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# SUN MEDIA NEWSLETTER

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



### Singapore Award Top Military Honour to Indonesian Defence Minister

Indonesian Defence Minister Prabowo Subianto received Singapore's highest military honour for fostering strong bilateral defence ties in a ceremony held at the Istana on 21st November 2023. The Darjah Utama Bakti Cemerlang (Tentera) [Distinguished Service Order (Military)], by Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam.

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### MTI Projects Singapore's GDP Growth for 2023 and 2024

The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) has unveiled its economic projections, anticipating Singapore's GDP growth to be around 1.0% in 2023, with an optimistic outlook of 1.0% to 3.0% in 2024. In the third quarter of 2023, the Singapore economy showed resilience, expanding by 1.1% year-on-year, outpacing the previous quarter's growth of 0.5%. Notably, the manufacturing sector saw a recovery.

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### Asian and Latin American Art in a Tropical Setting

Tropical: Stories from Southeast Asia and Latin America is this year's major 'Blockbuster' art exhibition that brings together in three galleries 200 works of art and 70 top artists - a world's first major comparative exhibition on both regions

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## ASEAN



### Indonesia's ASEAN Gala Night Rocks!

This year's annual ASEAN Gala Night was hosted by Indonesia which holds the Chair for ASEAN this year. It was impeccably organised showcasing the cuisine, culture and a rousing programme of performances from the ASEAN member states (including Timor-Leste). Guest of Honour, the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Albert Chua represented Singapore.

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## AFRICA



### SWIFT Port Project Completed in Angola

The Single Window for Facilitation of Trade (SWiFT) project, a collaboration between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and Singapore, has been completed at the Port of Lobito in Angola. The pilot project, which is part of the broader Maritime Single Window (MSW) initiative, aims to streamline information exchange for efficient ship clearance during port calls.

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## INDIA



### India Engagement: Indian Navy Ship Visit and Fintech Festival Participation

In November India continues to showcase its multifaceted relationship between India and Singapore through two significant engagements during November. India's High Commissioner to Singapore, H.E. Dr. Shilpak Ambule welcomed the visit of the Indian naval vessel the INS Kadmatt to Singapore on 21st November 2023. The High Commissioner also inaugurated the India Pavilion at Singapore Fintech Festival 2023, showcasing India's prowess in both maritime security collaboration and Fintech innovation.

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## INDONESIA



### Garuda First Travel Fair in Singapore

The first Garuda Indonesia Travel Fair (GATF) in Singapore was held at the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Singapore on 20th November 2023. There was a high level of enthusiasm for affordable air tickets by Singaporeans and Indonesians alike. Indonesian Ambassador H.E. Suryo Pratomo, said that GATF, which has long been known to the Indonesian people, is now available in Singapore.

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## PHILIPPINES



### Art Trek 15 Explores Shades of The Wind

This is the 7th art exhibition under the Philippine Embassy's ART Trek 15 series. This year's theme is Shades of the Wind and showcases the diverse perspectives of nine Filipino visual artists exploring the role of colour in shaping self, identity, and culture. The exhibition was on from the 10th to 20th of November 2023. Those who would like to know more about the exhibits can also download the exhibition brochure at the link below.

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