

Seminar on Female Capacity Building for the “Belt and Road” Countries

Full Name	Seminar on Female Capacity Building for the “Belt and Road” Countries		
Organizer	International Economic Cooperation Center of Fujian Province		
Holding Time	June 29, 2023 - July 12, 2023	Language	English
Invited Participants	Personnel engaged in women’s capacity building		
Planned Number of Participants	35		
Requirements for the Participants	Age Limit	Under 50 years old (director generals of provincial departments); Under 45 years old (heads of divisions of provincial departments)	
	Health Conditions	<p>Participants shall provide clean bills of health or medical examination reports issued by local public hospitals;</p> <p>Personnel with the following conditions shall not participate in the Seminar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● have diseases prohibited from entry of the boarder according to China’s laws and regulations; ● have severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; ● have mental illnesses or infectious diseases that may pose serious threats to public health; ● be in the recovery period after a major operation or the period of acute disease attacks; ● have severe physical disability; ● be in pregnancy. 	
	Language Ability	Fluency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in English	
	Others	Participants who come to China for training are not allowed to bring spouses or relatives.	
Host City	Fuzhou City, Fujian Province	Local Temperature	Summer: 23-31℃
Cities for Field Trips	Quanzhou City, Fujian Province; Xi’an City, Shaanxi	Local Temperature	Quanzhou: 21-29℃ Xi’an: 29-35℃

	Province		
Notes	<p>1. Please prepare your passport, Chinese visa and visa of the transfer country (if needed);</p> <p>2. If you are unable to depart on time because of emergencies or encounter delay of transfer flight, please update your time of arrival in Fuzhou city with the Chinese embassy or contacts of the organizer to facilitate reception at the airport;</p> <p>3. You are not allowed to change the flight by yourself. If you need to reschedule the flight, please contact the Chinese embassy to endorse the ticket according to due procedures; Unapproved change of the flight will be reported to the Chinese embassy, and costs and responsibilities incurred thereby shall be born by yourself;</p> <p>4. Staff of the organizer will wait for you at the exit of INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL (or DOMESTIC ARRIVAL) of the airport holding a pickup sign with the name of the Seminar. Please wait at the exit after luggage claim, and call the contacts of the organizer if you wait for more than 15 minutes;</p> <p>5. If you need to register the loss of luggage with the airline, please call the contacts of the Seminar to confirm the luggage delivery location before filling the registration form;</p> <p>6. Please pay attention to weather in the host city and bring with you appropriate clothes.</p> <p>Dress code: formal suits or national costumes on important occasions (e.g.:opening ceremony and closing ceremony).</p>		
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<p>About the Organizer</p>	<p>International Economic Cooperation Center of Fujian Province (Former Fujian Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Officials' Training Centre, and hereinafter referred to as "the Centre") operates directly under the Department of Commerce of Fujian Province. It is a provincial authority responsible for human resources development programs for developing nations sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and cadre training, business and on-the-job training of staff members working with the provincial government's foreign trade functions, etc. The Centre was granted the titles of "National Human Resources Training Base for African Countries" by the State Council in March, 2008 and "Training Base of International Business Officials, MOFCOM" by the Ministry of Commerce in May, 2010.</p> <p>Since 2001, the Centre has successfully organized 63 training programs and received 97 delegations for business tours, investment attraction and product exhibitions at the request of the Organization Department, Personnel Department, Office of Attracting Foreign Talents and other relevant departments of the Fujian Provincial Party Committee as well as 285 state-owned enterprises, joint ventures and private companies based in Fujian Province. Through the programs, more than 1500 civil servants at different levels, professionals and senior managers received training and conducted investment and product promotions abroad. Besides, drawing on the preferential policies introduced by the Central Government, the Centre has promoted the International Marketing Fund for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and organized 17 seminars of various subjects for 581 managers from all sorts of enterprises.</p> <p>In 2004, the Centre began running human resources development programs for developing countries under the direction of the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. By the end of 2022, the Centre has organized 441 training programs for 11970 government officials and professional technicians from 143 countries, regions and organizations, including the Seminar on NPO Capacity Building for Developing Countries, Seminar on Youth Business Initiation for Developing Countries, Seminar for Vietnamese Officials of Three Provinces, Seminar for Senior Diplomats of Latin American Countries, Seminar on Export-oriented Economy, Seminar on Female Capacity Building, Seminar on Economic Development and Planning Analysis of Cities and Towns for Developing Countries, Seminar on Tackling Trade Barriers, Seminar on Investment and Cooperation Promotion for Developing Countries, Seminar on Commerce and Industry for Federation of Yemen Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Seminar for Local Government Leaders of Portuguese-speaking Countries, Seminar for Local Government Leaders from Members of Shanghai Cooperation Organization, etc. Lectures and field trips specifically designed for the theme, orderly implementation of the schedule, and quick response to emergency have ensured the positive effect of seminars and training courses, allowing participants to broaden their horizons, improve their professional and practical abilities, and build friendship with the Chinese people.</p>
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Seminar/ Training Course Content	<p>I. Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To help participants understand the future development trend and prospects of women’s career; 2. To help participants understand Chinese women's development in different fields such as politics, economy and culture; 3. To help participants become familiar with the policies related to women’s capacity building in China and useful experience for promoting women’s capacity building, raising their social status and securing their rights and interests; 4. To help participants grasp the needs of women’s development and acquire knowledge related to women’s employment and entrepreneurship, and legal protection of women's rights; 5. Upon completion, participants will be able to leverage what they have learned to put forward development proposals in the field of women’s capacity building in their own country based on their own national situation. <p>II. Seminar content.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to the main courses and contents <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) “An Introduction to China”: an introduction to China’s political, economic, social, and cultural development and achievements since the founding of the People’s Republic of China and the start of reform and opening up; (2) “China's Poverty Alleviation”: an introduction to the achievements and methods of China's poverty alleviation and the way of reducing poverty and improving people’s livelihood through entrepreneurship; (3) “Remote Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring Platform”: an introduction to the history of fetal heart monitoring and the online platform to assist hospitals in monitoring fetal health for women in late pregnancy at home; (4) “Women's Entrepreneurial Development”: an analysis of how women can improve their entrepreneurial skills based on the current situation in China; (5) “Women’s Employment and Career Development”: an introduction to the approaches and channels of women’s employment and entrepreneurship, and a guidance on obtaining jobs and starting businesses to women for better career development; (6) “BRI and Women Development”: an introduction to the international opportunities for women development in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative; (7) “Innovative Financial Thinking Training for Women”: an introduction to innovative thinking of women in finance and financial support for industrial development; (8) “Career Planning for Women”: an introduction to career development and career planning
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for women;

