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## 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, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Africa, Malaysia, Uzbekistan, India, Saudi Arabia, and Maldives 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



### BRUNEI NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION 2023

The 39th National Day of Brunei Darussalam was celebrated in a simple and dignified ceremony amidst warm hospitality, ambience of friendship and well wishes.

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### SINGAPORE SPECIAL ENVOY FOR ARCTIC CIRCLE JAPAN FORUM

Special envoy for Arctic Affairs Mr. Sam Tan will represent Singapore at the Inaugural Arctic Circle Japan Forum in Tokyo from 2nd to 7th March 2023. He will take part in two high-level panel discussions and interact with heads of delegation from various arctic council nations as well as other eminent figures in Japan

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## INDONESIA



### SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA COLLABORATE IN SELF-DRIVE TECHNOLOGY

Singapore-based Moovita and Mobil Anak Bangsa Indonesia (MABI) collaborate with the Indonesian company PT Teknologi Karya Digital Nusa Tbk. (PT TKDN) to support the environmental ecosystem for level 3 and level 4 autonomous vehicles (av).

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## KAZAKHSTAN



### KAZAKHSTAN ON THE LOOKOUT FOR FUTURE COLLABORATIONS

H.E. Askar Kutykadam the Ambassador of Kazakhstan visited the Singapore-based oceanus group to discuss potential food industry partnerships and the government technology agency of Singapore about digital transformation partnerships in the public sector.

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## AFRICA



### EGYPT RECORDS HIGHEST LEVEL OF FDI TO DATE

Egypt's Prime Minister, Mostafa Madbouly, announced that the country received us\$3.3 billion in foreign direct investment (FDI) in a single quarter, from July to September 2022. In the fiscal year 2021–2022, Egypt's FDI surpassed us\$8.9 billion, breaking a 10-year record.

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## MALAYSIA



### MACS – MALAYSIA'S FAST-TRACK CLEARANCE PASS CAN NOW BE PROCESSED IN SINGAPORE

Singaporeans interested in applying for the MACS (Malaysia Automated Clearance System) can do so at the newly opened MACS branch counter in Singapore. For a fee of SGD\$35.00, which is renewable annually, this counter will process all regular Singapore passport applications.

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## UZBEKISTAN



### SG-BASED CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION COMPANY INKS MOU WITH UZBEK MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Accubits' mistEO, a leading Singapore-based company in climate change mitigation solutions and financing tools has announced the signing of a MoU with the Research Institute for Environment and Nature Conservation Technologies, Ministry of Natural Resources, Republic of Uzbekistan.

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## INDIA

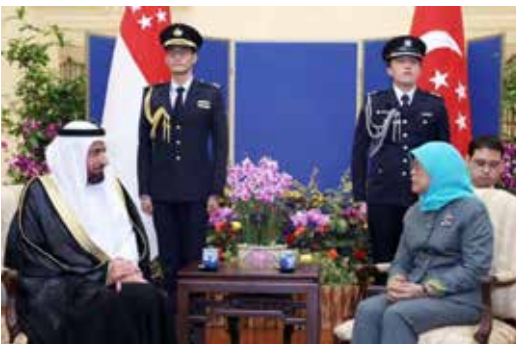


### PMS LEE AND MODI LAUNCH PAYNOW-UPI LINK & CALL FOR MORE BILATERAL TIE-UPS

Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and his counterpart in India PM Narendra Modi call in conjunction with the joint virtual launch of the PayNow-UPI linkage.

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## SAUDI ARABIA



### SAUDI'S MINISTER OF HAJJ AND UMRAH VISIT SINGAPORE

Dr. Tawfiq Al-Rabiah, the Minister of Hajj and Umrah, was welcomed to Singapore by President Halimah Yacob on 1st March 2023. During his official visit, several agreements in various areas, including the Hajj and Umrah, were signed.

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## MALDIVES



### YEAR 2 OF THE MALDIVES' YACHT RALLY

The Maldives Yacht Rally otherwise known as Savaadheeththa Dhathuru returns in 2023. Participants set sail from 1st March on an almost 170km journey through some of the most beautiful atolls, islands and waters in the world.

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