

Seminar on Sharing China's Development Experience under the Belt and Road Initiative

Full name of the project	Seminar on Sharing China's Development Experience under the Belt and Road Initiative		
Organizer	Center for International Knowledge on Development (CIKD)		
Holding time	July 18th to July 31st, 2023	Language	English
Invited country	Countries participating in the BRI	Planned number	45 participants
Objectives	<p>This seminar will be based on the research and study of China's development experience by the Development Research Center of the State Council (DRC) and Center for International Knowledge on Development (CIKD), key case studies of the BRI, as well as its achievements in cooperation and exchange. It will be themed on topics such as China's development experience, high-quality development of the Belt and Road, demands and suggestions from the BRI countries. The objectives of this seminar are:</p> <p><i>First</i>, to share and exchange China's development experience with participants from BRI countries, helping them better understand China's path to development, its developmental philosophy, as well as international cooperation concepts.</p> <p><i>Second</i>, to deepen participants' understanding about the BRI while enhancing their determination to actively participate in high-level cooperation of the BRI. This will create a positive atmosphere for the upcoming 3rd Belt and Road International Cooperation Forum in China.</p> <p><i>Third</i>, to combine national conditions with issues related to areas under discussion within countries along the Belt and Road, especially those located in ASEAN region or African continent. Relevant Chinese experts from various fields, including practitioners who have worked on projects related directly or indirectly to the BRI, will be invited to conduct candid discussions that provide ideas for promoting closer partnerships between these nations.</p> <p><i>Fourth</i>, to expand international cooperation between Chinese think tanks together with BRI countries, particularly in policy consultation and research collaboration, with the goal of improving knowledge sharing between China and other relevant nations at higher levels.</p>		
Participants requirements	Professional background	<p>Field or specialty: Economic and social development, cultural development, green development, international development cooperation and other related fields.</p> <p>Position: Government officials, project officers, policy researchers on</p>	

		the BRI cooperation. Level, educational degree or other relevant qualifications required: Department-level or division-level with relevant academic degrees.
	Age	Not exceeding the local statutory retirement age.
	Health condition	healthy, able to attend the seminar on time.
	Language skill	participants should have the ability to listen, speak, read and write in English to meet the teaching requirements.
	Others	participants need to bring their own devices, such as computers, microphones, cameras, etc. Please contact the organizer in advance to test the platform software and the network.
Contents	<p>1. Content</p> <p>This seminar will focus on two aspects: First, the development history and basic experience of China. Introduce the development concepts and achievements in politics, economy, society, culture, and other fields since the reform and opening up 40 years ago, especially since the 18th National Congress of CPC; emphasize China's market economy, economic transformation, and opening-up, as well as development planning and implementation; share China's development experience that is worth learning from with reference to CIKD's research reports including Global Development Report 2023, China's 40 Years of Poverty Reduction, Chinese Modernization and a New Form of Human Civilization.</p> <p>Second, Chinese development experience in high-quality cooperation on the BRI. Review the BRI's progress over the past decade, as well as its achievements and opportunities/challenges it may face in the future; focus on policy concepts such as green development, financial connectivity, and infrastructure interconnectivity along with industry practices; invite relevant experts, scholars, and enterprise representatives participating in BRI projects to discuss key cooperation topics such as modernization of agriculture development, digitalization of supply chains and industrial chains, etc.. The seminar will be a mix of lectures/seminars/exchanges and online exhibitions/tours.</p> <p>The course content is divided into two modules consisting of ten topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Module I: Development History and Basic Experience of China <p>(1) The Situation in China and Modernization with Chinese Characteristics: introducing current political, economic, and social developments in China, highlighting the status quo, concepts, roadmaps, and plans, promoting new development concepts such as Chinese</p>	

modernization.

(2) Establishment and Development of Market Economy in China: providing an overview of how the market economy was established, developed, and strengthened in China.

(3) Economic Transformation and Opening-Up in China: discussing the history and achievements of China's Reform and Opening-Up, with emphasis on socio-economic transformation since CPC's 18th National Congress, and background and progress at the launch of the BRI.

(4) Planning and Implementation of China's Development: introducing the experience of promoting economic and social development through the planning and implementation of the Five-Year Plan, as well as a brief introduction to China's 14th Five-Year Plan, focusing on BRI development strategy.

(5) Forty Years of Poverty Reduction in China: Driving Forces, Lessons Learned and Future Policy Directions.

