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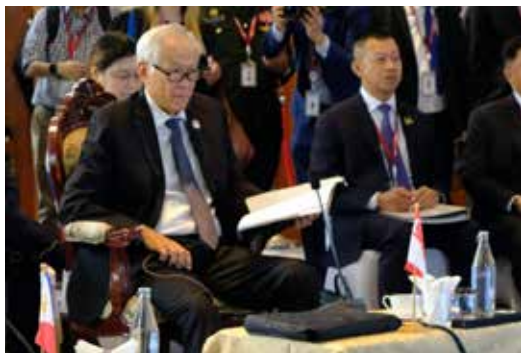


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NEWSLETTER

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 Advocates for ASEAN Unity and Security at ADMM Retreat

In a pivotal meeting held in Luang Prabang, Laos, on March 13, 2024, Singapore's Defence Minister, Dr. Ng Eng Hen, emphasized the necessity of ASEAN's united front for regional security at the ADMM Retreat. The inclusion of Timor-Leste as an observer signifies ASEAN's commitment to comprehensive collaboration.

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PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

On March 14, 2024, Singapore marked a significant day in its diplomatic calendar as it welcomed new ambassadors from Thailand and Cyprus at the Istana. Her Excellency Ureerat Chareontoh from Thailand and His Excellency Nicholas Panayiotou from Cyprus presented their credentials to President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, reinforcing the bonds of friendship and cooperation. This ceremony underscores the commitment of Singapore, Thailand, and Cyprus to further their collaborative efforts across various fields, promoting mutual growth and understanding.

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INDONESIA



Enhancing Lake Toba's Tourism Appeal through Singapore-Indonesia Collaboration

The Embassy of Singapore in Indonesia has taken significant strides to promote Lake Toba as a super-priority destination. From participating in the NATAS Travel Fair 2024 to facilitating discussions with Indonesia's Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, the embassy's efforts culminate in showcasing Lake Toba's cultural and investment potential.

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JAPAN



JENESYS Delegates Explore Singapore's Cultural and Community Dynamics

On March 6, 2024, the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) programme facilitated a deep cultural immersion for Japanese youths in Singapore. Hosted at the Japan Creative Centre, this initiative highlights the commitment of Japan and Singapore to fostering understanding and friendship through youth engagement, offering a platform for sharing insights and strengthening bilateral ties.

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PHILIPPINES



Philippines and Singapore Deepen Defense Dialogues with IISS Asia Engagement

Ambassador Medardo G. Macaraig's dialogue with Ms. Veerle Nouwens, IISS Asia's Executive Director, on March 11, 2024, underscores the Philippines' proactive role in regional security discussions. This meeting, centering on the upcoming IISS Shangri-La Dialogue, reflects the Philippines' commitment to contributing significantly to the discourse on Asia-Pacific defense and security, fostering an environment of cooperation and understanding.

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SOUTH AFRICA



Singapore and South Africa Explore Educational and Business Exchanges

The visit of Wits Business School students to Singapore, hosted by South African High Commissioner H.E Ms. Madiepetsane Charlotte Lobe on March 11, 2024, provided valuable insights into Singapore's successful business model and governance. Through interactions with business leaders and visits to innovation hubs like the Huawei AI Innovation Lab, the program aims to inspire future leaders and strengthen the ties between South Africa and Singapore in the realms of education and business.

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UNITED STATES



U.S.-Singapore Defense Relations Strengthened with Prestigious Military Award

Admiral John Christopher Aquilino, the commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, was honored with Singapore's Meritorious Service Medal (Military) on March 13, 2024. This prestigious award underscores the strong defense relations between the U.S. and Singapore, celebrating the enhanced cooperation and mutual security efforts that have flourished under Admiral Aquilino's leadership, particularly in new domains such as cyber security.

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Things To Do This Weekend



Splashtopia @Palawan Green

Embark on a water-themed adventure like never before at 'Splashtopia,' where Kiztopia and Sentosa have come together to create an inflatable extravaganza! Designed for children of all ages, this exclusive event introduces innovative inflatable bouncy castles, slides, and obstacle courses, ensuring a wild and thrilling environment.



Harry Potter: A Forbidden Forest Experience in Sentosa @Coastal Trail

Adventure into a spellbinding Forbidden Forest where you can see fantastic beasts inspired by the Wizarding World. Discover the magic as you journey through an illuminated nighttime forest trail and come across unexpected surprises. Ready your wand and cast spells, come face-to-face with magical creatures, and experience breathtaking moments based on scenes from the Harry Potter™ and Fantastic Beasts™ films. Don't miss an opportunity to venture into a forbidden forest inspired by the Wizarding World. Get your tickets for Harry Potter™: A Forbidden Forest Experience in Singapore!