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**MINISTER LIM HNG KIANG TO CHAIR  
24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS RETREAT AND  
RELATED MEETINGS IN SINGAPORE, 1-3 MARCH 2018**

1. Singapore will host the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers' (AEM) Retreat, the 16<sup>th</sup> AEM-European Union (EU) Trade Commissioner Consultations and the 4<sup>th</sup> Intersessional Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Ministerial Meeting from 1 to 3 March 2018. Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade) Lim Hng Kiang will chair these meetings in his capacity as the AEM Chairperson for 2018.
2. At the AEM Retreat, the Ministers will discuss matters related to the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), including the implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025 in deepening economic integration. They will also discuss the priority economic deliverables that Singapore has put forward as chair of ASEAN this year.
3. At the 16<sup>th</sup> AEM-EU Trade Commissioner Consultations, the Ministers will discuss matters related to enhancing trade and investment links between ASEAN and the EU. Ministers from the 16 RCEP Participating Countries will discuss ways to progress the RCEP negotiations at the 4<sup>th</sup> Intersessional RCEP Ministerial Meeting.

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