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SINGAPORE



PM Lee Hsien Loong's Chinese New Year Message 2024

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong delivered a poignant message ahead of Chinese New Year on 09 February, highlighting the significance of familial ties and urging Singaporean couples to consider parenthood. The message, delivered amidst festive preparations, emphasized the importance of family unity and the joy of welcoming new additions, particularly during the auspicious year of the dragon.

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CATWALK 2024: A Successful Global Initiative for Big Cat Awareness

CATWALK, an annual global event designed to raise awareness about the challenges faced by the 7 Big Cats and their impact on collective wellbeing. Organized by the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Singapore, CATWALK 2024 was held on Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 9 am to 12 noon at the picturesque Marina Barrage Water Playground, 8 Marina Gardens Drive, Singapore. The event brought together participants from diverse backgrounds to engage in a 3-kilometer walk around the iconic Marina Bay Area, symbolizing a united front in the global efforts for Big Cat conservation.

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NTU'S ICN 2024 Presents "KAHARSA: A MUSICAL"

Indonesian Cultural Night (ICN) 2024 successfully welcomed its esteemed guests to the highly anticipated second show, "Kaharsa: A Musical," held on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at the Drama Centre Theatre, National Library Building Bugis. Since its inception in 2007, ICN has served as a vital platform for Indonesian students at Nanyang Technological University, offering a space to explore, develop, and showcase their talents. After a hiatus due to the pandemic, ICN made a remarkable return with its 13th production, "Kaharsa: A Musical."

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ASEAN



ASEAN Digital Ministers Emphasize Inclusivity and Trust in Digital Landscape

THE 4th ASEAN Digital Ministers' Meeting (ADGMIN) and Related Meetings with Dialogue Partners, ITU, and APT took place from 30th January to 2nd February 2024 in Singapore. Chaired by Singapore as the ADGMIN Chair for 2024, the event welcomed ASEAN Deputy Secretary General for Economic Community, Satvinder Singh.

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INDONESIA



Indonesian and Singaporean Ministers Discuss Deployment of Nurses

INDONESIAN Manpower Minister Ida Fauziyah met with Singaporean Minister of Manpower, Tan See Leng, on Monday, 5th February 2024, to discuss the deployment of Indonesian nurses to address healthcare workforce shortages in Singapore. Minister Fauziyah expressed optimism about Indonesian nurses filling the growing demand in Singapore's health sector during the meeting, held in Singapore.

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IRELAND



Embassy of Ireland Celebrated St Brigid's Day 2024

The Embassy of Ireland, commemorated St Brigid's Day on Thursday, 1st February 2024. Ambassador McGrath extended a cordial invitation to guests for an evening of networking, drinks, and canapés, providing an opportunity to celebrate the cultural significance of St Brigid's Day. This event was not only a festive occasion but also served to raise awareness and honour the achievements of remarkable women.

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INDIA



PM MODI LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN GUWAHATI, ASSAM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for projects worth Rs 11,000 crores in Guwahati, Assam, on 4th February 2024. The event marked the initiation of several crucial development endeavors spanning infrastructure, sports, and medical facilities in the region. The projects encompass a wide array of initiatives, including the establishment of the Maa Kamakhya Divya Lok Pariyojana.

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SRI LANKA



Sri Lanka's 76th Independence Day Celebrated in Singapore

On February 4th, 2024, the High Commission of Sri Lanka in Singapore commemorated the 76th Anniversary of Sri Lanka's Independence at the Chevrans Auditorium. The event saw a gathering of approximately 250 members from the Sri Lankan expatriate community and friends of Sri Lanka, demonstrating the strong bonds and cultural ties within the diaspora.

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UZBEKISTAN



Diplomatic Corps in Singapore Bids Farewell to Uzbekistan Ambassador Shakirov Kakhramon

In Dean Agustin Garcia Lopez Loaeza, Ambassador of Mexico to Singapore speech bidding farewell to Uzbekistan's Ambassador to Singapore, H.E. Shakirov Kakhramon at Vatos City House, he paid tribute to Ambassador Shakirov for his outstanding performance as a former Dean of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps of Singapore here from 1st of May 2022 to 31st of March 2023. The Mexican Ambassador also bid him farewell and looked forward to time when their paths would soon cross again.

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