

Seminar on the Construction and Management of Open Platforms (Free Trade Zones, Development Zones, Special Customs Supervision Zones, High-Tech Development Zones, International Industrial Cooperation Parks & Overseas Economic Cooperation Parks) in Developing Countries

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Organizer	Tianjin TEDA Import & Export Co., Ltd.		
Time	2024-05-21 -- 2024-06-03	Language for Learning	English
Invited Countries	Developing Countries		
Number of Participants	25		
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	Capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English during the training	
	others	Family members or friends shall not follow	
Host City	Tianjin City	Local Temperature	15°C-25°C
Cities to visit	Beijing City Shenzhen City,Guangdong Province	Local Temperature	Beijing15°C-25°C Shenzhen18°C-28°C
Notes	<p>(1)Please have your valid passport and visa ready.</p> <p>(2)It is important that all participants adhere to the Seminar's schedule. Attendance at the Seminar will be used as a reference to issue the certificate of completion.</p> <p>(3)We expect all participants to take part in the exchange of experience during and/or at the end of the Seminar.</p> <p>(4)If any participant is unable to depart on time due to special circumstances, or if the flight is delayed when transferring, please contact the organizer to inform the latest flight status so that pick-up can be arranged.</p> <p>(5)Under normal circumstances, participants cannot change their international tickets on their own. However, if participants need to make changes to their tickets for special reasons, they</p>		

	<p>should notify the organizer. If participants change their tickets without consent, they will be responsible for the costs and responsibilities arising therefrom.</p> <p>(6)Please confirm if your baggage should be checked in again during a transfer. Staff from the Organizer will be waiting at the Exit at the airport with a sign. If you have been waiting at the exit for over 15 minutes without seeing any staff from the Organizer, please call any of the contacts listed below.</p> <p>(7)If, unfortunately, your luggage is found lost upon arrival, please first contact the organizer for the mailing address before filling out any form or document for your lost item.</p> <p>(8)Please keep yourself updated about the weather conditions of the host city and bring suitable clothes. Comfortable shoes are recommended for on-site visits and group outings; formal wear (or ethnic costumes) is preferred for important occasions during the Seminar.</p> <p>(9)General medical supply is recommended in case of any unexpected occasion.</p> <p>(10)Computers and/or laptops are not available in some of the hotels, so please bring your own electronic devices such as a laptop if necessary.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Services and apps such as Google, WhatsApp, Facebook, and Instagram are unavailable in China. It is highly</p>	
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About the Organizer	<p>Tianjin TEDA Group Co. Ltd. is located in the Tianjin Economic and Technological Development Area and is next to the Tianjin Harbor. It is a comprehensive and multifunctional state-owned enterprise that was established with the approval of the Tianjin Municipal Party and Government. TEDA Group now has over 30 wholly- and partially-owned stipendiaries. TEDA Group has been developing together with the Tianjin Economic and Technological Development Area and is a pacesetter for the Development Area's growth.</p> <p>Tianjin TEDA Import & Export Co., Ltd. (the Company) is a wholly owned subsidiary of TEDA Group and is a platform of foreign exchange, trade and investment, and financing for the Group. The Company started the projects of China Foreign Aid in 2004.</p> <p>TEDA is now the only authorized organizer of the China Aid Project in Tianjin. Benefiting from its many advantages, TEDA has completed in total of 278 seminars for 6652 participants from over 120 countries and areas in Africa, Asia, and Oceania.</p> <p>With nearly 20 years of experience in organizing seminars, TEDA has accumulated rich experience in teaching and management. It effectively integrates theories and practices to promote the Chinese experience so that participants can return with hands-on experience of the demonstrating effect of economic zones.</p>	
Seminar Content	<p>1.Introduction of Lectures:</p> <p>(1)Overview of China's National Conditions: The lecture introduces China's national conditions from the political, economic, social, and geographical aspects, and explains the significance of starting a new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, helping participants form a more comprehensive understanding of China and a bond with China.</p> <p>(2)Free Trade Zones and Economic Development: The topic will be developed from three aspects, namely, the development trend of global FTAs, global mega FTAs and free zone strategies of major economies, and the impact of FTAs, and the role of FTAs in promoting the economy will be explained with a large number of case studies.</p> <p>(3) Essential Points of FTA: The lecture explains the basic contents of FTA, including the origin of FTA, the relationship between FTA and Regional Trade Arrangement (RTA), the difference between the relationship between FTA and WTO, as well as the history of the development of FTA, so as to enable the participants to have a better understanding of regional economic integration. The lecture also analyzes the current problems facing the China-Nepal FTA negotiations and puts forward ideas and suggestions for solutions.</p> <p>(4) Impact of International Trade Rules and Regulations on Developing Countries: The impact</p>	

of international trade rules and regulations on developing countries is introduced through a comparative analysis of traditional and new trade rules, the application of the embodiment of RTAs and mega-trade agreements worldwide, as well as an explanation of new trade management measures.

(5)China's Main Practices in Negotiating FTAs with Foreign Countries - Trade in Goods: This lecture introduces the contents and characteristics of trade in goods in the FTAs signed by China, focusing on trade in goods in FTAs in the context of the integration of the world economy; tariff concession models, protection of sensitive industries and trade liberalization; trade liberalization of agricultural products; product-specific rules of origin (PSR) and trade liberalization; and measures to open up the trade in goods in the Tianjin Pilot Free Trade Zone.

(6)China's Main Practices in Negotiating FTAs with Foreign Countries - Investment Rules and Negative List System: This lecture introduces the development and evolution of investment rules and the negative list system for foreign investment management, as well as the main provisions of the investment rules and the main contents of the negative list in FTAs, and explains China's investment provisions in FTAs and the currently implemented Negative list system, to help participants understand China's main practices on investment issues in FTAs and its future development direction on the basis of understanding the development and evolution process of international investment rules, in anticipation of reaching a consensus with the participants' countries on the promotion of economic integration, enhancing mutual understanding of their respective policies, and lowering the cost of future negotiations.

