S'pore happiest nation in Asia

We are the happiest nation in Asia, according to a survey of 156 countries and regions published by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
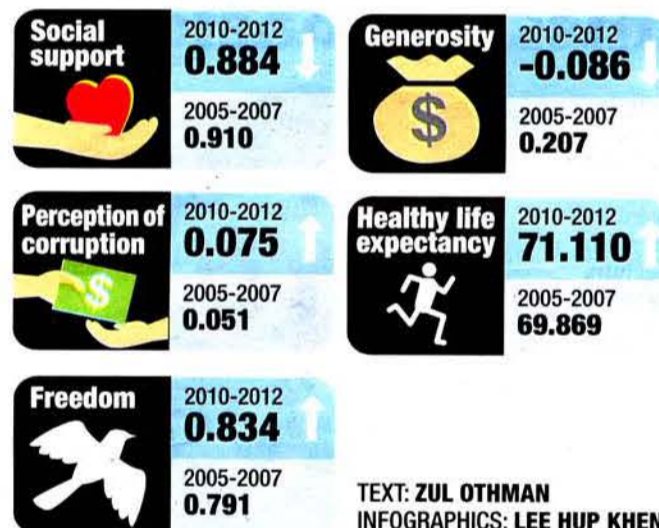
Released on Monday, the 2013 World Happiness Report ranks the happiest places around the globe.

Singapore went from No.33 to 30 in the survey. Researchers asked an average of 3,000 residents of each place to rank their life satisfaction and identified major categories, looking at both people's emotions and how they rated their lives as a whole.

HAPPIEST PLACES

1. Denmark	22. United Kingdom
2. Norway	26. Germany
3. Switzerland	**30. Singapore**
4. Netherlands	36. Thailand
5. Sweden	43. Japan
13. New Zealand	56. Malaysia
17. United States	64. Hong Kong

Singapore

	2010-2012	2005-2007
Social support	0.884	0.910
Generosity	-0.086	0.207
Perception of corruption	0.075	0.051
Healthy life expectancy	71.110	69.869
Freedom	0.834	0.791

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"So are we a happy nation when we are also known to complain a lot? I think it is in our psyche to be overly critical of ourselves. But we also appear to be unhappy about many things and I think this is also partly because of our high expectations in various aspects of lives."

– Nominated Member of Parliament and Singapore Management University law lecturer Eugene Tan