

Minister of State Lee Yi Shyan attends 4th Central China Expo in Hefei, Anhui Province 24 – 26 April 2009

Minister of State for Trade & Industry and Manpower Lee Yi Shyan will be visiting Hefei, Anhui Province, from 24 – 26 April 2009 in conjunction with the 4th Central China Expo (CCE). MOS Lee will attend the opening of the 4th Central China Expo on 26 April 2009.

The CCE provides a platform to promote economical and technological cooperation between domestic and overseas participants through various activities such as the business summit, investment and trade exhibitions and business matching. It also aims to increase awareness of the trade and investment opportunities in the six Central China provinces, namely Anhui, Hunan, Henan, Hubei, Jiangxi and Shanxi.

In 2008, bilateral trade between Singapore and Anhui province increased by 13% to reach US\$239 million. In the same year, actual foreign direct investments (FDI) from Singapore into Anhui province amounted to US\$178 million.¹ Currently, Singapore's investments into Anhui are mainly concentrated in the manufacturing sector. Some examples of Singapore companies with presence in Anhui include Ufinity, WBL, SP Chemicals and Singapore Developers.

During the trip, MOS Lee will also meet with Anhui Governor Wang Sanyun, as well as government leaders of Hefei and Huangshan.

MOS Lee will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Consulate-General of the Republic of Singapore in Shanghai, International Enterprise Singapore and a business delegation.

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¹ Source: Statistics Bureau of Anhui Province, China