## Seminar on Building Digital Government for Developing Countries

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Organizer	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China						
Time	June 5 <sup>th</sup> to Ju	14 days)		Language	English		
Invited Participants	Officials from relevant departments in developing countries (for officials at Division level)						
Number of Participants	30 persons in total						
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 50 YO for officials at director's level; under 45 YO for officials at division's level					
	Health	Participants should be in good health, and provide a health certificate or medical examination form issued by a local public hospital. Participants should be free of diseases prohibited by Chinese laws and regulations from entering China, and free of other serious chronic diseases (such as severe hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, and diabetes), mental diseases or infectious diseases that may pose a significant public health risk. Participants shall not in the period of recovering from major surgery or acute illness, not be severely physically disabled, and not during a pregnancy period.					
	Language	Participants should be capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English that can meet the requirements of the class.					
	Others	Family members or friends shall not follow.					
Host City	Beijing		Local Temperat	ure	21°C-32°C		
Cities to Visit	Pending		Local Temperat	ure			
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About the Organizer	The Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO) is an educational and training institution directly under the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. Established in 1980, AIBO is located in Changping District, Beijing, about 30 kilometers from Beijing Capital International Airport. It boasts comprehensive infrastructure to provide services such as accommodation, catering, training and meetings for trainees.
	One of the main responsibilities of AIBO is to implement human resources development and cooperation projects, especially training courses for officials. The Academy serves as the main base for China's foreign aid training, offering both off-line and on-line training in China and overseas.
	Backed by the Ministry of Commerce and in close cooperation with China's top think tanks, research institutes and universities, AIBO brings together a large number of China's top experts and scholars to provide intellectual support for foreign aid training. It has developed a number of high-quality foreign aid training projects in the fields of trade and investment, international economic cooperation, governance and public management, which have proved to be fruitful.
	Since 1998, AIBO has successfully held over 2,000 training sessions for officials from developing countries (including 124 ministerial seminars), benefiting nearly 59,000 participants from other developing countries around the world.
	AIBO will adhere to the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and take the important concepts, including a community with a shared future for mankind, pursuing the greater good and shared interests, and sincerity, real results, amity, good faith, mutual benefit and inclusiveness, as strategic guidance and fundamental principles to be followed. It will facilitate the joint efforts in implementing major initiatives such as the "the Belt and Road" Initiative and the Global Development Initiative, and continue to help developing countries accelerate their development by sharing China's experience and programs.
About the Seminar	<b>Background:</b> Strengthening digital government construction is an inevitable requirement to adapt to the trend of the new-round technological revolution and industrial change, to lead and drive the development of digital economy and digital society, to create a good digital ecology, and to accelerate digital development. It is a fundamental and pioneering project for building a strong network power and digital China. It is an important measure to innovate the concept and mode of government governance, to form a new pattern of digital governance, and to promote the national governance system and capacity. It is of great significance to accelerate the transformation of government functions and build a law-based, clean and service-oriented government.
	<b>Purpose</b> : China has attached great importance to the construction of digital government. Today's world is changing rapidly with technological and industrial revolutions, and the booming digital information technologies have profoundly changed the way of human production and life, posing far-reaching influences on the economic and social development of countries, the global governance system and the process of human civilization. China has been actively participating in

international cooperation on digital government construction, and is willing to share China's				
development experience in digital government construction with extensive developing countries, to				
deepen exchanges and cooperation, and to explore ways to share the digital government construction				
for the better benefit of people all over the world. This Seminar aims to help developing countries				
cultivate professionals in the field of digital government construction, improve the capacity and				
level of digital government governance, and promote the building of a community with a shared				
future in cyberspace.				

**Content:** The topics of the Seminar mainly includes the overview of China's national conditions, Chinese leaders' philosophy of governance, common values of China and the world, China's experience of reform and opening-up and economic development, the Belt and Road initiative and implementation measures, the current development of China's digital government construction, China's digital government construction system and mechanism, digital government security development, the application of blockchain technology in digital government public services, the modernization of government digital governance capacity, *etc*.

**Modes**: Experts in the field of China's digital government construction industry and related fields are invited to give lectures on various topics; exchanges and discussions are organized between participants and experts and among participants; field trips are arranged to visit institutions related to digital government construction in Beijing and other city/cities.

(The above is based on the preliminary schedule, and may be adjusted according to the actual situation. The final version will be provided upon arrival in China.)

- 1. Please prepare your passport, Chinese visa and third-party transit country visa (if necessary) before coming to China.
- 2. If participants cannot depart on time due to special circumstances, or if there is a flight delay during the transfer, please contact the Economic and Trade Office or the organizer in time, inform the latest flight No. and time of arrival in Beijing so that we can arrange pick-up for you.

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- 3. In principle, it is not allowed for individuals to change their tickets to China. If you really need to do so, please contact the Office and follow the procedures to change your ticket. Participants who change their tickets without consent will be notified to the Chinese embassy and the costs and responsibilities therefore incurred shall be borne by yourself.
  - 4. After picking up the luggage, please wait patiently at the international arrival exit (or domestic arrival exit) and the organizer will pick you up with a pick-up board with your name on it. If waiting for more than 15 minutes, you can communicate with the organizer by phone.
- In case of lost baggage so you need to register the loss procedure with the airline, please first communicate with the organizer to confirm the baggage delivery location and then fill in the

	registration form.
6.	Dress Code: Participants should pay attention to the weather conditions during the Seminar
	and bring appropriate clothes. Participants should wear formal clothes (national costumes are
	also acceptable) for important activities in the Seminar.