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## **MINISTER CHAN CHUN SING HEADS DELEGATION AT THE 52<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS' MEETING AND RELATED MEETINGS**

1. Minister for Trade and Industry Chan Chun Sing will head the Singapore delegation participating in the 52<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers' (AEM) Meeting and Related Meetings, from 24 to 29 August 2020 via videoconference. These include the AEM-ASEAN Business Advisory Interface, 34<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council Meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Investment Area Council Meeting, 52<sup>nd</sup> AEM Meeting, the 8<sup>th</sup> Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Ministerial Meeting, and the various AEM Consultations with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners, including Australia, Canada, China, the European Union (EU), Hong Kong, China, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Russia and the United States.

2. At the meetings, the Ministers will discuss the progress of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 Blueprint and economic deliverables under Vietnam's 2020 ASEAN Chairmanship. Ministers will also discuss the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework which aims to set out ASEAN's collective response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and implementing the *Hanoi Plan of Action on Strengthening ASEAN Economic Cooperation and Supply Chain Connectivity in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic* which seeks to maintain the flow of essential goods in the region.

3. Ministers from ASEAN and its Dialogue Partner countries will take stock of ASEAN's six Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and the progress in economic cooperation. They will also exchange views on the measures taken and opportunities for cooperation in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ministers from the RCEP Participating Countries will discuss the progress of preparations for the signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement this year as well as issues with our key dialogue partners. The AEMs will also meet separately with the United Kingdom's Secretary of State for International Trade.

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