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# **SUN MEDIA 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



#### Senior Minister Teo Chee Hean Speaks at the **Administrative Service Dinner 2024**

Senior Minister Teo Chee Hean highlighted the importance of Connectedness, Creativity, Cohesion, Courage, and Continuity at the Administrative Service Dinner on March 26, 2024. Celebrating the contributions of retiring Permanent Secretaries, Teo outlined the principles vital to Singapore's future success.

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### **CHINA**



#### Singapore and China Deepen Ties with Minister Liu Jianchao's Visit

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong met with Chinese Minister Liu Jianchao on March 27, 2024, reinforcing Singapore-China relations. They celebrated the partnership's growth, especially in digital and green economies, following their ties upgrade in April 2023. Minister Liu's visit, featuring discussions on cooperation and regional economic integration, concluded with optimism for future collaboration. Both sides also touched on ASEAN-China relations, highlighting the mutual benefits of an open and inclusive region.

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### HUNGARY



#### Hungary Celebrated at CEEC United Club Event in Singapore

On March 28, 2024, Hungary was honored at the CEEC United Club networking event in Singapore, showcasing Hungarian culture and heritage. Ambassador Judit Pach led the celebration, highlighting the significance of cultural exchange. Attendees explored Hungarian history through the "Petőfi: Around The World" exhibition and participated in a cultural quiz, enhancing the understanding and appreciation of Hungary's rich heritage among the Singaporean and international communities.

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### **PHILIPPINES**



### Philippines' DMW Honored with Digital Society Award in Singapore

On March 26, 2024, the Philippines' Department of Migrant Workers received the Digital Society Award at Singapore's Festival of Innovation for enhancing services for OFWs through digital transformation. This recognition highlights the DMW's commitment to leveraging technology to support Filipino workers abroad. The award, presented at the Sands Expo Convention Center, signifies the Philippines' leading role in public service innovation within the Asia Pacific.

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#### THAILAND

#### Bilateral Cooperation Focus of Singapore-Thailand Diplomatic Meeting

Singapore's Ambassador to Thailand, Wong Siow Ping Catherine, met with Thai Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sihasak Phuangketkeow, on April 1, 2024, discussing avenues to enhance bilateral ties. They prepared for the 14th CSEP meeting and discussed commemorating the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2025.

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#### US Ambassador Hosts Buka Puasa with Singapore's Second Minister

US Ambassador Jonathan Kaplan's buka puasa event on April 3, 2024, at his residence, featuring Dr. Maliki Osman, fostered cultural understanding and strengthened ties with Singapore's Muslim community. This annual tradition highlights the US commitment to interfaith harmony and the valued relationship between the United States and Singapore, promoting mutual respect and inclusive dialogue.

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## **SRI LANKA**



### Sri Lanka High Commission Hosts Iftar Dinner in Singapore

The High Commission of Sri Lanka in Singapore celebrated Ramadan with an Iftar dinner on April 4, 2024, promoting interfaith harmony among the Sri Lankan Muslim community in Singapore. The event, attended by Dr. Maliki Bin Osman and featuring traditional Sri Lankan cuisine, underscored the importance of unity and cultural exchange, highlighting Sri Lanka's commitment to multiculturalism and religious pluralism.

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### Things To Do This Weekend





#### Adventure Cove Waterpark @Resorts World Sentosa

Make a splash at Adventure Cove Waterpark in Sentosa, where excitement and fun meet the water.

From high-speed water slides to a peaceful journey down a winding river, and the unique opportunity to snorkel with over 20,000 marine fish, this waterpark offers a wave of activities for thrill-seekers and nature lovers alike.

#### Air Combat: A Virtual Reality Experience @Beach Station

Have you ever wanted to find out what it's like being in an aerial dogfight? Immerse in thrilling aerial combat against enemy aircraft in this stateof-the-art virtual reality (VR) adventure! Be transported into the cockpit of a high performance fighter jet and enjoy a sense of exploration and exhilaration while soaring through realistic skyscapes through 6 different movements. The introduction of a new 'surge' movement allows guests to experience adrenaline rush when the fighter jet takes off from a runway. Strap into the cockpit with a pair of VR goggles, and prepare for an adrenaline-pumping ride!

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