

Seminar on Development Paths and Economic Construction for B&R Countries

Name	Seminar on Development Paths and Economic Construction for B&R Countries		
Organizer	International Exchange Center of Yangling Agriculture Hi-tech Industries Demonstration Zone		
Time	May 9th, 2024 to May 22nd, 2024	Language for Learning	English
Invited Countries	Countries along the Belt and Road Initiative		
Number of Participants	20		
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 45 for officials at or under director's level; under 50 for officials at director general'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.	
	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	Yangling Demonstration Zone, Shaanxi Province	Local Temperature	Summer: Temperature 15°C-25°C
Cities to visit	Beijing City, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province	Local Temperature	Beijing City 15°C-26°C, Xi'an City 15°C-25°C
Notes	<p>1. Please prepare your valid passport and visa in advance; 2. If you are unable to depart on time due to special circumstances, or if your flight is delayed when connecting, please contact the program contact person to inform the latest flight status in order to arrange for pick-up; 3. In principle, personal changes to international tickets are not allowed; if you really need to do so, please contact the Business Office for ticket change procedures. If personal change is made to the air tickets without consent, the resulting costs and responsibilities will be borne by the individual. 4. Please check if you need to re-handle your baggage check-in when you transfer to another flight. After picking up your baggage, please wait patiently at the international arrival exit (or domestic arrival exit) and the staff will pick you up with the pick-up sign with the name of the organizer. If you wait for more than 15 minutes, you can communicate with the program contact person by phone; 5. If you need to register with the airline in case of lost checked luggage, please call the program contact person to confirm the luggage delivery address before filling out the registration form; 6. Please pay attention to the weather of the destinations and bring appropriate clothing; prepare light footwear to facilitate visits and investigations; attend the important activities of the Seminar in formal wear or national costume; 7. Please bring a small amount of common medicines as necessary.</p>		
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About the Organizer	<p>Yangling Demonstration Zone was established in 1997 as the first national-level agricultural high-tech industrial demonstration zone in China. In 2011, the Ministry of Commerce established the "China Aid Dryland Farming Technology Training Center" in Yangling, hosting training programs for developing countries. Yangling Demonstration Zone is one of the most enriched regions in terms of agricultural science and technology, talent, and resources in China. It houses over 110 provincial and ministerial-level agricultural research institutions and platforms, including the Institute of Soil and Water Conservation of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the China Institute of Water-saving Agriculture in Arid Areas, covering over 70 disciplines in agriculture, forestry, and water sciences, with more than 7,000 agricultural science and technology talents. Yangling is also supported by the State Council to develop into a modern agricultural international cooperation center under the Belt and Road Initiative, with international agricultural exchange and cooperation being one of its important national missions. Since 2019, the establishment of the "Shanghai Cooperation Organization Agricultural Technology Exchange Training Demonstration Base" and the "China-Africa Modern Agricultural Technology Exchange Demonstration and Training Joint Center" in Yangling, proposed by General Secretary Xi Jinping, has provided new platforms for international exchange and cooperation in related fields, endowing Yangling Demonstration Zone with new missions.</p> <p>Since undertaking national foreign aid training projects in 2005, Yangling Demonstration Zone has hosted over 160 sessions of various foreign aid training programs, with more than 4,600 students from over 130 countries participating in training sessions in Yangling. Relying on the abundant scientific and educational resources of universities and research institutions in the province, such as Northwest A&F University, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Chang'an University, and the Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, it has established a comprehensive curriculum system focusing on 10 core training themes, including agricultural economic management, facility agriculture, water-saving irrigation, soil and water conservation, animal husbandry, e-commerce, public infrastructure construction, governance capacity building, and poverty alleviation cooperation. It has also developed a series of training materials on water-saving, soil and water conservation, and facility agriculture. Furthermore, it has established a team of more than 120 full-time and part-time experts and organized over 20 practical training bases in various fields such as economic forestry, animal husbandry, facility agriculture, and crop cultivation, providing support for on-site teaching, visits, and inspections related to training activities.</p> <p>Since 2016, Yangling has also undertaken training programs related to governance capabilities, social development, development paths, and economic construction, accumulating over ten sessions. It has formed a team of over ten experts primarily from Xi'an Jiaotong University and the Shaanxi Provincial Administration Institute. These programs showcase China's exploration and practical experience in economic system reform comprehensively.</p> <p>Hosting the Seminar on Development Paths and Economic Construction for B&R Countries in Yangling can continue to leverage Yangling's role as a national-level agricultural high-tech zone and its advantages in agricultural science and technology education resources to consolidate, deepen, and expand cooperation with "Belt and Road" countries.</p>	

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1. Main Training Courses and Contents

(1) Connotation of the Road of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics: Introduce the exploration and development process of the road of socialism with Chinese characteristics, outlining the elements of China's path, including economic development, political system, social construction, cultural inheritance, and more.

(2) Construction and Achievements of the Road of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics: Describe China's development path choice and the construction ideas, measures, and achievements of the road of socialism with Chinese characteristics in economic development, social undertakings, ecological environment protection, and the basic viewpoints of foreign policy, discussing the main practices to seize international cooperation opportunities.

(3) Achievements, Experiences, and Challenges of China's Economic Reform: Introduce the course of China's economic reform and development, major explorations, practices, and effective experiences, sharing typical cases of economic reform.

(4) Current Situation, Path, and Countermeasures of Comprehensive Deepening of Economic System Reform: Analyze the current domestic and international development situations and issues, as well as the path and measures for China to deepen economic system reform and promote high-quality development.

