

**MINISTER CHAN CHUN SING IN BANGKOK, THAILAND FOR THE
18TH ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
AND PREPARATORY MINISTERIAL MEETING OF
THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP)**

1. Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing is in Bangkok, Thailand from 31 October to 1 November 2019 to attend the 35th ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings.
2. At the 18th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting this morning, the Ministers took stock of the good progress made on the priority economic deliverables under Thailand's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2019 and signed the ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism. The Protocol replaces the 2004 ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism, and will strengthen and improve the dispute settlement mechanism in ASEAN.
3. Ministers from the 16 Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Participating Countries will meet at the Preparatory Ministerial Meeting of the RCEP tomorrow, ahead of the ASEAN Leaders' Meeting at the 3rd RCEP Summit on 4 November 2019.
4. Mr Chan is accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

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ANNEX A – Photos from the AEC Council Meeting

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Caption: ASEAN Ministers at the 18th ASEAN Economic Community Council Meeting.



Caption: Minister Chan Chun Sing signing the ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism.