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**MINISTER LIM HNG KIANG TO ATTEND THE 11TH WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN BUENOS AIRES,
ARGENTINA**

1. Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade) Lim Hng Kiang will attend the 11th World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference, held from 10 to 13 December 2017, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Trade Ministers and senior officials from the 164 Member States are expected to attend the Ministerial Conference.
2. The Ministerial Conference is the highest decision making body of the WTO and is held once every two years. In Buenos Aires, Ministers will discuss issues related to the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) negotiations, WTO's regular work and future WTO initiatives. The rules-based trading system embodied in the WTO enables trade to flow freely and predictably, which is essential for an open economy such as Singapore.
3. Minister Lim will also have bilateral meetings with his counterparts from other WTO Members on the sidelines of the Ministerial Conference.
4. Minister Lim will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Attorney-General's Chambers.

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