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# DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY (TRADE) GAN KIM YONG TO ATTEND THE 28TH ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING IN THE PHILIPPINES

1. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade) Gan Kim Yong will visit Manila, the Philippines, on 14 November 2026 to attend the 28th ASEAN Economic Community Council (AECC) Meeting.

2. The AECC will review progress on ASEAN's economic integration efforts under the Philippines' 2026 ASEAN Chairship and discuss ways to strengthen the region's resilience and competitiveness amidst an evolving global economic landscape. Ministers will also discuss key ASEAN economic initiatives, including efforts to strengthen external economic partnerships, advance digital economic integration through the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA), and enhance regional connectivity and sustainability through the ASEAN Power Grid (APG).

3. As Singapore prepares to assume the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2027, Ministers will also exchange views on ASEAN's economic priorities moving forward.

4. DPM/Minister(Trade) Gan will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Energy, Trade and Industry.

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