

## **LEE YI SHYAN TO VISIT GUIYANG, GUIZHOU AND NANNING, GUANGXI**

Senior Minister of State for Trade & Industry and National Development Mr Lee Yi Shyan will be visiting Guiyang, Guizhou Province, and Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region from 19 – 22 September 2012.

2 In Guiyang, Mr Lee will be calling on the Guizhou provincial and Guiyang municipal leaders and discuss business opportunities for Singapore companies. Mr Lee will attend the 9th China-ASEAN Exposition (CAEXPO) and call on Guangxi Party Secretary Guo Shengkun in Nanning to reaffirm the growing economic ties between Guangxi and Singapore.

3 The CAEXPO seeks to promote economic cooperation between ASEAN and China through activities such as investment promotion and trade exhibition. The theme of the 9<sup>th</sup> CAEXPO is “Science & Technology Cooperation”. In conjunction with CAEXPO, Mr Lee Yi Shyan will represent Singapore at the inaugural ASEAN-China Science & Technology Ministerial Meeting, which serves as a platform to strengthen cooperation between China and ASEAN in Science & Technology. He will also give a keynote speech at the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement Forum. This meeting commemorates the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of implementing the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement, and provides an opportunity for relevant officials and stakeholders to review the evolution of the agreement and discuss cooperation in other fields.

4 The Singapore Business Federation (SBF) is leading a group of 17 Singapore companies from across sectors including food, health products, electronics, education, financial, legal and business services solution providers to participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> CAEXPO. A group of Singapore companies who are winners of the Singapore Sustainability Awards 2012 will be featured at the Commercial Pavilion<sup>1</sup>. In addition to SBF, Singapore Manufacturers’ Federation (SMa), Association of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (ASME) and Singapore Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China (Singcham), the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCCI) also join the Singapore information booth for the first time at the CAEXPO Commercial Pavilion.

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<sup>1</sup> The companies featured are: Aik Moh, Asia Pacific Breweries (APB), Coca-Cola, Cyclect, HDB, Keppel DHC, Sembcorp Marine, SHELL, ST Kinetic, Treetops Residences, Feinmetall, LHT and TP Vision.

5 Mr Lee will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry, International Enterprise Singapore, Economic Development Board, A\*STAR and Consulate-General of the Republic of Singapore in Guangzhou.

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