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**SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE CHEE HONG TAT VISITS MYANMAR TO DEEPEN ECONOMIC TIES**

1. Senior Minister of State for Trade & Industry and Education Chee Hong Tat is visiting Myanmar from 14 to 17 March 2019 to reaffirm and deepen the close bilateral and economic ties between Singapore and Myanmar. While in Yangon and Mandalay, Mr Chee met with Myanmar Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing, Yangon Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Mandalay Chief Minister Dr Zaw Myint Maung and Mandalay Mayor Dr Ye Lwin. They exchanged views on new developments in Yangon and Mandalay and discussed ways to further economic cooperation.
2. Mr Chee said, “Singapore and Myanmar enjoy excellent bilateral relations, and both countries are committed to deepening our economic linkages. Myanmar has further opened up its market to foreign investment over the past years, creating many opportunities for Singapore companies to partner Myanmar companies and invest in sectors such as infrastructure development, manufacturing, agriculture and services.”
3. Mr Chee and Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing graced the opening ceremony of Sembcorp’s US\$310 million power plant in Myingyan, Mandalay today. The plant will generate around 1,500 gigawatt hours of electricity per year and meet the power needs of more than 5 million people.
4. Bilateral trade in goods between Singapore and Myanmar increased by 10% to reach S\$4.0 billion in 2018<sup>1</sup>. Singapore was Myanmar’s largest foreign investor as of January 2019, with cumulative investment at US\$20.7 billion (approximately S\$28.1 billion)<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: StatLink

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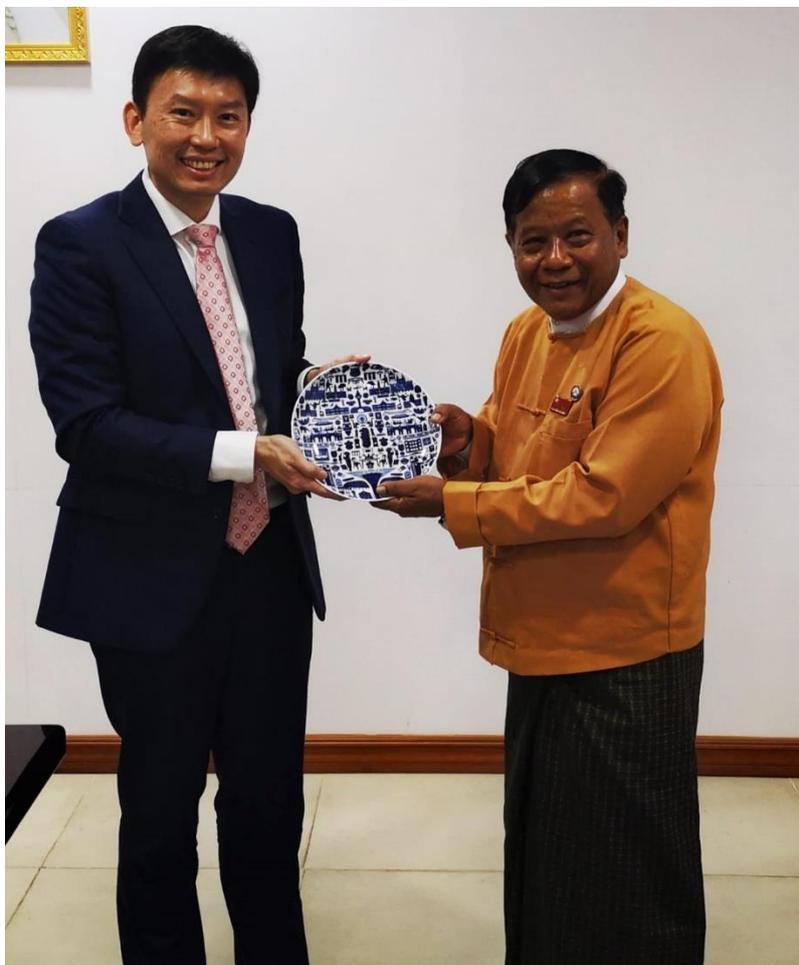
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