

## SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRADE & INDUSTRY AND EDUCATION, MR S ISWARAN, TO ATTEND THE 28TH ASEAN MINISTERS ON ENERGY MEETING (AMEM) AND RELATED MEETINGS IN DA LAT CITY, VIETNAM, 21 – 23 JULY 2010

Senior Minister of State for Trade & Industry and Education Mr S Iswaran will attend the 28<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) and related meetings in Da Lat City, Vietnam, from 21 – 23 July 2010.

The AMEM will review the progress in implementing the ASEAN Plan of Action on Energy Cooperation (APAEC) for 2010 – 2015, in particular in furthering energy efficiency efforts amongst member States. The Ministers will also discuss ASEAN's response to the growing need to balance environmental sustainability and economic growth. The implementation of the ASEAN Power Grid and the Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline as a long-term goal for greater connectivity within the region will also be a key area of review.

The ASEAN Ministers will meet Dialogue Partners from Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea and New Zealand and will discuss various cooperation initiatives including energy market integration, trade and investment liberalisation and development of alternative and renewable energy resources.

Mr S Iswaran will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade & Industry and the Energy Market Authority.

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