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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



Novartis Expands Biologics Manufacturing in Singapore

On March 15, 2024, Novartis broke ground on its expanded biologics manufacturing site in Singapore, with Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat emphasizing the city-state's innovation role in global health. This development, showcasing a \$1 billion investment since 1986, aims to double Singapore's production capacity, reinforcing its position in the biopharmaceutical sector and addressing the growing demand in the Asia-Pacific.

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INDIA



Maritime Security Cooperation Strengthened at 18th ReCAAP Meeting

The 18th ReCAAP (Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia) Governing Council Meeting, was attended by India's delegation in Singapore from March 13-15, 2024, underscored the commitment to enhancing maritime security. This engagement aimed at fostering cooperation and sharing best practices among maritime agencies to ensure the safety and security of maritime corridors, demonstrating the solid partnership between India and Singapore in addressing regional maritime challenges.

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IRELAND

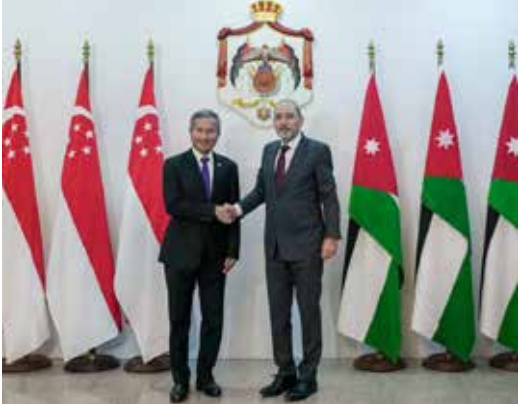


50 Years of Diplomatic Relations Celebrated by Singapore and Ireland

To commemorate 50 years of diplomatic ties, Singapore and Ireland held a tree-planting ceremony in Singapore Botanic Gardens on March 22, 2024. This symbolic act, featuring the planting of a Silver-leafed Ebony, an endangered native species, highlights the enduring friendship between the two countries.

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JORDAN



Strengthening Ties: Singapore's Foreign Minister Visits Jordan

Singapore's Foreign Minister, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, visited Jordan on March 16 and 17, 2024, to discuss humanitarian assistance and explore broader cooperation. Meeting with Jordanian officials, the visit highlighted the strong bilateral relationship, particularly in support for Gaza, and explored further collaboration in sectors like education and business.

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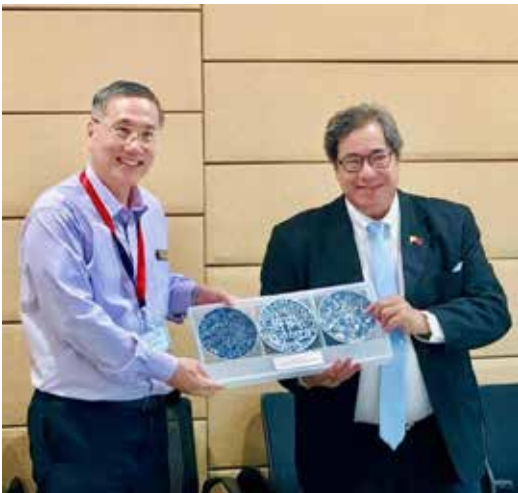


NZ FM Winston Peters Visits Singapore

New Zealand's Foreign Minister Winston Peters visited Singapore on March 15, 2024, as part of his tour across South and Southeast Asia. Meeting with Singaporean officials, discussions revolved around regional and global challenges, reiterating the importance of Singapore as a pivotal defense and trade partner for New Zealand. This visit highlights the opportunities for both nations to further develop their robust and ambitious relationship, underlining the strategic significance of their partnership.

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PHILIPPINES



Enhanced Health Cooperation Between the Philippines and Singapore

Philippines' Department of Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa visited Singapore from March 18 to 20, 2024, focusing on strengthening health sector collaboration. Discussions with Singapore's Health Minister and attendance at the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use Partner Meeting underscore the countries' shared goals in public health advancements. This visit reinforces the mutual interest in improving health outcomes and exemplifies the ongoing partnership between the Philippines and Singapore in healthcare.

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SRI LANKA



Significant Deployment of Sri Lankan Nurses to Singapore

In a landmark healthcare collaboration, 100 Sri Lankan nurses arrived in Singapore on March 15, 2024, to work in public hospitals, marking the largest group deployed at once. This initiative underscores the strong healthcare partnership between Singapore and Sri Lanka, aimed at enhancing the quality and accessibility of healthcare services.

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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!