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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 Highlights Family Support Initiatives at PCF Family Day 2024

Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Lawrence Wong emphasized family support systems, senior care, and social partnerships during his speech at the PCF Family Day on 6 October 2024, held at Downtown East. He discussed increased subsidies for preschool education, housing support for young parents, and initiatives for senior care through PCF's Senior and Active Ageing Centres.

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Singapore-Korea Relations: PM Lawrence Wong Strengthens Ties with President Yoon Suk Yeol During Singapore Visit

On 8 October 2024, Prime Minister Lawrence Wong met with President Yoon Suk Yeol of the Republic of Korea to discuss deepening cooperation in areas such as economic, security, and regional collaboration. The two nations agreed to upgrade bilateral relations to a Strategic Partnership by 2025, aiming to enhance cooperation in trade, defense, and technology.

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Dr Ng Eng Hen: Singapore's Total Defence Stands Strong and Strengthened

At the 2024 Total Defence Awards, held on 11 October 2024, Minister for Defence Dr Ng Eng Hen praised contributions from individuals and organizations to Singapore's six pillars of Total Defence. The awards recognized efforts in military, civil, economic, social, digital, and psychological defence.

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Singapore Fashion Council Gala 2024 Celebrates Fashion, Sustainability, and Innovation

The Singapore Fashion Council Gala brought together industry leaders, government officials, and diplomats to celebrate sustainable fashion on 4 October 2024. The event highlighted the Singapore Stories runway and introduced the inaugural IMPACT Award, recognizing contributions to sustainability in fashion.

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ASEAN



ASEAN Secretary-General Opens ASEAN Investment Forum 2024 in Lao PDR

On 7 October 2024, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Kao Kim Hourn delivered the opening remarks at the ASEAN Investment Forum in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The event launched the ASEAN Regional Investment Promotion Action Plan 2025-2030 and focused on enhancing connectivity and sustainability across ASEAN Member States.

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INDIA



Rising Rajasthan Singapore Investor Meet Highlights Investment Opportunities

The Rising Rajasthan Singapore Investor Meet took place on 8 October 2024, focusing on investment opportunities in Rajasthan, India. Key areas discussed included renewable energy, urban planning, and tourism, with Rajasthan's upcoming Global Investment Summit set for December 2024.

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RWANDA



Rwanda Joins Global Leaders at the 24th WTTC Global Summit in Perth, Australia

Rwanda, led by Ambassador Jean de Dieu Uwhanganye, participated in the 24th World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) Global Summit from 8-10 October 2024 in Perth, Australia. Discussions focused on sustainable growth in tourism, public-private partnerships, and strengthening global tourism resilience.

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THAILAND



Thailand and Singapore Strengthen Cooperation in Digital Economy and Sustainability at ASEAN Summits

On 9 October 2024, Prime Ministers from Thailand and Singapore met during the ASEAN Summits to discuss cooperation in high-tech industries, food security, and combatting cross-border criminal networks. Both countries agreed to boost trade and tackle regional security challenges.

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The World of Studio Ghibli

Explore The World of Studio Ghibli at ArtScience Museum, where imagination begins!

The first ever Studio Ghibli exhibition in Singapore is opening in Oct, this large-scale exhibition offers visitors the opportunity of encountering some of their favourite characters from 11 films by the renowned Studio Ghibli. Allow yourself to be spirited away into magical scenes from My Neighbour Totoro, Kiki's Delivery Service, Howl's Moving Castle, Princess Mononoke and more. Through theatrical sets, interactive art installations and activities, learn about the extraordinary characters and stories created by one of the world's leading animation studios.