

# Seminar on APMEN and Trade Facilitation

## Project Description

Name	Seminar on APMEN and Trade Facilitation,		
Organizer	Shanghai Customs College		
Time	8 -21 November,2019	Teaching Language	English
Invited Countries	Representatives from developing economies among APEC member countries and those from countries having access to the demonstration electronic port network, as well as representatives of the BRICS, and those from the Greater Mekong Sub-region and along the Belt and Road		
Number of Participants	25 in total		
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 50 for participants at director general's level; under 45 for participants at or under director's level.	
	Health	In good health with health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China's laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without metal diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant.	
	Teaching Language	Capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English	
	Others	Spouse and family are not allowed to follow the participant to China for training	
Host City	Shanghai	Local Temperature	Autumn: 12°C-18°C
Cities to visit	Xiamen, Fujian Province	Local Temperature	In Xiamen: 18°C-25°C
Notes	<p>1. Please prepare study materials related to the customs affairs for exchanges and discussion; 2. Please bring formal dresses or folk costumes or customs uniform for formal occasions, and prepare lightweight shoes and sportswear for physical events and use of campus exercise facilities; 3. Please prepare medium amount of commonly used medicine to protect against malaria and cold; 4. Please bring personal computer if necessary as computer is not available in some hotels; 5. Tickets arriving for and departing from China are not allowed to be changed without consent. If necessary, please contact the Economic and Commercial's Office for the procedure. If any participant cannot make departure on time due to special circumstances or flight transfer delays, please contact the Economic and Commercial's Office or the project supervisor to update the latest flight status for arrangement of pickup service; 6. Please confirm whether luggage needs to be rechecked during transfer. Please wait at the international/domestic arrivals after picking up your luggage as our staff will be holding a welcome board with Jamaican national flag on it. You may contact the project liaison person by phone if you are kept waiting for over 15 minutes.</p>		

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About the Organizer	<p>Shanghai Customs College is a normal full-time higher education institution approved by the Ministry of Education and affiliated with the General Administration of Customs, P.R.C. Founded in 1953, and the College is currently the only higher education institution offering customs courses and programs in China. In December 2012, it is approved by the State Council Academic Degrees Committee as a trial site for the Program of Personnel Cultivation to Meet Special National Demand - offering master degree program in higher education institutions awarding postgraduate degrees. In serving the customs and the society at large, the College is aimed at cultivating high-caliber customs management personnel and personnel specialized in port logistics and international business in an integrated, applied and foreign-oriented approach, meeting the demand for customs and social-economic development. In the meantime, the College is also actively engaged in theoretical study and international exchanges on customs affairs by undertaking continued education, knowledge updating and operations training for medium- and high-level calibers within the customs. The College also undertakes the training for medium- and high-level officials from customs within the Asia-Pacific region as directed by the WCO and requested by countries and areas within the region. In past few years, under the framework of international cooperation initiative launched by the Chinese Customs, the College have been engaging in broader customs capacity building and technical assistance programs while focusing on much-discussed issues in the field of customs and trade.</p>	
Seminar Course Content	<p>The 14-day seminar will be held in Shanghai, China. The seminar will provide a comprehensive introduction to the latest theories and practices of global trade facilitation and supply chain interconnection, as well as China's excellent policies and practices in the field of electronic ports and single window construction, through a variety of training forms such as thematic lectures, visits and investigations, and workshops. Lecturers of the seminar are outstanding representatives mainly from the Shanghai Customs College, the General Administration of Customs, authoritative professional organizations and the business community.</p> <p>The seminar will focus on the latest theories and practices of global trade facilitation and supply chain interconnection, and organize field visits to share best practices in China's single window development and continue to help developing members improve their capacity in implementing the Trade Facilitation Agreement of WTO, strengthening the construction of electronic ports, and promoting the paperless trade.</p>	

During the seminar, the participants will be organized to visit Xiamen and other sites such as Xiamen APMEN center, Yangshan Port, Pujiang Customs and ect.. This training program which aims on capacity building is expected to share and introduce China's excellent policies and practices in areas of the construction of electronic port and single window, customs modernization, paperless trade, cross-border e-commerce with participants from the developing economies of APEC, BRICS and the Greater Mekong Sub-region as well as along the Belt and Road, so as to effectively enhance the knowledge and skills in trade-related fields of participants from development economies, and therefore promote the supply chain interconnection via the cross-border cooperation in electronic ports, and improve the level of trade facilitation in the Asia-Pacific region.

The seminar will also organize officials to have discussions with Chinese customs experts on such themes as the basic theory and international situation of electronic ports and single windows; trade facilitation and customs risk management system and etc.. Participants are expected to actively prepare speech materials to share with Chinese customs experts.

If more information on the content of the seminar is required, please contact the project liaison person via email.