



Takeaways

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#JustParliamentThings

With our current climate, all eyes were on our latest parliament sitting on Wednesday.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong made his ministerial statement to address concerns: there's the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau's (CPIB) investigation into Transport Minister S Iswaran, along with the resignation of Members of Parliament (MPs) Tan Chuan Jin and Cheng Li Hui.

This was the first sitting since news about both broke, along with the resignation of Workers Party MPs Leon Perera and Nicole Seah, so it was a sure bet that Pritam Singh, Leader of the Opposition, along with NCMP Leong Mun Wai, would voice their concerns amidst the statements.

As our writer outlined, we left the proceedings with way more questions than we expected. There were tangents that sprung out of nowhere, and it got heated at some points. One big question: why are we still even talking about TraceTogether?

*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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♪ *Stand Up for Sitting Down* ♪



Parliament was back in session last Wednesday and, oh boy, was it a substantial one.

While it was unsurprising the sitting had to do with addressing the cavalcade of hot-button issues pervading Singapore politics as of late, it still felt like some questions were just left aside—especially with the whole nation was watching.

**Questions That Still Remain After
the Latest Parliament Sitting**

Retrograde in Spades



At RICE, we aren't interested in pundits. Hell, with the absurdity that we've been facing, sometimes it might be best to meet frenzy at its game when we are left with too many questions and a lot of uncertainty.

So, yes, we discussed politics with an astrologer.

**Venus In Retrograde:
Singapore's Top Psychological
Astrologer Predicts Our Political
Future**

President Poster



Telling friends that you "spend time on Facebook" will usually be met with responses that say you need to "get a life".

But, like other dying social media platforms—like the Platform Formerly Known as Twitter—the best posters can keep you glued to your feeds. Tan Kin Lian, former presidential candidate, is also one of Singapore Facebook's most active and interesting posters.

It's where he's connected with followers who either find his musings amusing (us) or genuinely captivating (idk, our parents?). Could this be the key to setting the stage for his current presidential bid?

**Tan Kin Lian Will Truly Be a
People's President, Judging
From
His Facebook Posts**

Singaporean Film's 90s Reign



In 1990s Singapore, our cinemas started showing a reflection of ourselves. It was new at the time, and looking back, it's a groundbreaking moment in our country's cultural history.

While Singaporean cinema is far from dead, we take a look back to an era that dared to imagine a Singapore we all live in on the big screen, and how it actually made money along the way.

**For Over a Decade,
Singaporean Cinema Was Dead.
Then the '90s Came Along.**

To All the Places I Loved Before



You know exactly what we're talking about.

**Places in Singapore My Ex
Ruined For Me**

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

- Last Sunday, native islanders and their descendants came together to celebrate their stories—stressing the importance of preserving the rich history of Singapore’s islands. Our social team was onsite to cover the proceedings.
- Lorry rides have also been in contention in our national discourse. Just how unsafe are they? We find out.
- If you found yourself sweating more than usual last month, you're not alone—it's getting way too hot out here. (via *Scientific American*)
- Singapore's last kacang puteh seller is not tapping out—he's just at a different location now. (via *Mothership*)

- Seeing the words "multi-millionaire" and "12-years-old" together is just... very interesting. She's in the news for announcing her move to Singapore, happening soon. (via *The Straits Times*)



Uncle Paul is 72 years old and loves his Nintendo switch, doing pull-ups, and gardening. Then one month ago, he picked up a longboard.

**The Coolest 72-Year-Old
Longboarder**

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. Marina Bay Sands continues its festivities with a Charity Festival.
2. The Asian Film Archive, aside from screening some Singapore film classics, are also featuring an exciting slate of short films under their annual Singapore Shorts programme.

3. Singapore's first giant panda cub is [celebrating its first birthday](#) this weekend.
4. Explore ocean conservation with ArtScience Museum's [Waves of Change Festival](#).
5. Beers, booze, and rock n roll this weekend at [Sweet Brewnanza](#).

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