

**SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE DR KOH POH KOON ATTENDS  
THE 16<sup>TH</sup> CHINA-ASEAN EXPO IN NANNING, GUANGXI**

1. Singapore is participating in the 16<sup>th</sup> China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) held in Nanning, Guangxi. Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry Dr Koh Poh Koon, who is in Nanning from 19 to 23 September 2019, visited the Singapore National and Commercial Pavilions today. Dr Koh will also attend the CAEXPO opening ceremony on 21 September 2019.
2. CAEXPO is an annual trade fair and an important platform to promote economic cooperation between ASEAN and China. Singapore has participated in CAEXPO since its inception in 2004. This year, the Singapore Business Federation is leading a business delegation of more than 130 business representatives from close to 50 companies and trade associations to participate in the CAEXPO.
3. The theme for Singapore's National Pavilion is "Singapore – A Bicentennial City Supporting Regional Connectivity" (新加坡开埠200周年：承前启后、再续区域互联互通新篇章) and the pavilion showcases Singapore as an attractive business and investment destination.
4. Our Commercial Pavilion showcases Singapore companies and brands that are keen to venture into the Chinese market. Participating companies come from a range of sectors including F&B, education, as well as health and wellness.
5. Dr Koh said, "ASEAN and China have strong economic ties and the CAEXPO is an important platform to promote our markets to one another. With its direct access to the sea, Guangxi serves as a key link between Western China and ASEAN in the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative-New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor (CCI-ILSTC). We look forward to deepening our cooperation under this initiative."
6. While in Nanning, Dr Koh will also meet Guangxi Party Secretary Lu Xinshe and speak at the China-ASEAN Business Leaders Forum.
7. Dr Koh is accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Economic Development Board and Enterprise Singapore.

**Annex A: Photos at the 16<sup>th</sup> CAEXPO**

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Caption: Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry Dr Koh Poh Koon at Singapore's National Pavilion



Caption: Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry Dr Koh Poh Koon at Singapore's Commercial Pavilion