(5) Establishment and Development of China's Economic Zones: Introduce the exploration of China's economic system reform, the construction and development process of China's economic zones, difficulties encountered, measures taken, achievements made, and future development.

(6) Practices and Effects of Rural Economic Construction and Development: Introduce the main problems faced in the development of rural agriculture and economy, propose suggestions for overcoming factors such as talent, capital, and resources, and promote the overall high-quality development of the economy.

(7) Poverty Alleviation Practices and Effects in China: Introduce China's experiences and practices in promoting local poverty alleviation through tailored approaches such as agricultural and forestry industries, special tourism, e-commerce, and relocation.

(8) Ecological Environment Protection and Economic Construction: Discuss the relationship between ecological environment protection and sustainable economic development, the impact of economic development on the environment, strengthen policy formulation and investment in ecological environment protection, and promote the healthy and sustainable development of the economy and society, introducing experiences in county-level ecological economic development.

(9) Construction of Free Trade Zones under the Background of Economic Globalization: Introduce the development mode and characteristics of China's free trade zones under the background of economic globalization, analyze cases, and explore the development opportunities of free trade zones under the "Belt and Road" initiative.

(10) Seminar on Regional Economic Development Cooperation under the Background of Joint Construction of the "Belt and Road" Initiative: Share the achievements of China and related countries in trade cooperation, investment cooperation, infrastructure construction cooperation, etc., under the "Belt and Road" initiative since its proposal, and jointly discuss the path to strengthen regional economic cooperation in the future.

2. Visit and Investigation

(1) It is proposed to arrange for participants to visit the Beijing Planning Exhibition Hall to gain a firsthand experience of Beijing's urban planning and construction achievements. This visit will help participants understand Beijing's accomplishments and experiences in urban construction, economic development, and technological innovation, providing them with valuable insights for their own learning and development.

(2) It is proposed to arrange for participants to visit BYD Co., Ltd. in Xi'an to learn about the research and development, production, sales, and industrial chain construction of BYD new energy vehicles, as well as their export situation. This visit aims to provide participants with insights into the positive role of the new energy industry in Shaanxi's economy. Furthermore, participants will have the opportunity to discuss export policies and conditions with corporate leaders, share experiences of how the new energy industry promotes economic development, and explore cooperation opportunities and paths.

(3) It is proposed to arrange for participants to visit the Yangling Comprehensive Bonded Zone to learn about the development of transit trade and export processing businesses, as well as the

current status of agricultural trade cooperation between Yangling and relevant countries. Participants will also gain insights into preferential tax policies and explore cooperation opportunities. Additionally, participants will visit the Ronggu Town Professional Cooperative's demonstration vineyard to understand the development of rural collective economy.

3. Cultural Experience

It is proposed to arrange for the participants to visit the Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors, Xi'an Museum, and other places for on-site inspections to experience traditional Chinese culture and art.

4. Introduction of Main Lecturers

(1) Zhong Weiguo: Director of the Department of Economics at Shaanxi Administrative College, professor, master's supervisor. His main research areas include political economy, macroeconomics, and economic reform. He has published over a hundred research papers and served as the chief editor of "Modern International Finance and China" and other publications.

(2) Kang Xiping: Director and professor at the Shaanxi Development Research Institute of Shaanxi Administrative College. She specializes in regional economics, research on Shaanxi's economic development strategies, economic development planning, and industrial policy research. She has published over 30 articles in various journals and served as the chief editor of six professional textbooks. She has also led or participated in seven national and provincial research projects.

(3) Hu Jinrong: Professor and master's supervisor in the Department of Economics at Shaanxi Administrative College. Her main research areas include the Belt and Road Initiative economic cooperation and Western economics. She has led or participated in over ten projects funded by national and provincial social science foundations. She authored a research project titled "Strategies for Promoting Breakthrough Development in the Western Region through Characteristic Industries and Key Regional Drives in the Post-Crisis Period," which was conducted nationwide within the party school system.

(4) Song Haifeng: Director of the Department of Political Science, professor, and master's supervisor at Shaanxi Administrative College. She is a member of the Shaanxi Political Science Association. Her research focuses on China's political construction and policy analysis. She has led or participated in six key research projects funded by national social science foundations and the Central Party School.

(5) Yao Rong: Professor and master's supervisor in the Department of Ecological Civilization at Shaanxi Administrative College. Her main research area is the economy of Shaanxi province.

(6) Hu Weihua: Professor and master's supervisor in the Department of Ecological Civilization at Shaanxi Administrative College. His main research areas include ecological civilization and issues related to agriculture, rural areas, and farmers. He has led a national social science foundation project on western urbanization and agricultural modernization.

(7) Zhang Hong: Associate professor and master's supervisor in the Department of Ecological Civilization at Shaanxi Administrative College. Her research interests include public economics, open economics, and regional economics.

(8) Zhang Xiaoxu: Associate professor in the Department of Ecological Civilization at Shaanxi Administrative College. His main research areas include political economy and industrial innovation research. He has contributed to textbooks such as "International Trade" and "Socialist Market Economics" and has published over 20 articles in theoretical propaganda and academic research. He has also participated in one research project at the Central Party School.

To facilitate the exchange with Chinese experts, please prepare the exchange materials related to the training topics in your country, such as: (a) the current development status and existing problems in the national development path and economic construction field; (b) the basis of cooperation with China and related matters.