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**SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE KOH POH KOON VISITS GUANGXI, CHINA  
WITH BUSINESS MISSION**

1. Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry Dr Koh Poh Koon led 29 Singapore business leaders and entrepreneurs on a business mission to Guangxi, China from 1 to 4 July 2018, as part of Business China's FutureChina Advanced Leaders Programme.<sup>1</sup>

2. During the trip, Dr Koh joined in the call by Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security Teo Chee Hean on Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Chen Wu. During the call, both parties reaffirmed the strong economic linkages between Singapore and Guangxi and discussed Guangxi's role in China-ASEAN relations. Dr Koh also visited Qinzhou Port as part of DPM's programme and called on Chairman Chen separately to explore areas for further collaboration.

3. Dr Koh said, "As one of the key nodes along the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative (CCI)-Southern Transport Corridor (STC), Guangxi plays an important role in linking Western China and Southeast Asia. During my trip, we had productive meetings with the Guangxi leadership. We highlighted Singapore companies' contribution to the development of the CCI-STC and discussed new areas of collaboration. Singapore is also happy to continue supporting the China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) which has been a useful platform to strengthen trade and investment ties between China and ASEAN."

4. Dr Koh and the business delegation also visited the Nanning-Zhongguancun Mass Entrepreneurship and Innovation Demonstration Base to learn about the start-up business environment and explore collaboration opportunities.

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**Annex A: Photos & Captions**

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<sup>1</sup> More information about the programme: <https://www.futurechina-alp.sg/index.php?q=advanced-leaders-programme>

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### **Annex A: Photos & Captions**



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Caption: Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security Teo Chee Hean called on the Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, Chen Wu, joined by Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry Koh Poh Koon, Ambassador Stanley Loh, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Culture, Community and Youth Baey Yam Keng, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Home Affairs and National Development Sun Xueling and Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Industry Tan Wu Meng.



Caption: Senior Minister of State Koh Poh Koon called on Chen Wu, Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region.