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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 Singapore, India, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, and Malaysia 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!

SINGAPORE



PM Lee's Official Visit to Saudi Arabia

PRIME Minister Lee Hsien Loong's visit to Saudi Arabia from the 17th to 20th October is aimed at strengthening bilateral ties and exploring avenues for cooperation in trade, energy, and technology. PM Lee was warmly received by Crown Prince and Prime Minister HRH Mohammed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud at the Al Yamamah Palace.

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Record Number of Singapore Nominations at 34th SGIFF

THERE will be 101 films from 50 countries participating at the Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF). Opening film Tiger Stripes, first Malaysian film (with Singapore involvement) to win a Grand Prize at Cannes' International Critics' Week. There will be 20 World Premiere films from the Asia-Pacific region, China and Europe will be featured in this year's Festival.

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INDIA



India's External Affairs Minister Official Visit to Singapore in October

ACCORDING to the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) the visit (from 19th to 21st October 2023) reaffirms the close and longstanding ties between Singapore and India, which are built on a strong foundation of strategic trust. The MFA statement said, "The visit will be an opportunity for both sides to review our bilateral cooperation, explore collaboration in emerging areas including digitalisation and skills development under the India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable, and exchange views on regional and global developments."

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President of India Presents 69th National Film Awards

INDIAN films were recognised for their impact on society and culture at the 69th presentation of the India Film Awards. President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, officiated at the event where she presented the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award to the legendary Ms. Waheeda Rehman. The President also acknowledged the contributions of actresses such as Pallavi Joshi, Alia Bhatt, and Kriti Sanon, and women directors such as Srishti Lakhera in the portrayal of strong, empowered women characters.

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INDONESIA



Overseas Marketing Workshop in November: Indonesia-Jakarta Sustainability: Nurturing Green Innovation and Resilience

THIS Overseas Market Workshop is jointly organised by Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG) and Singapore Business Federation (SBF) and will be held in Jakarta from the 6th to 10th November 2023. With its robust commitment to sustainability and flourishing eco-friendly infrastructure, Jakarta is an ideal hub for businesses eager to advance their sustainability endeavours in Southeast Asia. Participants will acquire invaluable insights and establish crucial connections to prosper in Jakarta's evolving sustainable milieu.

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MALAYSIA



Malaysia Spotlights Arts & Culture in Tourism

MALAYSIA through its Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia (MOTAC) organised the Malaysia-Singapore Triennial Cultural Showcase 2023 (TCS 2023) from 6th to 8th October 2023 at Marina Square. Malaysia is targeting more than 7 million tourist visits from Singapore this year

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SAUDI ARABIA



Singapore and KSA Affirm Cooperation at 3rd Saudi Arabia-Singapore Joint Committee Ministerial Meeting

IN 2022, bilateral trade in goods between Singapore and KSA reached S\$14.1 billion, marking a notable fifty percent year-on-year increase. This surge underscores the flourishing economic relations between the two nations. KSA emerged as Singapore's second-largest trading partner in the Middle East and secured its position as the 20th largest trading partner globally.

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THAILAND



Official Visit by Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin of Thailand

H.E. Srettha Thavisin, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, embarked on an official visit to Singapore on 12th October 2023 at the invitation of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. The visit began with a ceremonial welcome at the Istana in the morning, showcasing the warmth and cordiality between the two leaders. PM Srettha also engaged in fruitful discussions with President Tharman Shanmugaratnam where both leaders recognized the potential for further collaboration, particularly in the areas of renewable energy, the digital economy, fintech, and the fight against cybercrimes.

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