

# Seminar on VAT Management and Reform for Belt and Road Countries

Name	Seminar on VAT Management and Reform for Belt and Road Countries		
Organizer	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China		
Time	June 14th to June 27th, 2023 (14 days)	Language	English
Invited Participants	Officials from relevant departments of the "Belt and Road" countries （for Director and Division Level）		
Number of Participants	30 persons in total		
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 50 for officials at director’s level; under 45 for officials at division’s level	
	Health	Participants should be in good health, 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, free of other serious chronic diseases such as severe hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, mental diseases or infectious diseases that may pose a significant public health risk, not in the period of recovering from major surgery or acute illness, not severely physically disabled nor pregnant.	
	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 Temperature	Average temperature in Beijing in June : 21℃ - 32℃
Cities to Visit	Pending	Local Temperature	
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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		

	<p>International Airport. It boasts comprehensive infrastructure to provide services such as accommodation, catering, training and meetings for trainees.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Since 1998, AIBO has successfully held over 2,000 training sessions for officials from developing countries (including 124 ministerial seminars), benefiting nearly 59,000 trainees from other developing countries around the world.</p> <p>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.</p>
Seminar Content	<p><b>Project background:</b> In order to thoroughly implement President Xi Jinping's important instructions on "strengthening global taxation cooperation" and "helping developing countries and low-income countries to improve taxation collection and management capacity", we will give full play to the positive role of the Belt and Road tax collection and management cooperation mechanism in building a win-win international tax system, continue to promote the construction of the Belt and Road tax collection and management capacity, strive to create a growth friendly tax environment, enhance the position and role of Chinese taxation in global taxation governance, build a more in-depth, comprehensive and diversified Belt and Road taxation cooperation . The State Administration of Taxation plans to hold a multilateral taxation seminar for the Belt and Road countries, provide taxation training and strengthen taxation exchanges, so as to effectively help the Belt and Road countries improve tax collection and management capabilities, establish multilateral friendly cooperation, promote regional cooperation and win-win situation, and do a good job in serving national diplomatic strategies.</p> <p><b>Training purpose:</b> This seminar aims to promote the exchange and cooperation between China and the Belt and Road countries in the field of taxation, improve their taxation administration capacity, enhance mutual trust in interconnection, lay a solid foundation for negotiating and signing</p>

	<p>taxation agreements between China and relevant countries, promote the development of intra-regional economic and trade relations, create a good international environment for more enterprises to "go out", gain the trust and support of more developing countries, enhance China's status and discourse in the field of international taxation.</p> <p><b>Training content:</b> The seminar will focus on VAT Management and Reform . The lecture includes: overview of China's national situation, China's reform and opening up and the path to Chinese modernization, global development initiatives, a community with a shared future for mankind and China's taxation system, basic principles of VAT and elements of the tax system, VAT collection and management, international comparison of VAT, VAT reform frontier, basic system of VAT and reform history in China, etc.</p> <p><b>Training method:</b> We sincerely invite Chinese taxation experts to give lectures according to the topics; organize exchanges between participants and experts, as well as between participants; during the study tour in Beijing and Yangzhou, the officials will also visit local taxation authorities and large enterprises, and communicate with Chinese taxation officials and enterprise representatives.</p> <p>(The above is a preliminary schedule, which may be adjusted based on the actual situation. The final version will be provided after your arrival in China.)</p>
Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1、 Please prepare your passport, Chinese visa and third-party transit country visa (if necessary) before coming to China.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

	<p>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.</p>
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