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SINGAPORE



Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam on his first state visit to Brunei

President Tharman Shanmugaratnam was on his first overseas State Visit to Negara Brunei Darussalam from 24th to 26th January 2024. President Tharman and Mrs Tharman were accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister's Office of Negara Brunei Darussalam, and Her Royal Highness Paduka Seri Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah to the Istana Nurul Iman, where they were received by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam, and Her Majesty Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha for the Welcome Ceremony.

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United States congressional delegation visits Singapore

During the visit, the Congressional delegation engaged in significant discussions with Singaporean officials. The delegation called on Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Lawrence Wong and enjoyed a breakfast meeting hosted by Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Vivian Balakrishnan. Both meetings served to reaffirm the robust and multi-faceted relationship between Singapore and the United States.

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Inter-Religious Organisation (IRO) commemorates 75th anniversary

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Lawrence Wong, delivered insightful remarks at the 75th Inter-Religious Organisation's Anniversary Celebration, emphasizing the importance of preserving religious harmony in Singapore. The event, held on 23 January 2024, brought together religious leaders, dignitaries, and guests to commemorate the significant milestone.

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Singapore's Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Education and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Maliki Bin Osman, addresses the Non-Aligned Movement Summit, advocates for unity and cooperation.

The Summit, hosted on January 20, 2024 by Uganda, marked a significant gathering of the now 121-member strong Movement, with Dr. Maliki acknowledging Uganda's chairmanship and appreciating Azerbaijan's leadership during challenging times including the COVID-19 pandemic. He also welcomed South Sudan as the newest member of the Movement.

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Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development, Sim Ann, addresses Les Rencontres Économiques de Singapour – Singapore Economic Forum on Indo-Pacific economic challenges.

The event, attended by distinguished figures such as Professor Jean-Hervé Lorenzi and Professor Francisco Veloso, focused on the theme "Indo-Pacific: Shaping the World Order." Sim Ann expressed delight at the Forum's return to Singapore, emphasizing the importance of international collaboration amid the complex geopolitical landscape.

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Singapore Registry of Ships surpasses 100 million gross tonnage milestone.

The Singapore Registry of Ships (SRS) has marked a historic achievement by surpassing the 100 million gross tonnage (GT) milestone. This milestone was reached with the registration of AET's Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC), Eagle Veracruz, on January 23, 2024. Administered by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), the SRS stands as one of the world's top-quality ship registries.

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INDIA



H.E. Dr. Shilpak Ambule: India's G20 impact and diplomatic milestones.

In a wide-ranging interview with In Diplomacy, the High Commissioner talks about the far-reaching impact of India's recent G20 presidency, a testament to its growing diplomatic influence on the world stage. The discussion also covers different aspects of India-Singapore relations, from bilateral visits and investments to the growing synergy in areas like fintech, green energy, and cultural exchange.

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Tamil Nadu Global Investor's Meet attracts Singaporean investors.

Singapore is strengthening economic cooperation with the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, through expanded investments into the state's sustainability and infrastructure sectors. These investments were announced at the Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet (TNGIM) held in Chennai on 7 and 8 January 2024, where Singapore participated as a partner country.

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