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**MINISTER CHAN CHUN SING TO CHAIR
50TH ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS MEETING AND
RELATED MEETINGS IN SINGAPORE, 28 AUG – 1 SEPT 2018**

1. Singapore will host the 50th ASEAN Economic Ministers' (AEM) Meeting and Related Meetings from 28 August to 1 September 2018. The Related Meetings include the 32nd AEM – ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council Meeting, the 21st AEM – ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council Meeting, the 6th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Ministerial Meeting, the 6th East Asia Summit (EAS) Economic Ministers' Meeting, AEM Consultations with nine of ASEAN's Dialogue Partners (Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, the Russian Federation, and the United States) and annual engagement with the ASEAN Business Advisory Council. Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing will chair these meetings in his capacity as the AEM Chairperson for 2018.
2. At the meetings, the Ministers will discuss how to further deepen regional economic integration under the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 Blueprint and advance the economic priority deliverables that Singapore has put forward as chair of ASEAN this year.
3. Ministers from the 16 RCEP Participating Countries will discuss the way forward to realise the RCEP at the 6th RCEP Ministerial Meeting on 30 August. Ministers from the ASEAN countries and the Dialogue Partner countries will also exchange views on both ongoing and future economic cooperation.

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