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Welcome to Sun Media Singapore’s 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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BRUNEI



Brunei Hari Raya Visit by Minister Maliki Osman

On 13th April 2024, Dr. Maliki Osman, Singapore’s Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office, and Second Minister for Education and Foreign Affairs, was received by H.M. Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam. During the audience, Dr. Osman conveyed Hari Raya greetings from Singapore’s leadership and discussed ways to deepen bilateral cooperation across various sectors.

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CHINA



Senior Minister of State Sim Ann’s Productive Visit to Henan, China

Senior Minister of State Sim Ann’s visit to Henan from April 16-18, 2024, aimed at fortifying Singapore’s ties with the region, focusing on sectors such as food security and cultural exchanges. Meetings with local officials and tours of key facilities showcased Henan’s economic developments and opened discussions for future collaborative ventures, highlighting the dynamic and evolving partnership between Singapore and Henan.

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INDIA



Inaugural Singapore-India Technology Conference on Judicial Collaboration

The Supreme Courts of Singapore and India hosted the first Singapore-India Technology Conference on April 13-14, 2024, focusing on the integration of AI in judicial systems. Keynote speeches and discussions, featuring international experts, delved into AI’s potential and ethical considerations in legal processes. This conference established a foundation for ongoing judicial collaboration and technological integration between the two nations.

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INDONESIA



Indonesian Sustainable Fashion Exhibition in Singapore

The “Indonesia in SG” exhibition, from April 17-21, 2024, showcased sustainable Indonesian fashion and culture in Singapore. Organized by the Indonesian Embassy and multiple partners, the event highlighted Indonesia’s rich heritage and modern innovations in fashion, aiming to strengthen economic ties and cultural exchange between Indonesia and Singapore through various cultural activities and trade exhibitions.

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THE NETHERLANDS



Singapore and the Netherlands Launch Container Track and Trace Service

A new MOU between Singapore Customs and the Customs Administration of the Netherlands establishes a Container Track and Trace Service, enhancing trade efficiency and supply chain visibility. This service, involving key maritime stakeholders, exemplifies the strong cooperative spirit between Singapore and the Netherlands, aiming to revolutionize logistics through advanced data integration and real-time tracking capabilities.

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PHILIPPINES



Philippine and Singaporean Foreign Ministers Discuss Strengthening Bilateral Ties

On April 16, 2024, Philippine Secretary Enrique A. Manalo and Singapore’s Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan met to reinforce the 55-year-old diplomatic relationship between their countries. Their discussions, part of Dr. Balakrishnan’s first visit to the Philippines since Secretary Manalo’s tenure began, covered enhancing bilateral relations and exploring new areas of cooperation, reflecting a shared vision for regional stability and prosperous collaboration.

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SRI LANKA



Sri Lankan Expatriates in Singapore Celebrate Sinhala & Tamil New Year

The Sri Lankan expatriate community in Singapore marked the Sinhala & Tamil New Year with a vibrant cultural showcase on April 14, 2024. The event featured traditional performances, culinary delights, and was attended by notable diplomats, emphasizing the rich cultural heritage of Sri Lanka and its significant influence in enhancing Singapore’s multicultural landscape.

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