIT OF YANG BERHORMAT DATO AHMAD ISA, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, 15-17 FEBRUARY 2023**

Dato Ahmad Isa, Attorney General of Brunei Darussalam, is visiting Singapore as part of the S R Nathan Fellowship from February 15 to 17, 2023, at the invitation of Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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## **MALAYSIA**



## **JOHOR'S CHIEF MINISTER ATTENDS SMF'S JOHOR-SINGAPORE BUSINESS FORUM**

On 13th February 2023, the Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF) received Chief Minister or Menteri Besar of Johor, Malaysia, Datuk Onn Hafiz bin Ghazi to expand collaborative links and promote investment opportunities in Johor.

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## **AFRICA**



## **THE 36TH AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT HELD IN ETHIOPIA ON FEBRUARY 18, 2023**

On February 18, 2023, African Union (AU) Heads of State and Government convened in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to begin their 36th Ordinary Session. During the formal opening ceremony, H.E. Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of Comoros, was voted by his companions to oversee the organization's destiny for the following year.

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## **SAUDI ARABIA**



## **THE WORLD'S LARGEST MODERN DOWNTOWN WILL BE DEVELOPED IN RIYADH**

The New Murabba Development Company (NMDC), which aims to create the largest modern downtown city in Riyadh and contribute to the city's future development in line with Saudi Vision 2030, was officially launched on 16th February 2023 by H.R.H. Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Prime Minister and Chairman of the NMDC.

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## **KAZAKHSTAN**



## **ASTANA INTERNATIONAL FORUM COMING UP IN JUNE**

The Astana International Forum will be held on 8th to 9th June this year. Various heads of state, government officials, and representatives from international organisations will attend this forum to seek actionable solutions to global concerns

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## **INDIA**



## **NO COVID TEST REQUIRED FOR SINGAPOREANS VISITING INDIA**

Due to a "sustained and significant decline in the trajectory of COVID-19 cases" in the last four weeks, India's Ministry of Health has revised travel guidelines for six countries, including Singapore. Singaporean visitors who arrive in India after February 13, 11 A.M. won't need to go through any covid-related arrival procedures.

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## **SINGAPORE REPRESENTED AT THE UTTAR PRADESH GLOBAL INVESTORS SUMMIT 2023**

Enterprise Singapore sent 21 local companies and 58 business delegates to Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit.

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