Johor plays vital role in close S’pore-Malaysia links: PM Lee

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During a ceremony yesterday, the Sultan also announced that Singapore’s key supply chains were not interrupted by the pandemic, allowing the country to maintain its position as the world’s second largest exporter.

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