Seminar on Accessing Chinese Government's Preferential Loan for Developing Countries Project Profile

Name	Seminar on Accessing Chinese Government's Preferential Loan for Developing Countries			
Organizer	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China			
Time	November 2nd to November 15th, 2023 (14 days) Language English			
Invited Participants	Officials from relevant departments of developing countries (for officials at Director level and Director-general level)			
Number of Participants	30 persons in total			
	Age	Under 50 for officials at director's level; under 45 for officials at division's level		
Requirements for the Participants	Health Language Others	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. Participants should be capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English that can meet the requirements of the class.		
Host City	Beijing	Family members or friends sl Local Temperature		C in November
Cities to Visit	Pending	Local Temperature		/
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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.

About the Organizer

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, the correct concept of justice and interests, the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith, the philosophy of amity, honesty, mutual benefit, and inclusiveness and other important concepts as strategic guidance. 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.

Background: As an important way of China's foreign aid, the Chinese government's concessional loan is mainly used by Chinese enterprises and enterprises in recipient countries to jointly build and operate productive projects with economic benefits and local needs. Since the second half of 1995 when the Chinese government concessional loan business was initially carried out, more than 130 projects of over 60 countries and regions have been funded by this loan service. These projects involve a wide variety of areas, including infrastructure construction, energy development, industrial production, electrical products, science, education, culture and health, etc.

Purpose: The seminar organized by the Chinese government aims to help officials and enterprise personnel from developing countries to understand the system and operation procedures of China's foreign aid concessional loan business so as to help developing countries to apply for the Chinese government concessional loan. Besides, the seminar would take this opportunity to build high-quality partnerships with other developing countries, so as to work together for the better implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development under the framework of South-South cooperation, thus promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

About the Project

Content: The Seminar will give lectures on various topics such as an overview of China's national conditions, China's experience in reform and opening-up and economic development, the implementation of Belt and Road Initiatives (BRI) and the Global Development Initiatives (GDI), Chinese path to modernization, build a global community of shared future for mankind, introduction to China's foreign aid: the Chinese government concessional loan projects, China's experience in using international foreign aid, the basic operating procedures of the Chinese government concessional loan projects, the takeaways of concessional loan projects evaluation, concessional loans and preferential buyers' credit business, the prevention and control of systemic financial risk, etc.

Method: The seminar will invite Chinese experts from the relevant areas to give themed lectures on various topics; organize discussions and exchanges between participants and experts, and among participants; organize study tours in Beijing and other cities; arrange for participants to visit local enterprises, understand the measures taken and achievements achieved by the local governments in their efforts to promote business and trade cooperation, and thus seeking opportunities for potential cooperation.

(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.)

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 Commercial 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 Economic and Commercial Office and follow the procedures to change your ticket. Participants who change their tickets without consent will be notified to the Economic and Commercial Office 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.