

**DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY (TRADE)
GAN KIM YONG TO ATTEND THE 58TH ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS' MEETING AND
RELATED MEETINGS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

1. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade) Gan Kim Yong will visit Manila, the Philippines, from 19 to 22 September 2026 to attend the 58th ASEAN Economic Ministers' (AEM) Meeting and Related Meetings.
2. Discussions will focus on ways to deepen ASEAN's economic integration and strengthen the region's resilience and competitiveness amidst global economic uncertainties. Ministers will review progress on the Philippines' 2026 ASEAN Chairship priorities, including in trade and investment, the energy transition and strengthening cooperation in newer growth areas such as the digital economy, artificial intelligence and sustainability. They will also discuss key Economic Agreements such as the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA), ASEAN Trade in Services Agreement (ATISA) amongst others.
3. ASEAN Ministers will also meet their counterparts from Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union to review ongoing economic cooperation and discuss ways to strengthen ASEAN's external economic partnerships.
4. DPM/Minister(Trade) Gan will have bilateral meetings with his counterparts on the sidelines of the 58th AEM and Related Meetings. He will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

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