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**MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY GAN KIM YONG TO VISIT PARIS
AND GENEVA FOR THE 12TH WTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AND
WTO-RELATED MEETINGS**

1. Minister for Trade and Industry Gan Kim Yong will be visiting Paris, France, from 9 to 11 June 2022 and Geneva, Switzerland, from 12 to 15 June 2022.
2. In Paris, Minister Gan has been invited to participate at two key WTO Informal Ministerial Meetings hosted by Australia and Canada. He will also meet with the OECD Secretary-General, Mathias Cormann to deepen collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.
3. In Geneva, Minister Gan will attend the 12th World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference (MC12). The Ministerial Conference is the highest decision-making body of the WTO. This is the first gathering of WTO Trade Ministers since the onset of the pandemic, and Trade Ministers and senior officials from the 164 Member States are expected to attend.
4. At MC12, Ministers will discuss several issues, such as the WTO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, food security, and WTO reform initiatives. The rules-based multilateral trading system embodied in the WTO enables trade to flow freely and predictably and is essential for a trading nation such as Singapore.
5. Minister Gan will also have bilateral meetings with his counterparts in Paris and in Geneva on the sidelines of the official meetings.
6. Minister Gan will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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