

MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY GAN KIM YONG PARTICIPATES IN THE 33rd ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

1. Minister for Trade and Industry Gan Kim Yong represented Singapore at the 33rd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, from 15 to 17 November 2022. He was accompanied by Second Minister for Foreign Affairs and Education Dr Mohamad Maliki Osman. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and Mr. Jurin Laksanawisit, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce of Thailand, and was attended by Ministers from the 21 APEC economies.

2. At the meeting, Minister Gan spoke on how APEC economies could work together to advance a greener post-COVID-19 future. He encouraged APEC to advance decarbonisation and the uptake of clean energy, assist businesses to integrate into the green economy and develop a whole-of-economy approach for sustainable growth. Minister Gan also emphasised the importance of APEC continuing its efforts to deepen regional economic integration, with a view to realising the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific (FTAAP). He also urged APEC to demonstrate leadership in enhancing trade facilitation, building supply chain resiliency as well as to support the growth of the digital and green economies.

3. Mr. Gan also met bilaterally with ministerial counterparts from China, Hong Kong (China), New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, SINGAPORE 18 November 2022

For media queries, please contact: Sarah Wong Assistant Director, Communications & Engagement Division Email: <u>Sarah_WONG@mti.gov.sg</u>