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**MINISTER CHAN CHUN SING VISITS CHINA FROM 12 TO 14 APRIL TO
STRENGTHEN BILATERAL TIES**

1. Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Chan Chun Sing is visiting China from 12 to 14 April 2018 to strengthen the strong bilateral and economic ties between both countries.
2. On 12 April in Chongqing, Mr Chan met Chongqing Party Secretary Chen Min'er and Mayor Tang Liangzhi where they affirmed the strong bilateral economic cooperation under the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative (CCI). During the meeting, Mr Chan congratulated Mayor Tang on his recent appointment to the role in January this year. The leaders also discussed the progress of the four CCI priority sectors, namely financial services, aviation, transport and logistics, and ICT, as well as the next steps for the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative-Southern Transport Corridor (CCI-STC) project.
3. As part of the trip, Mr Chan also met a business delegation led by the Singapore Business Federation (SBF). The business mission comprised over 30 delegates, from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) from sectors such as education, finance and professional services. Through this mission, the SBF delegation aims to gain in-market business insights in Chongqing and explore potential collaboration opportunities with local partners.
4. Mr Chan also graced the opening of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China (SingCham)'s Chongqing chapter. SingCham is a non-profit organisation established to promote Singapore's economic interests in China and expand economic relations between Singapore and China.
5. Mr Chan said, "I had a good meeting with Party Secretary Chen Min'er and Mayor Tang Liangzhi. We agreed that the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative (CCI) is making good progress and noted the strong potential to deepen our collaboration to spur progress of the Southern Transport Corridor as part of China's Belt and Road Initiative. I am heartened that our SMEs have shown a high level of interest in the CCI and our collaboration has expanded beyond the four priority sectors, into areas such as healthcare and education. The Western China market is growing and I encourage SMEs keen to internationalise, to explore the vast opportunities here and beyond."

6. In Lanzhou, Gansu tomorrow, Mr Chan will be meeting with Gansu Governor Tang Renjian, to discuss Gansu's participation in the CCI-STC. Chongqing, Gansu, Guangxi and Guizhou agreed to collaborate on the development of the CCI-STC last year. Mr Chan will also meet Sichuan Party Secretary Peng Qinghua on 14 April after his visit to Gansu.

Annex A: Photo of Minister Chan meeting Chongqing Party Secretary Chen Min'er and Chongqing Mayor Tang Liangzhi

Annex B: Photos of Minister Chan at the opening ceremony of SingCham (Chongqing) and the Singapore Business Federation Singapore-China (Chongqing) Trade & Investment Forum

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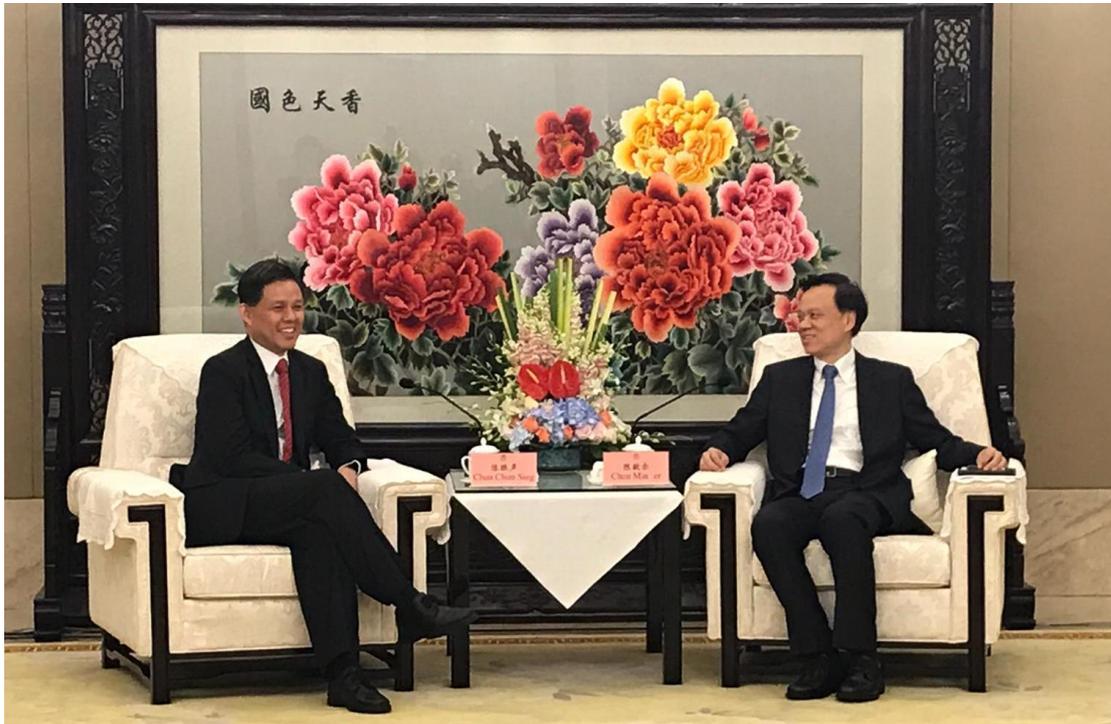
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**Annex A: Photo of Minister Chan meeting Chongqing Party Secretary
Chen Min'er and Chongqing Mayor Tang Liangzhi**



Caption: Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Chan Chun Sing and Chongqing Party Secretary Chen Min'er.



Caption: Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Chan Chun Sing meeting with Chongqing Mayor Tang Liangzhi.

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