



# 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



### Singapore and Sri Lanka Discuss Digital Partnership and Collaboration

Representatives from Singapore and Sri Lanka, led by High Commissioner Senarath Dissanayake and Minister Josephine Teo, convened to discuss expanding their digital partnership, particularly in areas like artificial intelligence and cybersecurity. The dialogue focused on potential joint ventures in digital infrastructure, aiming to leverage each country's strengths to enhance their technological and security capabilities, reflecting a continued commitment to innovation and cooperation.

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## ARGENTINA



### Unveiling of "Bellows" Sculpture Marks 50 Years of Singapore-Argentina Diplomatic Relations

On July 11, 2024, Singapore celebrated 50 years of diplomatic ties with Argentina with the unveiling of the "Bellows" sculpture at Paragon Mall. This event not only commemorated historical relations but also showcased the vibrant cultural connections and economic partnerships that have flourished over the decades. Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan highlighted the collaborative efforts, including Argentina's influence in Singapore through cultural icons and commercial enterprises.

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## FRANCE



### French Air and Space Force Strengthen Ties with Singapore

General Stéphane Mille of the French Air and Space Force was honored with Singapore's Meritorious Service Medal (Military). This prestigious award recognizes his exceptional efforts in fostering strong military collaborations between France and Singapore. The General's leadership has been instrumental in advancing joint training initiatives and enhancing interoperability between the two forces, particularly through shared use of military technology and platforms.

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# INDONESIA



## Indonesian Defence Forces Commander Receives Prestigious Military Award in Singapore

General Agus Subiyanto, the Indonesian National Defence Forces Commander, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (Military) during his visit to Singapore. This accolade serves as recognition for his vital role in enhancing the defense ties between Indonesia and Singapore, facilitating numerous joint military exercises and exchanges.

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# LAOS



## PM Lawrence Wong Celebrates 50 Years of Diplomatic Relations with Laos at Official Lunch

Singapore's Prime Minister Lawrence Wong commemorated half a century of diplomatic relations with Laos by hosting an official lunch for Lao Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone. The celebration highlighted the enduring friendship and cooperation between the two nations, discussing future collaborative opportunities in renewable energy and education.

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# MALAYSIA



## Media Conference Held for Malaysia Fest 2024

The High Commission of Malaysia in Singapore hosted a media conference to unveil plans for Malaysia Fest 2024, an upcoming cultural festival intended to showcase Malaysia's rich cultural heritage and promote its diverse industries. The event is set to include exhibitions and activities highlighting traditional and modern aspects of Malaysian life, from culinary arts to fashion and travel, aiming to strengthen cultural ties.

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# RWANDA



## 30th Anniversary Celebration of Rwanda's Liberation Day in Singapore

The Rwandan community in Singapore, along with friends and diplomatic allies, gathered to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Rwanda's Liberation Day. This event not only commemorated Rwanda's journey of recovery and development since the genocide but also highlighted the strategic partnerships that have supported its progress, especially in sectors like technology and education.

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# UKRAINE



## Ukraine's Resilience Highlighted at Singapore Press Club Embassy Night

At a significant event hosted by the Singapore Press Club, Ukraine's Ambassador Kateryna Zelenko spoke about the resilience of the Ukrainian people amid the ongoing conflict. She detailed the critical support Ukraine has received from the international community, including Singapore, and discussed the broader implications of the conflict on global stability and international law.

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## The AVSW Carnival is back, bigger and better!

Expect good food, fun games for all ages, fantastic merchandise, heartfelt performances by Pathlight students, and the ever-popular lucky draw! Plus, don't miss out on the live performance by jazz a cappella group, The Harvard Din & Tonics! Gather your family and friends and join us in the celebrations! Proceeds from the carnival will go towards supporting the Autism Resource Centre (Singapore)'s programmes and services for adults on the autistic spectrum.

**Date & Time**  
20 July 2024  
04:00 PM - 08:00 PM

**Venue**  
Pathlight School (Campus 2)  
2 Ang Mo Kio Street 44, Singapore 569250  
**Venue**  
Marina Bay Sands  
10 Bayfront Ave, Singapore 018956