

**SECOND PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY
OW FOONG PHENG TO ATTEND APEC MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR
TRADE MEETING AND RELATED MEETINGS
IN BIG SKY, MONTANA, USA
19 – 20 MAY 2011**

The APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) Meeting and related meetings will take place in Big Sky, Montana, USA, from 19 to 20 May 2011. Second Permanent Secretary of Trade and Industry, Mrs Ow Foong Pheng, will be representing Minister for Trade and Industry Mr Lim Hng Kiang at these meetings.

At the MRT Meeting, Mrs Ow will meet with key public and private sector players from the Asia Pacific region. They will discuss matters according to the priority areas outlined by the United States of America, the current APEC Chair. These areas include strengthening regional economic integration, promoting green growth, and enhancing cooperation and convergence on regulatory matters.

Mrs Ow will also attend the Joint Trade and SME Ministerial Meeting where Ministers will address trade barriers encountered by SMEs in the region. At this meeting, Mrs Ow will be accompanied by SPRING Chief Executive Officer Mr Png Cheong Boon, who is representing Minister of State for Trade and Industry Mr Lee Yi Shyan at the SME-related APEC meetings.

In addition, Mrs Ow will be holding bilateral meetings with other trade ministers and representatives while in Montana. On the sidelines of the main APEC meeting, 2PS will also attend the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Ministerial Meeting on 19 May 2011, where Ministers will discuss the progress of TPP negotiations to date and exchange views on how to maintain the progress of negotiations.

Mrs Ow will be accompanied by officers from the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for her trip.

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