Seminar on Digital Agriculture and Rural Development, Poverty Reduction and Rural Revitalization Practices for B&R Countries

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Co-Organizer	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China					
	Center for International Agricultural Research (CIAR), Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences					
Time	June 7th, 2023 to	23	Language		English	
Invited Participants	Officials in related field in Belt and Road countries (director and director general level)					
Number of Participants	15					
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 45 for officials at or under director's level; under 50 for officials at director general's level				
	Health	In good health with health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China's laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without mental diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant.				
	Language	Capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English				
	Others	Family members or friends shall not follow				
Host City	Beijing		Local	Temperature	A	verage temperature of 20°C-30°C
Cities to Visit	Baoding; Hangzhou		Local	Temperature	A	verage temperature of 20°C-30°C
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Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO, also known as Training Center of the Ministry of Commerce), is the only educational and training institution directly affiliated to the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), People's Republic of China.

Situated in the famous Xiaotangshan Longmai hot spring area, Changping District, on the riverside of Wenyu River which is reputed as the mother river of Beijing, AIBO boasts a history of 41 years. Covering an area of nearly 600 *mu* (about 40 hectares) with the total floor area of over 100,000 m², it enjoys beautiful environment and fresh air and has all necessary facilities. Besides, it is conveniently connected to the city's transportation networks.

AIBO provides training, academic teaching, conference service as well as holiday service. It has meeting rooms (including VIP rooms) of various sizes. AIBO's hotel is well-furnished and provides all necessary facilities.

AIBO is the first to organize seminars for government business officials from other developing countries starting from 1998. Now seminars it organizes cover a large range of topics such as economic administration, trade and investment, city planning and administration, telecommunication, transportation, construction of development zones, logistic management, development of natural resources, international labor cooperation, coordinated development of urban and rural areas, wireless communication and digital TV technology, clean energy, etc. Apart from the seminars for officials at director's level or director general's level, AIBO has also organized many ministerial workshops.

About the Co-Organizer

By the end of 2022, AIBO has hosted a total of 2008 training courses/seminars for officials from developing countries, including 124 seminars for officials at ministerial-level, and received 58,632 officials from more than 160 countries and regions in the world, including 5 officials at the vice national-level and 1070 officials at the ministerial-level.

AIBO will strive to make new contributions to the development of China's commerce and develop into a well-known educational and training institution both at home and abroad.

The Center for International Agricultural Research (CIAR) of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, was established in 2016. It is one of the first batch of agricultural foreign cooperation technology support and talent training bases recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. CIAR is a national public platform for CAAS to serve the "going global" of agricultural science and technology. Centering on the "the Belt and Road" strategic and the needs of national agricultural foreign cooperation, it integrates the advantageous scientific and technological resources and experts of CAAS, comprehensively strengthens the support of overseas agricultural information and talents, and has successively built workshops for agricultural policy researchers in developing countries along the "the Belt and Road" and Latin America, Africa, etc., such as the CICA and APEC seminars, which has enhanced mutual understanding among developing countries

and promote win-win cooperation.

Since its establishment in 2016, CIAR has invited officials and experts from domestic and foreign research institutions, and enterprises such as FAO, UNDP, IFAD, the World Bank, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, the National Development Bank, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, to conduct training and discussions on topics related to the global and Chinese food security situation, smart agriculture, scientific and technological innovation, China's agricultural transformation and development, international agricultural cooperation and opportunities for value chain development and cooperation under the framework of South-South cooperation.

As an important output of the training courses, CIAR has successively signed cooperation agreements with multinational research institutions in advanced intelligent training, market information analysis, data construction and sharing, etc. In addition, a series of training sessions promoted the collaborative networks such as smart agriculture, agricultural value chain development, and agricultural data sharing alliances, strengthening regional and bilateral cooperations.

Purpose: Participants will learn about the status quo and trends of digital agriculture and rural development in China and the practices and experience of poverty alleviation and rural revitalization; deepen their understanding of the frontiers of digital agriculture theory and technology, and be able to put forward targeted proposals and implementation plans for promoting the application of digital agriculture technology in the fields of planting, breeding, monitoring and early warning, e-commerce development of agricultural products, financial services for small farmers, industrial development and poverty reduction, etc.; meanwhile, the training will promote international cooperation and exchange in the fields of digital agriculture development technology, poverty alleviation through industry and finance, and poverty reduction through e-commerce.

Training Course Content

Content: This seminar includes two parts: special lectures and field trips. The lectures include Overview of China's national conditions, current macroeconomic situation and policy directions, rural and agricultural development under reform, the Belt and Road Initiative and implementation measures, and introduction to China's experience in poverty alleviation and rural revitalization. Overview of the development history and status quo of digital agriculture in China, summary of the model, fruits and experience of the development of e-commerce for agricultural products in China, development of smart agriculture technology and equipment in China, key technology and equipment for intelligent breeding of livestock and poultry, practice and common technology for the development of information technology in China's agriculture and rural areas, construction of information monitoring and early warning system for the whole industrial chain of agricultural products in China, achievements and historical experience of poverty alleviation in China, summary of practices and experience in poverty alleviation through industry in China, summary of practices

and experience in poverty alleviation through e-commerce in China, summary of practices and experience in poverty alleviation through finance in China, summary of practices and experience in poverty alleviation through compulsory and vocational education in China, institutional design and practical paths of rural revitalization in China, etc.

The seminar officials will also carry out field trips, visit local enterprises, and have discussions with local government officials and business leaders to learn more about China's development assistance experience.

The above is the preliminary schedule, the final version will be provided upon your arrival in China.

Notes.

- 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.
- 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 Business 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.
- 5. 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.