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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



The Search for Peace Unites Diplomats at 50th Annual Xmas Concert

The resplendent Cathedral of the Good Shepherd in Queen Street resonated with the angelic voices of the Cathedral Choir of the Risen Christ on 3rd December 2023. The ensemble marked its 50th annual diplomatic Christmas concert which was attended by 40 heads of mission in Singapore, a distinguished audience comprising ministers, ambassadors, high commissioners, defence attaches, and the Apostolic Nuncio, representing the Pope.

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Chingay Parade 2024 Plans Unveiled!

The People Association, organiser of the annual Chingay Parade on 23 and 24 February 2024, will be presenting a floral extravaganza with the 'Blossom' theme. The massive street party parade will be a vibrant tapestry of multicultural performances, community floats, and art installations, symbolizing the growth of individuals and communities coming together.

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Singapore and the USA Reinforce Robust Defence Ties

Singapore Minister for Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen, met with US Secretary of Defense, Lloyd J. Austin III, at the Pentagon on 7th December 2023 and have reaffirmed the longstanding and strong bilateral defence relations between Singapore and the United States. They explored avenues to enhance cooperation highlighting the recent signing of the Security of Supply Arrangement (SOSA) that enables both countries to prioritize the delivery of critical industrial resources during unforeseen supply chain disruptions.

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Singapore Pavilion Showcase Commitment to Collective Climate Change Action

THE Singapore Pavilion is the second Singapore Pavilion held at COP 28th Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) from 30th November to 12th December 2023 in Dubai, UAE. Themed 'Accelerating Collective Climate Action', the Pavilion showcases how Singapore is convening players across sectors and domains, and from around the world, to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and build a climate-resilient future. A new initiative was also launched there – the Climate Leaders Assembly.

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INDIA



Gujarat Development Plans Unveiled in Singapore

Gujarat's Chief Minister (CM) Shri Bhupendra Patel spearheaded the Indian state's delegation visit to Singapore, where he addressed the Investment Conclave organized by the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries. The CM presented Gujarat as a role model state for development, highlighting its contributions to India's rapid progress under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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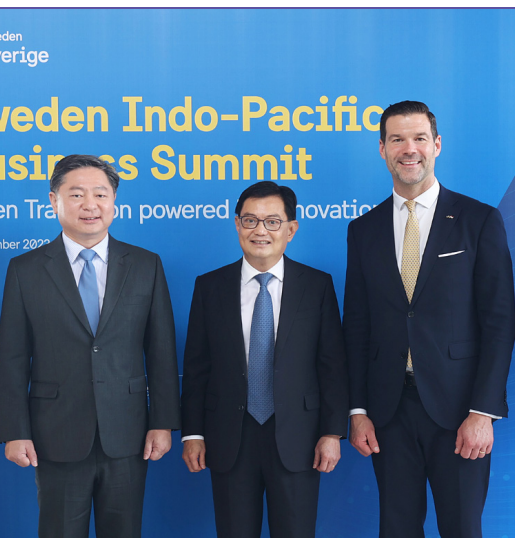


Singapore Can Benefit from Exchange of Expertise with Saudi Arabia

An ARAB NEWS report by Nomita Dhar stated Singaporean companies can look to benefits arising from increased cooperation with Saudi Arabia following a series of new agreements under the recently forged strategic partnership between both countries

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SWEDEN



Sweden Indo-Pacific Business Summit: Invitation to Collaborate with Singapore

Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies Mr Heng Swee Keat delivered the keynote address at the Sweden Indo-Pacific Business Summit on 5th December 2023. He emphasized the significance of innovation and international cooperation in addressing pressing global challenges such as climate change. Sweden's Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Sweden, Mr Anders Sjoberg, Ambassador of Sweden to Singapore, and Mr Andrew Kwan, Non-Resident Ambassador of Singapore to Sweden also attended the Summit.

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