

**SECOND PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY
OW FOONG PHENG TO ATTEND 5th ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
COUNCIL MEETING AND INAUGURAL ASEAN-EU BUSINESS SUMMIT
IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA
5-6 MAY 2011**

Second Permanent Secretary for Trade and Industry, Mrs Ow Foong Pheng, will be in Jakarta, Indonesia from 5 to 6 May 2011 to attend the 5th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting and the inaugural ASEAN-EU Business Summit. Mrs Ow will be representing Minister for Trade and Industry Mr Lim Hng Kiang at the meetings, which are being held in the run-up to the 18th ASEAN Summit.

The ASEAN-EU Business Summit will be held on 5 May 2011 at the sidelines of the 18th ASEAN Summit. The Business Summit will bring together policymakers and investors from ASEAN and the EU to address issues related to ASEAN-EU business relations. It includes a panel session with the ASEAN Economic Ministers and their representatives and the EU Trade Commissioner, to explore opportunities and identify challenges in enhancing trade and investment flows between the two regional blocs. More than 20 companies from Singapore are expected to attend the Business Summit.

Mrs Ow will participate in the 5th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council meeting which will be reviewing the progress made in moving towards the vision of transforming ASEAN into a single market by 2015. She will also be attending the 10th ASEAN Economic Ministers-European Union (AEM-EU) Trade Commissioner Consultations, which will allow for more in-depth discussions on trade and investment cooperation between the two regional blocs.

Mrs Ow will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

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