**Health-care outcomes: S’pore ranked 2nd**

EIU report on 166 states assesses value for money in health care

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SINGAPORE has been ranked second out of 166 countries for health-care outcomes in an international report despite spending less than other countries near the top of the league.

The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) report ranked Singapore spot 152 US$3,198 (S$3,290) per capita on health care. This was well below top-ranked Japan, which spent US$4,714 per person. Switzerland, which came third in terms of outcome, spent a hefty US$8,029 per person.

The research arm of the Economist Group, which also publishes the business magazine of the same name, said the report establishes the business magazine of the same name, said the report was an “independent assessment of how well Singapore’s health-care framework is supporting its people.”

It added that although the report uses “rather broad brushstrokes” to assess value for money in terms of outcome, it is “a useful starting point.”

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This could possibly mean wastage at other factors which affect the quality of people’s health.

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