

Seminar on Capacity Building of Demonstration E-port and Trade Facilitation

Project Profile

Name	Seminar on Capacity Building of Demonstration E-port and Trade Facilitation		
Organizer	Shanghai Customs College		
Date	November 10 to November 19, 2021	Language	English
Countries invited	Developing countries (APEC, BRICS, LMC and "Belt and Road Countries")	Number of participants	25
Objectives	Enable trainees to understand the development of China in E-port and trade facilitation in major business areas; Trainees can improve the application ability of relevant business knowledge according to what they have learned.		
Requirements for trainee	Professional background	--Area or specialty: international trade and Customs-related specialty --Position: officials and Customs management personnel of Customs and Customs-related government departments --Level, educational background or other qualifications: department level	
	Age	Under the legal retirement age of the recipient country	
	Health status	Able to participate in online training courses on time	
	Language competence	Trainees' ability to understand, speak, read and write English to the extent satisfying the needs for training, discussion and communication	
	Others	Able to use online platform to complete the project agenda	
Training content	1. Objectives The purpose of this project is to continue to help developing members improve their capabilities in implementing the <i>WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement</i> , strengthening the construction of E-port and promoting paperless trade through introducing the latest theory and practice of global trade facilitation and supply chain interconnection to the training officials, and sharing the best practices of developing a single window in China. Through exchanges and discussions, China Customs will also have an in-depth understanding of the basic Customs development systems of other countries and new measures in trade facilitation and security, and establish cooperative links to promote cooperation between Customs in related fields under the framework of "One Belt and One Road". The seminar will introduce the latest theory and practice of global trade facilitation and supply chain interconnection as well as China's excellent policies and practices in the field of E-port and single window construction in various training forms such as special lectures, special seminars and online visits. 2. Introduction of main training courses and contents		

- (1) Overview of China: mainly introduce the current political, economic, social and cultural development of China and its achievements since the founding of new China 70 years ago and the open-up and reform in 40 years.
- (2) China's Border Health Inspection and Quarantine during the Epidemic: mainly introduce the measures and effectiveness of China Customs ports to prevent epidemics during the COVID-19.
- (3) General situation of China Customs: Introduce the overall functions and business work, organizational structure, personnel, regional distribution, new situation and new tasks faced by China Customs.
- (4) Trade facilitation and Customs practice: introduce the trade facilitation legislation of international organizations, the status and core elements of trade facilitation; trade facilitation tools of some international organizations, World Trade Organization (WTO) and World Customs Organization (WCO), and main measures, obstacles and cases of trade facilitation in Customs practice.
- (5) Introduction of single window interconnection: introduce the situation of China's E-ports and Asia-Pacific demonstration E-port, focusing on the mechanisms and platforms through which relevant government organs realize interconnection, development history, key projects and the plans for next steps.
- (6) Customs supervision over cross-border electronic commerce: introduce the characteristics and scope of application of cross-border electronic commerce; relevant laws, regulations and policies; China Customs' supervision and facilitation measures; cross-border electronic commerce standard framework of WCO.
- (7) Construction of China Smart Customs: introduce the history and future development prospect for construction of China Smart Customs. Show the latest achievements of China Smart Customs to the trainees of the participating countries; introduce the application of China Customs' science and technology, including non-invasive inspection equipment, intelligent drawing review technology and non-inductive supervision cases; such scientific and technological means improve data processing efficiency, streamline link procedures, and seamlessly connect with existing enterprise systems, to publicize China Customs' best practices to participating countries.
- (8) China Customs' international cooperation: introduce the international cooperation projects, key points and trends of China Customs, the current main progress and the key work in the next step, especially for the "interconnection" docking projects and key points of Customs cooperation and exchange with developing countries..
- (9) Mutual recognition of "Authorized Operators" (AEO) of enterprises: Introduce the latest practices of China Customs Enterprise Credit Management System, the important role of mutual recognition in promoting trade facilitation, and the key points of cooperation in the next step.
- (10) Other cultural courses.

3. Introduction of instructors

The teachers of this seminar mainly come from Shanghai Customs College, China Customs, authoritative professional organizations and outstanding representatives of business circles.

4. Materials to be prepared

In order to facilitate the exchange with Chinese experts, please prepare the exchange

	materials related to the training topics in your country, such as: ① the current situation and existing problems of the construction and development of E-port and single window; ② interconnection cooperation projects, etc.		
Venue	Shanghai	Place of Online Visit	Shanghai
Remarks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This training is to conducted online via the Tencent International Platform. 2. During the training, please follow the class schedule and discipline. The training certificates will be awarded on the basis of attendance records. 3. Preparation before class: enter the online platforms 15 minutes in advance and change the name to the form: name in English – country name. 4. Disciplinary requirement: during project implementation, please follow strictly the project agenda. 5. Trainees need to prepare discussion materials relevant to the subject according to the schedule and submit relevant electronic materials as required. 6. Online English simultaneous/consecutive interpretation are provided for the courses. 		
Introduction of organizer	<p>Shanghai Customs College conforms to the needs of the Customs industry, focusing on the three development strategies of strengthening colleges with talents, cooperation between colleges and Customs, and internationalization, adhere to standing upright, depend on special features, promote strength with special features, take the road of connotative development of running colleges with special features, train applied, compound and foreign-related high-quality Customs management professionals who meet the needs of Customs business and economic and social development, and foreign trade and economies professionals who serve port logistics and international business, and actively carry out theoretical research and international exchanges related to Customs. Meanwhile, the college undertakes the tasks of continuing education, knowledge renewal and business training for middle and senior cadres in the Customs system; according to the division of labor of the WCO and the requirements of countries and regions in the Asia-Pacific region, it gradually undertakes the training task of Customs personnel in the region and fulfills the corresponding international obligations.</p> <p>The teachers of foreign aid training programs of our college are mainly high-level teachers provided by relevant departments such as the College of Customs and Public Administration of our college, universities and research institutions in Shanghai and the Education and Training Center of the General Administration of Customs for foreign aid training programs organized by our department. The teachers participating in the teaching of Customs majors are all teachers with the title of deputy high or above in Shanghai Customs College and senior experts in the Customs system (vice director and above or Customs level 3 experts or above), and most of them have experience in international capacity building projects. The teachers of national conditions courses are teachers from Tongji University's <i>Chinese Studies</i> series courses (key construction courses of the Ministry of Education) and the Institute of Applied Economics of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. At present, most courses of English training program classes can be taught in English; some courses, such as <i>Summary of China's National Conditions</i>, <i>Introduction to Chinese</i> and <i>China Customs' International Cooperation</i>, can be taught in minor languages.</p>		

	<p>Since 2001, the college has undertaken foreign aid training programs of the Ministry of Commerce. Under the guidance of the Training Center of the Ministry of Commerce and with the full support of the national Customs, so far, the college has undertaken 53 phases of foreign aid training programs, including 49 phases of short-term training programs in China and 4 phases of overseas training programs, training about 1,500 intermediate and senior Customs officials in total.</p> <p>In 2019, the college undertook 10 phases of foreign aid training programs with 241 trainees. All training courses were successfully completed, and the trainees had good evaluation on the course offering, teaching organization and logistics support. Among them, a number of projects, such as Seminar on Uzbekistan Customs Clearance Facilitation, Seminar on Capacity Building of Demonstration E-port and Trade Facilitation, and Seminar on Arabic-speaking Countries Customs Officials, were highly praised by foreign parties. Leaders from relevant countries and Customs expressed their gratitude to our college by sending letters and follow-up visits, and confirmed their intention to send officials with potential development to our college in the future.</p>
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