Dispute Over Subsidies for Taylor Swift's 'Eras' Tour in Singapore Brews Bad Blood

Description

The famous singer, Taylor Swift, is performing her Eras tour in Singapore this week. This is a big honor for the city but it has also cost a lot of money. Singapore reportedly paid up to S$24 million (£14m; $18m) for six exclusive shows which caused some controversy. Some politicians from other countries criticized this decision.

Taylor Swift is very popular in South East Asia, so many fans were surprised and shocked to hear that all her shows would be in Singapore, which is known to be expensive. But despite the cost, many of her fans from the region and also from China are flying into Singapore to see their favorite singer.

Among those fans is 22-year-old Allen from the Philippines, who saved his money to afford the trip. He will travel with his mother, staying in an airport motel in Manila before catching a dawn flight to Singapore.

Despite the high costs involved, some people argue that the tour will have economic benefits for Singapore as it will attract a lot of visitors and spending. However, the exact amount of financial gain is not clear. Regardless of the criticism, many of Swift's fans are just excited to see her perform live.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Exclusive** // (adjective): Limited to only one person or group.
2. **Controversy** // (noun): Disagreementtypically prolongedpublicand heated.
3. **Criticism** // (noun): The expression of disapproval of someone or something based on perceived faults or mistakes.
4. **Economic Benefits** // (noun phrase): Advantages or gains related to the economy of a particular place or region.
5. **Excited** // (adjective): Feeling or showing happiness or enthusiasm.
6. **Attract** // (verb): Cause to come to a place or participate in a venture by offering something of interest or advantage.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which type of fashion style is characterized by bold and adventurous choices?

   Option: Daring
   Option: Classic
   Option: Casual
   Option: Minimalist

2. Which clothing item is commonly worn for exercise or casual wear?

   Option: Skirt
   Option: Jeans
   Option: Leggings
   Option: Shorts

3. What term describes something that is limited to a particular person group or area?

   Option: Inclusive
   Option: Accessible
   Option: Common
   Option: Exclusive

4. What term describes a prolonged public dispute or debate?

Option: Unity
Option: Disinterest
Option: Consensus
Option: Controversy

5. Which emotion is typically felt when looking forward to something with great anticipation?

Option: Bored
Option: Excited
Option: Anxious
Option: Calm

6. What term is used when a new product or movie becomes available to the public?

Option: Hidden
Option: Wrapped
Option: Released
Option: Reserved

7. What is the action of expressing regret or saying sorry?

Option: Praise
Option: Celebrate
Option: Apologize
Option: Defend

8. What are humorous images videos or text that are rapidly shared and changed by internet users?

Option: Fables
Option: Memories
Option: Memes
Option: Articles

9. What term describes the way in which people or things are connected or related to each other?

Option: Isolation
Option: Detachment
Option: Relationship
Option: Division

10. What are the advantages gained from the financial system of a country or region?

Option: Social Benefits
Option: Cultural Benefits
Option: Economic Benefits
Option: Environmental Benefits

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The parents were _____ about their child traveling alone.

12. She wore a coat made of _____ to keep warm in the cold weather.

13. The team _____ their victory with a parade through the city.

14. Drawing boundaries and _____ personal space is important for mental health.

15. Bright colors and unique designs can _____ attention.

16. She _____ her hair color from blonde to brunette.

17. It is important to _____ appropriately in formal settings.

18. The hurricane caused a _____ in the coastal city.

19. The crowd was _____ loudly as the team scored a goal.

20. The software company _____ a new version of its popular app.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The manager was strict and insisted on having everything done her way.
22. The safety of children in the neighborhood was the main focus of the community meeting.
23. The students were looking forward to the school trip with great anticipation.
24. The artist faced heavy backlash from art critics for his latest exhibition.
25. Customers who are not satisfied with their purchase can request a return of their money.
26. The politician's speech sparked a heated debate among the citizens.
27. The talented artist captivated the audience with her beautiful voice.
28. The sports event attracted top from around the world.

29. Clear communication is essential for a healthy and strong .

30. Internet users shared hilarious to poke fun at the viral video.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Daring 2. Leggings 3. Exclusive 4. Controversy 5. Excited 6. Released 7. Apologize 8. Memes 9. Relationship 10. Economic Benefits
Gap-Fill: 11. worried 12. fur 13. Celebrated 14. separating 15. attract 16. changed 17. behave 18. disaster 19. cheering 20. released
Matching sentence: 1. controlling 2. concerns 3. excited 4. criticism 5. refunds 6. controversy 7. singer 8. athletes 9. relationship 10. memes

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