Everything revolves around economics

NATIONAL identities are usually defined in cultural or political terms. But in Singapore, it can be defined in economic terms.

Singaporeans are pragmatic. Straw polls before the last General Election suggest that Singaporeans are more concerned about bread-and-butter issues than politics. Many students choose their field of study in university for its career prospects rather than out of academic interest.

Political mandate is arguably granted based on, above all, a party’s ability to manage Singapore’s economy.

We even owe our ethnic and cultural diversity to money – immigration in the 19th century brought people from different backgrounds to Singapore, often for purely economic reasons.

Therefore, Singapore is to me an Economic Nation before anything else.

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