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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



Prime Minister Lawrence Wong Unveils Smart Nation 2.0: A Vision for Singapore's Digital Future

Prime Minister Lawrence Wong launched Smart Nation 2.0 on 1 October 2024, marking a new chapter in Singapore's digital journey. The initiative focuses on growth, community, and trust, with plans to enhance AI research, promote digital literacy, and develop secure and reliable digital systems, positioning Singapore for a more inclusive digital society.

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Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat Honors Excellence in Science and Technology at the 2024 President's Science and Technology Awards

Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat honored top scientific minds at the President's Science and Technology Awards, held on 27 September 2024, recognizing outstanding contributions in research and innovation. The event underscored the role of science and technology in addressing global challenges and included awards for scientific achievements and young talent.

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Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat Concludes Working Visit to the United Kingdom

Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat concluded his working visit to the United Kingdom from 29 September to 4 October 2024, discussing collaborations in economic transformation, healthcare, and innovation. Key meetings were held with UK leaders, exploring partnerships in public housing, healthcare solutions, and research innovation. MOUs were signed to strengthen strategic partnerships between Singapore and the UK.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan Addresses 78th UN General Assembly

On 22 September 2023, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Singapore's Foreign Minister, spoke at the 78th UN General Assembly, emphasizing the need for strengthened global cooperation and a resilient multilateral system to tackle issues like AI governance, climate change, and geopolitical conflicts. He reiterated Singapore's support for international collaboration, UN initiatives, and efforts toward sustainable development goals.

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ASEAN



ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council Discusses Strategic Directions at 32nd Meeting

The 32nd ASCC Council Meeting was held on 26 September 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The meeting focused on ASEAN's socio-cultural strategies and sustainability, with discussions on the ASCC Blueprint 2025 and the development of the ASCC Post-2025 Strategic Plan. The Council emphasized adaptability to regional and global changes to ensure its programs remain relevant.

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INDIA



Indian High Commissioner Recognizes Cleaning Staff and Leads Cleanliness Drive at Staff

The Indian High Commissioner to Singapore led a cleanliness drive at the staff quarters on 3 October 2024, recognizing the dedication of the cleaning staff as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign. The initiative also included tree planting as part of the #Plant4Mother campaign, reinforcing the High Commission's commitment to environmental sustainability and hygiene.

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PHILIPPINES



HFSE International School Students Join Philippines' MANA Mo Celebration

Primary and secondary students from HFSE International School in Singapore actively participated in the Philippines' observance of the Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (MANA Mo) this September 2024. The event coincided with the school's annual Science Week, further supporting the Philippine Embassy's call to promote the MANA Mo campaign focused on marine conservation.

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THAILAND



Thailand and Singapore Experts Explore Collaboration in Sustainability at Thai Embassy Seminar

On 30 September 2024, experts from Thailand and Singapore gathered at the Thai Embassy in Singapore to discuss opportunities for collaboration in the bio-circular-green (BCG) economy. The seminar focused on addressing pressing climate challenges and promoting sustainability in both countries through innovative solutions and regional partnerships.

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Singapore Food Festival

Relish your palates at Singapore Food Festival 2024 and discover the best culinary delights.

Festival Highlights

Come hungry. The Singapore Food Festival (SFF) is back to cook up a storm for a month-long ultimate foodie extravaganza from 1 – 31 October 2024! Whet your appetite as you take your taste buds on a multi-sensory culinary adventure in celebration of Singapore's rich culinary heritage and modern creativity.