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**MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY CHAN CHUN SING AT 5th
REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP)
INTERSESSIONAL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN TOKYO, JAPAN**

1. Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing will be in Tokyo, Japan from 30 June to 2 July 2018 to attend the 5th RCEP Intersessional Ministerial Meeting in his capacity as the Chair of the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM). The meeting will be attended by Trade Ministers and officials from the 16 RCEP participating countries – ASEAN (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam) and ASEAN's Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Partners (Australia, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea and New Zealand).
2. The RCEP aims to be a modern, comprehensive, high-quality and mutually-beneficial economic partnership agreement, which would broaden the economic linkages between ASEAN and its FTA Partners. Apart from covering traditional areas such as trade in goods, rules of origin, trade in services and investment, the RCEP will also cover new and emerging issues that are relevant to the needs of modern businesses such as e-commerce, intellectual property, competition and government procurement.
3. Minister Chan will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

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