Seminar on Investment Cooperation and Development Project Profile

Name	Seminar on Investment Cooperation and Development					
Organizer	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China					
Time	November 2 nd to November 15 th , 2023 (14 days)				Language	English
Invited Participants	Officials from relevant departments in developing countries (for officials at Division level)					
Number of Participants	25 persons in total					
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 50 for officials at the Director-General level; under 45 for officials at the Director level.				
	Health	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.				
	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 Temperat	ure	Averagely 0°C in Beijing	~10°C in November	
Cities to Visit	Pending		Local Temperat	ure		
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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, 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.

About the Project

Background of the Project: As the world's largest developing country, China's outward economic cooperation has witnessed steady growth in recent years. In 2022, China's outbound direct investment (ODI) reached USD 146.5 billion, surpassing other major economies in the world and ranking a top position globally; in the same year, China's foreign direct investment (FDI) increased by 5 percent to a record high of USD 189.1 billion. Overall, China's outward economic cooperation has shown a trend of growth, upgrade and optimization. Against the backdrop of advancing economic globalization and multilateralism, China will further strengthen its cooperation with developing countries to promote common development and advance the healthy development of the global economy.

Training Purpose: The purpose of the seminar is to enhance understanding and deepen friendship through mutual learning and exchanges with developing countries, and build a platform that can facilitate developing countries to carry out exchanges and cooperation in the areas of trade and investment in an innovative, open, fair, inclusive and win-win manner, and thus to promote

the international trade and investment cooperation and jointly build an open world economy.

Training 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 Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and its implementation, investment facilitation under the multilateral trading system, China's trade and investment promotion, the characteristics of the new generation of trade and investment rules, development trends of trade and investment facilitation and China's practices, trade and investment facilitation for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), China's experience in utilizing foreign investment, promoting foreign investment - China's case studies, China's experience in managing foreign investment, etc.

Training Method: The seminar will invite Chinese experts in the field of China's outward investment to give themed lectures; organize discussions and exchanges between participants and experts, and among participants; organize study tours to relevant enterprises in Beijing and other cities to allow participants to experience the process of China's local economic development, witness China's achievements in investment cooperation, and feel the local customs across China.

(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.)

- 1. 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 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.

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