· Module II: Sharing Chinese Development Experience in High-Quality BRI Cooperation

(6) BRI and Global Development Governance: exploring BRI's progress and contributions made by China, highlighting typical cases of international cooperation under BRI; providing an outlook for policy priorities under BRI; examining the current status of global development, including common challenges faced after the COVID-19 pandemic and how countries can strengthen international cooperation and enhance their coordination under the BRI;

(7) Green BRI: introducing green development concepts, policies, and cases related to green finance and BRI green development.

(8) Financial Connectivity and Infrastructure Interconnectivity among the BRI countries: introducing how the BRI can help address the financing needs of relevant countries and promote interconnectivity of infrastructure.

(9) Agricultural Development in China and International Cooperation on Agriculture under the BRI: introducing the history and current status in the agriculture sector ("three rural issues") in China; sharing experience and achievements made through international agricultural cooperation with BRI countries.

(10) Development of Chinese industrial Parks and International cooperation under the BRI: introducing China's unique mechanisms, experiences, and cases in industrial park development, analyzing how Chinese industrial parks can drive economic growth, and exploring their participation in the BRI.

(11) Digitalization in China's Industry Chain and Industrial Cooperation under the BRI:

introducing the role of big data applications in China's industrial upgrading process, its value and significance, and digital industry cooperation status quo under the BRI.

2. Teaching Introduction

The seminar will be organized from both the internal and external resources of DRC and CIKD. The first group consists of professional researchers who are engaged in related fields internally, while the second group includes experts, scholars, and enterprise representatives invited externally who specialize in relevant fields or have participated in the BRI projects.

3. Exchange and Learning

During the course, featured seminars will be arranged. Experienced experts and enterprise managers will be invited to conduct an online discussion on topics related to the BRI. Themes may include how industrial parks can play a better role under the BRI, major challenges, and suggestions during high-quality cooperation under the BRI.

4. Virtual Visit

During the seminar, virtual visits will be arranged. The main objects are representative regions and enterprises, including economic zones with successful experience such as the Shenzhen Qianhai-Shekou Free Trade Zone. Through these visits, trainees can personally experience China's regional economic development and enterprise development level. They will deepen their understanding of the current status and trends of development under China's economic system. Multilateral cooperation opportunities between China and the trainees' countries will be discovered and promoted during the course. In addition, it is planned to show documentaries about Beijing's scenic spots, CGTN's "Fighting Poverty" documentary series, CIKD's short video "Just Like Yesterday," etc.

5. Materials Required by Trainees

- (1) Self-introduction of their unit and work field.
- (2) Reflections on how they integrate what they have learned with their work.

6. Evaluation

A questionnaire survey will be conducted for trainees to evaluate the quality of the seminar and identify their knowledge needs.

Venue	Beijing, China		
Remarks	<p>1. This seminar will be conducted online using either the Tencent Meeting platform or the ZOOM platform.</p> <p>2. During the course, participants are required to follow class schedules and discipline. Attendance records will be one of the bases for issuing certificates of completion.</p> <p>3. Pre-class preparation: participants need to enter the platform 15 minutes in advance and change their personal names to English.</p> <p>4. Discipline requirements: Please strictly abide by the project schedule.</p> <p>5. The seminar is organized according to the schedule for participants to learn and exchange the seminar topics. participants need to prepare relevant materials according to the schedule and submit related electronic materials as required. Upon completing all courses, and submitting course evaluation forms, feedback forms, and learning reports by template before specified deadlines, they will receive a certificate of completion for this program.</p>		
Introduction of the organizer	<p>CIKD was established by President Xi Jinping at the United Nations Development Summit in 2015. Its purpose is to study and exchange development theories and practices suitable for each country's national conditions, make positive contributions to research and exchange of development theories, promotion of international development cooperation, and implementation of the global sustainable development agenda with other countries. CIKD is affiliated with the DRC.</p> <p>DRC is a high-end think tank directly under the State Council that conducts policy research, consulting, and interpretation. Undertaking foreign aid training projects is one of its important platforms for international exchanges. Since 2006, it has trained more than 600 participants from over 100 developing countries. Since its establishment in 2017, CIKD has begun to undertake foreign aid training projects as an executive unit of the DRC. It has successfully held five seminars so far. The seminars combine general experience introduction with specific topics while considering both breadth and depth of courses; it emphasizes communication and discussion with participants which have received widespread praise.</p> <p>CIKD also has a flagship research exchange program called "High-Quality Cooperation of the BRI & Global Development". In recent years, it has conducted a series of research activities around the BRI rules standard interconnectivity, BRI & Sustainable Development Agenda by 2030, major case studies on BRI projects, green BRI, South-South Cooperation, global development initiatives etc.</p>		

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