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SINGAPORE



Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan commemorates the 50th anniversary of Singapore-Laos diplomatic relations at SCP Alumni Reception in Vientiane.

Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, delivered remarks at the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) Alumni Reception in Vientiane, Laos, on January 27, 2024. The event marked the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Laos. The reception was attended by various dignitaries, including Your Excellency Thongsavanh Phomvihane, Head of the Committee for External Relations, Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, along with other distinguished guests.

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Singapore Tourism Board, Marina Bay Sands, and UOB collaborate to enhance Marina Bay Precinct experience.

Singapore, 25 January 2024 – The Singapore Tourism Board (STB), Marina Bay Sands, and UOB have joined forces to elevate the Marina Bay precinct, offering a diverse array of experiences for residents and visitors alike. This innovative partnership, involving more than 19 precinct stakeholders, focuses on introducing over 50 exclusive offerings spanning hotels, attractions, retail shops, and dining establishments.

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Séverin Guelpa's 'The Desert, The Glacier, and The Superstructure' unveiled at book launch.

On January 19, 2024, Swiss artist Séverin Guelpa unveiled his latest work, 'The Desert, The Glacier and The Superstructure.' The book launch, brought together a diverse audience of art enthusiasts, researchers, and architects, who collectively immersed themselves in a decade's worth of collaborative experiences and ventures into extreme territories.

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"Plastic: Remaking Our World" exhibition held in Singapore.

The National Museum of Singapore (NMS) welcomed the Asian premiere of the travelling exhibition "Plastic: Remaking Our World" on January 27, 2024. Organized by the Vitra Design Museum, V&A Dundee, and maat, Lisbon, the exhibition explores the global and local impact of plastic, delving into its history, environmental implications, and innovative solutions for a sustainable future.

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DPM Heng Swee Keat addresses Singtel's 'Unfolding a New Era' event.

Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies, Heng Swee Keat, delivered a keynote address at Singtel's 'Unfolding a New Era' Event on January 31, 2024. The event, attended by key figures including SMS Dr Janil Puthuchery and Singtel's Chairman Mr Lee Theng Kiat, marked the launch of Singtel's regional data centre business and showcased strategic partnerships aimed at bolstering Singapore's role as a global hub for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital sustainability.

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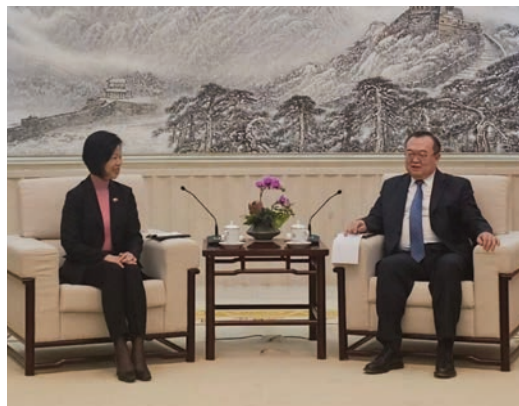


Singapore's tourism sector achieves strong recovery, surpassing 2023 forecasts.

Singapore, 1 February 2024 – In 2023, Singapore's tourism sector exhibited a robust recovery, surpassing forecasts and demonstrating resilience in the face of global uncertainties. International visitor arrivals (IVA) reached 13.6 million, representing approximately 71% of the 2019 IVA. Tourism receipts (TR) are estimated to reach \$24.5 to \$26.0 billion, accounting for approximately 88-94% of the 2019 TR, exceeding the Singapore Tourism Board's (STB) earlier forecast of \$18.0 to \$21.0 billion for the year.

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CHINA



Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development, Sim Ann's official visit to Beijing.

Senior Minister of State (SMS) for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development, Sim Ann, undertook a significant visit to Beijing, China, from 28 to 29 January 2024. During her stay, SMS Sim Ann, accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, engaged in key diplomatic discussions to bolster relations between Singapore and the People's Republic of China.

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INDIA



High Commission of India celebrates the 75th Republic Day.

The High Commission of India celebrated India's 75th Republic Day. The guest of honour representing Singapore was H.E. Josephine Teo, Minister for Communication and Information, and Second Minister for Home Affairs, in her address she shared her positive experiences during her past and recent visits to India and optimism on the bilateral ties and engagement between Singapore and India, they also hosted a reception on January 29th, celebrating the 75th Republic Day of India. Notable attendees included Members of Parliament Mr. Don Wee and Mr. Melvin Yong, as well as Chief of Navy RADM Sean Wat.

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