(9) “Support for Women by Social Organizations”: an introduction to the role and contribution of social organizations in promoting women’s capacity building.

(10) “Creativity Development”: an introduction to the ways of training women to improve their creativity.

(11) “Protection of Women's Employment Rights and Interests”: an introduction from legal perspective to how women can protect their employment rights and interests.

(12) “Market Selection for Women's Entrepreneurship — A Case Study of Internet-based Entrepreneurship”: an introduction to market selection for entrepreneurship and the influencing factors with the Internet industry as an example.

2. Workshops

To enhance the effectiveness of the training, the theme of the workshops will be closely related to female capacity building. We will respond to the participants' points of interest and problems regarding the seminar. Exchange seminars with Fujian Women Entrepreneurs Chamber of Commerce and other organizations will be arranged to share experiences and practices in women's capacity building with participants. Focus will be put on topics such as Fujian’s experiences and practices in women employment, entrepreneurship and capacity building.

(1) Women are important participants of the national development, and women's capacity building is not only related to economic development, but also to social harmony and stability. China respects the principal position of women, brings their talents into play, broadens the channels for women's employment and entrepreneurship, strengthens employment services and training, and supports women in building their careers in national construction. China has launched a series of targeted policies and initiatives to address the problems faced by women, and has achieved tangible results that can provide valuable experience for other “Belt and Road” countries in promoting women's capacity building and promoting the sustainable development and progress of women in the “Belt and Road” countries.

(2) The "Belt and Road" has created a new platform and new opportunities for the development of women in China and other countries along the routes. The participation of women and women's organizations in all countries also lays a solid foundation for the construction of the "Belt and Road". Women are important participants, promoters and beneficiaries of the "Belt and Road" construction. Through international development cooperation, China is accelerating the implementation of the *UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and giving full play to the role of women and women's organizations in the Belt and Road to promote gender equality and women's development.

3. Visits

Participants will pay visits to organizations, enterprises, etc. in other cities, and have

discussions with their leaders to learn about China's experience in women's capacity building while seeking further cooperation opportunities.

4. Lecturers

(1) Wu Zibin, Deputy Director of International Economic Cooperation Center of Fujian Province

(2) Li Hong, former Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Fujian Provincial People's Government

(3) He Wen, former Party Secretary of Chengxi Village in Fujian Province, staff at International Economic Cooperation Center of Fujian Province

(4) Chen Jie, Lawyer of Beijing Dacheng (Fuzhou) Law Firm

(5) Tao Hongjun, Associate Professor of School of Economics and Management of Fuzhou University

(6) Zu Qunying, Associate Professor of Fujian Provincial Party Committee School

(7) Nie Yong, General Manager of Fuzhou Meitesi Information Technology Co., Ltd.

(8) Zhang Tingjun, Professor of School of Public Administration of Fujian Normal University

(9) Lin Cangsong, Associate Professor of School of Business Administration of Fujian Jiangxia University

(10) Yan Jiajia, Professor of Fuzhou University

5. Materials to be prepared by participants

To facilitate the communication with Chinese experts, please prepare materials related to the theme of the seminar, such as:

(1) self-introduction including your expertise and organization;

(2) the current situation and problems of female capacity building in your country;

(3) cooperation of female capacity building with other countries and international organizations in your country;

(4) the foundation and prospects of cooperation with China, etc.

6. Evaluation

Evaluation manuals will be sent to the participants and collected to evaluate the seminar management and teaching quality.

