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**MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND SECOND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
MR RAYMOND LIM,  
VISITS OSLO AND PARIS, 9 TO 16 JUNE 2009**

*Minister Lim to attend two international aviation and maritime events  
Minister will sign the bilateral Air Services Agreements with the Scandinavian countries*

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1 Mr Raymond Lim, Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, will be leading the Singapore delegation to *Norshipping*, a major maritime event, which is held in Oslo, Norway from 9 to 12 June 2009. In Oslo, Minister Lim will sign the bilateral Air Services Agreements between Singapore and the Scandinavian countries. Thereafter, from 15 June, Minister will visit the *International Paris Air Show - Le Bourget*, which is celebrating its centenary this year.

2 On 9 June, Minister Lim will officiate the opening ceremony of the Singapore Pavilion at the *Norshipping* event in Oslo. The Singapore Pavilion @*Norshipping* brings together companies which showcase the vibrancy of the Singapore maritime industry. On 10 June, Minister Lim will grace the *Singapore Nite@Norshipping*, a networking event to foster closer partnerships between maritime leaders from Norway and Singapore.

3 On the aviation front, Minister Lim, along with Mr Erik Lahnstein, State Secretary for Norwegian Ministry of Transport and Communications; Mr Theis Truelsen, Ambassador of Denmark to Norway; and Mrs Solveig Anderberg Clacey, First Secretary, Embassy of Sweden in Norway will sign the bilateral Air Services Agreements with the Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. In January last year, Singapore and the Scandinavian countries concluded three bilateral

Open Skies Agreements (OSAs) that allow airlines of both Singapore and the Scandinavian countries to fly between Singapore and any point in Scandinavia, via and beyond to any third country, without restrictions in capacity, frequency or aircraft type. These OSAs also provide unlimited “hubbing” rights for cargo airlines of Singapore and the Scandinavian countries<sup>1</sup>. These OSAs will enhance the connectivity and further promote tourism and trade between Singapore and the Scandinavian countries

4 On 15 June, Minister Lim will be in France for the *International Paris Air Show - Le Bourget*. He will meet French Secretary of State for Transport, Mr Dominique Bussereau, at the sidelines of the Air Show. While in Paris, Minister will also meet French Secretary of State for Foreign Trade, Madam Anne-Marie Idrac.

5 Minister Lim will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Transport, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore as well as Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.

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<sup>1</sup> Illustration of unlimited “hubbing” rights: A Singapore cargo airline will be allowed to base its aircraft in any point in Scandinavia and use that as a hub to operate to any country, without any restriction on destination, frequency of service or capacity. The same applies to Scandinavian carriers.