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**COMMEMORATING 20 YEARS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION AT
THE 14TH CHINA-ASEAN PROSECUTORS-GENERAL CONFERENCE**

The Attorney-General's Chambers of Singapore is proud to host the 14th China-ASEAN Prosecutors-General Conference today as we commemorate 20 years of regional cooperation among the prosecution services of China and the ASEAN jurisdictions since the initiation of the Conference in 2004. The theme of this year's Conference is "Fostering Cooperation on Combating Financial Crimes".

2 In their welcome addresses, Mr Lucien Wong, Attorney-General of Singapore and Mr Ying Yong, Prosecutor General of the Supreme People's Procuratorate of the People's Republic of China, both highlighted the growth of the Conference over the past two decades into an invaluable platform which helped to foster deep ties between the prosecution services in the region. This was done through various means, including support for the training of prosecutors and mutual exchange of best practices.

4 Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, and Second Minister for Law of Singapore, delivered a keynote address outlining recent initiatives that Singapore had undertaken and underscored Singapore's commitment to combating financial crimes. He said: "As the complexity of transnational financial crimes is increasing, it is imperative that jurisdictions work together to bridge regulatory and information gaps, and support one another through mutual legal assistance."

5 At the plenary sessions, jurisdictions shared their experiences and successful strategies for tackling financial crimes. The Conference concluded with the signing of the Joint Declaration by the heads of delegations which, among other things, affirmed the need for continued cooperation to exchange best practices in prosecution strategies to meet the challenges in combating financial crimes.

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