



Singapore Hosts APEC 2009

Singapore will play host to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings from February to November 2009. An inter-agency committee has been set up to prepare for the organisation of the event. Headed by Deputy Secretary/Trade, MTI, Ms Koh Lin-Net, the Organising Committee comprises representatives from the Singapore Tourism Board, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, the Land Transport Authority, International Enterprise Singapore, Infocomm Development Authority, Singapore Police Force and the Ministries of Trade and Industry, Foreign Affairs, Defence, Health and Information, Communications and the Arts

2 Recognising that Singapore's hosting of APEC 2009 is set against an economically challenging year, the Organising Committee's primary objective is to ensure that the meetings are well organised, that Singapore plays a good host to our foreign guests, and that potential inconveniences to stakeholders and members of the public in and around the meeting venues are kept to a minimum. Where there is an impact on stakeholders, for example, in the Marina and Suntec areas, the Organising Committee will be meeting the stakeholders to obtain a better understanding of their operational concerns and to work with them in addressing the concerns.

3 For a start, the venues for the APEC 2009 meetings have been decentralised.

4 The APEC 2009 meetings will culminate in the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM), where Leaders of APEC's 21 member economies will meet from 14 to 15 November 2009. This will be held at the Istana, while the ministerial meetings which will also be taking place around this time will take place at the Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre (SSICEC). Other meetings held throughout the year will take place at different venues, including the APEC Secretariat Office at Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Grand Copthorne Waterfront and the Shangri-la Hotel.

5 The different venues that have been selected for the meetings will profile Singapore's multi-faceted city landscape. For the Senior Officials



Meeting (SOM) I meetings to be held from 13 to 26 February 2009, the meeting venue at Grand Copthorne Waterfront along the Singapore River will, among other things, showcase Singapore's historic riverfront and its transformation into Singapore's main nightlife area. Around 1000 APEC Senior Officials and delegates will be treated to a picturesque view of the river's quiescence against the backdrop of modern skyscrapers.

6 Shangri-La Hotel will be the venue of the SOM II meetings (15 to 19 July 2009) and two sectoral ministerial meetings, held separately in July and October 2009. A short distance away from the main entertainment and shopping belt of Singapore, the resort-like hotel is ideally situated amidst tropical greenery, a symbol of Singapore's image as a City in a Garden. Each meeting is expected to bring about 500 foreign delegates to Singapore.

7 The APEC Leaders Week will be held from 8 to 15 November 2009 at SSICEC. No stranger to hosting large scale international events, SSICEC will play host to the Concluding Senior Officials' Meeting, the CEO Summit and the APEC Ministerial Meeting.

8 Singapore's chairmanship of APEC would officially end with the AELM at the Istana held from 14 to 15 November 2009. The official residence of the President of the Republic of Singapore, the Istana was known as Government House until Singapore attained internal self-government in 1959. The Istana has hosted many state guests but this will be the first time that it will host the Heads of the 21 APEC Economies. The Leaders Week is expected to draw some 7,000 delegates to Singapore.

9 The APEC 2009 OC will be working very closely with the Singapore Police Force to provide security for the leaders of the 21 economies. Security and traffic measures will be put in place to ensure the safe and smooth organisation of the APEC 2009 meetings.

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