



Takeaways

A newsletter by RICE



Don't speak now...

We are certainly taking second glances at our ministers these days.

Singapore's government prides itself on a strict anti-corruption philosophy, along with decorum that draws from the stately, if not stern, demeanour of our former prime minister/kampung transformer.

So, it's obviously surprising to see headlines of late addressing both the backdoor and public-facing behaviour of some of our ministers. There's the Ridout saga, but we've covered that enough.

Then, the "fucking populist" comment. After that, a sudden (temporary) leave of absence from Minister of Transport S Iswaran. He's currently under investigation by CPIB for... well, that part, we don't exactly yet.

It would be convenient to draw a line through these recent events, but that's what it really is: convenient. We're just keeping our eyes peeled, our ears open, and our Google Docs tabs at the ready. It's an interesting time.

Reader's comment on our piece about Tan Chuan-Jin's mic flub:

"This could have been an awesome sponsored article by the brand of microphone which Parliament had installed. Crisp and clear perfect for a podcast."

*P.S. We've also learnt some of you found your way here through your friends. If you haven't already, **subscribe** to our weekly newsletter today!*

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Unpopular Opinion



Member of Parliament Jamus Lim spoke at length about the economic pressures regular Singaporeans are facing.

After he was done, Tan Chuan-Jin muttered something to himself that a *very* good

microphone picked up. And then, so did every Singaporean who has TikTok and Instagram.

**What Happens When the Speaker
of Parliament Speaks Out of Turn?**

Textbook Lawyer



This week, we said goodbye to Adrian Tan, a man who held the fort as President of the Law Society of Singapore. To a generation of once-disaffected teenagers, however, he was the storyteller of their adolescent lives.

**Adrian Tan, the King of
Singapore, Reminds
Singaporeans to Play**

Dressing Down



We took to the polls (on Telegram) to ask our female and female-identifying readers one question: do you cover up on public transport?

Unsurprisingly, almost half who responded said yes. Our writer feels it's time to talk about the pains of dressing up, and covering up, whenever they take the train or bus.

**MRT Jackets: The Naked Truth
Behind Women Covering Up on
Public Transport**

Overlooked Competition



We are a country who celebrates our athletes. But ask some of them and they'll reveal a very different perspective.

Specifically, para-athletes are feeling left out of the usual accolades. Why is this the case?

Singapore's Para-Athletes Aren't Getting Enough Attention, And It's Affecting Them

Short Grains, or *piping-hot topics by the spoonful.*

- It's been a week of Threads. How's it looking so far and what can we expect from it? Forget all that: we just want [these trends back](#).
- Thailand's Burger King has gone off the deep end: the newest addition to their menu is a cheeseburger with nothing but [20 slices of cheese](#) on a bun. (via CNN)
- Adrian Tan's passing has led to [renewed interest](#) in 'The Teenage Textbook'. (via Mothership)

- Come Friday in the U.S., Hollywood actors will join their writer friends on strike—and they're not playing around. (via *The Guardian*)
 - Circles.Life has laid off more of its employees, and allegations against its work culture practices are surfacing. (via *Campaign Asia*)
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Stunt work is more real than any of us can imagine. And for this Singaporean stuntman, survival means more than a safe landing.

A Stuntman's Dream to Survive

We like to go out! We also hate our weather.

But as much as our team is full of contradictions, we simply can't go by our weekend without checking out some things. If you're still deciding on where to go, let us highlight some unmissable events for you:

1. Lifestyle palace and Insta-shot hot-spot Museum of Ice Cream will celebrate National Ice Cream Day this Sunday with free ice-cream.
2. Starting this Saturday, the pop music world will descend upon Marina Bay Sands for three straight weeks. First up: Chinese singer/rapper Cai Xukun.

3. If you've spent \$3,000 on a corgi, head on down to [this event](#) to reassess your financial decisions! No hate, it's just Singapore Specials are the greatest.
4. The Asian Civilisations Museum is lining up the runway for [all things fashion](#) this weekend, and this weekend only.
5. Advanced tickets are out for the film event of the year: *Barbenheimer*. [The Projector](#) is planning something special for it too.

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