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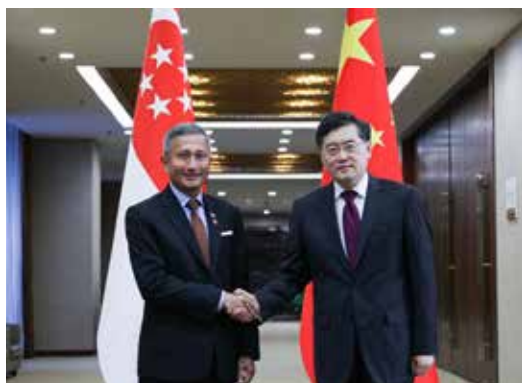
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THE LEE KUAN YEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY RECEIVES S\$101 MILLION GIFT FROM LOW TUCK KWONG FOUNDATION

The Low Tuck Kwong Foundation donated S\$101 Million to The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS), on February 22, 2023, to establish The Low Tuck Kwong Foundation Advance Asia Leadership Fund and The Low Tuck Kwong Foundation Scholarship.

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SG MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR. VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO BEIJING, 19-21 FEBRUARY 2023

Foreign Minister Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan concluded his official visit to China on February 19-21 February 21, 2023. Minister Balakrishnan had substantive meetings with Yin Li, Member of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Political Bureau and Secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee, Foreign Minister Qin Gang, and CPC Minister of the International Department Liu Jianchao.

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CRUISE SAUDI WELCOMES 9000 TOURISTS ON FOUNDING DAY

Last year HH King Salman declared 22nd February to be Founding Day. This year cruise Saudi, a firm owned entirely by the KSA's Public Investment Fund, set a new record by greeting about 9,000 visitors who toured important Saudi attractions via three cruise ship stops in two ports.

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ENTERPRISE SG HOSTS GHANA MARITIME AUTHORITY DELEGATIONS

Last week, Enterprise Singapore hosted the Chairman of the Ghana Maritime Authority, Kutin Junior Robert Kingsford, the Chief of Naval Staff, Yakubu Issah Adam, and their delegations.

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EGYPT ISSUES ITS FIRST SUKUK (ISLAMIC BOND)

On Tuesday, February 21, Egypt began the issuance of its first sovereign bonds, known as Islamic sukuk. The Islamic sukuk primarily appeals to GCC market investors who prefer to place their money in a security that complies with Islamic law.

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SINGAPORE'S FIRST EV CHARGING STATIONS NOW OPERATIONAL

The first batch of six electric vehicle (EV) charging points are now operational. They are located in two public car parks in Telok Blangah and Boon Lay.

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SINGAPORE AND EFTA BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON DIGITAL ECONOMY AGREEMENT

The EFTA-Singapore Digital Economy Agreement (DEA) is currently being negotiated between Singapore and The European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

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LAUNCH OF SINGAPORE-INDIA REAL-TIME PAYMENTS LINKAGE

On February 21, 2023, The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) and The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched their collaboration by linking Singapore's PayNow and India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

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1ST G20 FINANCE MINISTERS & CENTRAL BANK GOVERNORS AND 2ND G20 FINANCE & CENTRAL BANK DEPUTIES MEETINGS ON FEBRUARY 22-25, 2023

On February 24-25, 2023, Bengaluru, Karnataka, will host the first G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting under the G20 Indian Presidency. The meeting will be co-chaired by Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and RBI Governor Dr. Shaktikanta Das.

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