(7)Technical Barriers to Trade in China's Foreign Free Trade Agreements: This lecture explains that in China's foreign free trade agreements, commodity importing and exporting countries, in the implementation of trade and import control, through the promulgation of laws, decrees, regulations, rules, and the establishment of technical standards, certification systems, inspection systems, etc., the import and export of products to set excessively stringent technical standards, sanitary and quarantine standards, and standards of packaging and labeling of commodities, so as to raise the technical requirements for imported products, make it more difficult to import them, and ultimately to achieve the purpose of restricting imports of a kind of non-tariff barriers, and to analyze the role of its positive and negative aspects, and to share with the participants case studies.

(8)Innovation of Financial and Taxation Systems in FTZs: The lecture introduces the financial and taxation systems established in the construction of China's FTZs, such as the free trade account system, the expansion of the functions of the free trade accounts, and the system of cross-border two-way RMB capital pooling.

(9)Trade Facilitation and Institutional Innovation in Free Trade Zones: This lecture introduces the main contents of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, explains the facilitation measures prevailing in the world, and analyzes in detail the international trade facilitation measures in different areas and under different national conditions, taking Singapore, New Zealand and the European Union as examples. It will explain the transparency of free trade, the tariff collection system, the customs clearance system, and the cooperation between national customs.

(10)Interpretation of the Belt and Road Initiative: This course interprets China's Belt and Road Initiative from three aspects: the proposal of the Belt and Road Initiative, its objectives, and the new system of open economy, and elaborates on the concepts of realizing people-to-people communication, facility connection, trade facilitation, and financial integration, promoting mutual trust, and strengthening friendship. This course explains China's "Belt and Road" initiative from three aspects: the proposal of the "Belt and Road" initiative, the objectives, and the new open economic system, and describes the concept of mutual trust and friendship through the communication of policies, the connection of facilities, the smooth flow of trade, and the financing of capital, to realize mutual understanding between the people and promote mutual trust and friendship. It aims to promote the construction of the Belt and Road Initiative.

(11)Development and Transformation of China's Open Economy: Taking the development of the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone as a typical case study, this lecture introduces the development and transformation of China's open economy from four aspects: China's open economy achievements, China's open economy experience, China's road to the development of free trade zones, and ideas for the transformation of the open economy.

2.Introduction of Discussions:

This session is an exchange of experiences on the theme of FTZ construction and development.

3.Introduction of Lecturers:

(1)Wu Xiaoxin, Associate Researcher and Director of the Comprehensive Division of the

Information Center of the National Development and Reform Commission. He has a PhD in Economics from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. He is mainly engaged in research on macroeconomics, economic system reform, and regional economic policies. Since 2010, he has been giving lectures to the participants of the training courses for foreign aid officials, vividly introducing China's economic reform and development, and promoting China's experience, which is very inspiring to the participants.

(2)Hu Wei, Director, International Department, Ministry of Commerce. He is an official of the International Department of the Ministry of Commerce, focusing on economic globalization and regional economic cooperation, and has extensive experience in FTA negotiation, as he participated in the negotiation of a number of FTAs.

(3)Wang Kai is an associate researcher and former deputy director of Tianjin Economic Development Area Administrative Committee. He holds a Master's degree in Economics from Heilongjiang University. He joined the Administrative Committee of Tianjin Development Area in 1989 and has served as Director of the Planning and Statistics Bureau of the Administrative Committee, Director of the Office of the Administrative Committee, Director of the Policy Research Office of the Administrative Committee, Deputy Inspector, Vice President of the Binhai Comprehensive Development Research Institute, Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the TEDA Institute, Adjunct Professor of Nankai University and Tianjin University, and Special Expert of the China Association of Development Areas. He has personally participated in the major decisions in the construction of the Tianjin Development Area, presided over the formulation of the legal and policy system of Tianjin Development Area, and the medium and long-term industrial, economic and social development plan of Tianjin Development Area since the Eighth Five-Year Plan, and has rich experience in the construction and operation of special economic zones, and is good at solving the economic problems in the early stage of the development and construction of special economic zones. He is an expert in the construction and management of economic zones. □

(4)Zhang Ruihua, Director of the Bureau of Work of the Center Business Area of China (Tianjin) Pilot Free Trade Zone. He holds a Master's degree in Finance from Nankai University. He joined the Administrative Committee of Tianjin Development Area in 1996 and has served as Deputy Director of the Policy Research Office of Tianjin Development Area and Deputy Director of the Development and Reform Bureau of Tianjin Development Area, and was appointed to his current position in August 2019. Mr. Zhang is a member of the Board of Directors of the Tianjin Development Area. He is familiar with the development history and policy evolution of China's economic and technological development zones and has a systematic understanding of the institutional construction of the zones' development, the design of the management model, and the reform of the administrative approval system with the aim of optimizing the business environment. He has been involved in the preparation of sustainable development reports of development zones for many years and has unique insights into the environmental protection system of the zones and the green and low-carbon development model, etc. He was stationed in Lekki FTZ of Nigeria from 2013 to 2014 and went to Belarus as an invited expert of the Ministry of Commerce in 2018 to give lectures on the development and construction of the zones and the protection of the environment to the local officials. He has rich experience in development zones and has certain research on the development status of zones, policies and systems, and governmental demands in various countries around the world.

(5)Wang Lan, professor at the Tianjin Institute of Free Trade Zone. She is a postdoctoral fellow in World Economics at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and a young and middle-aged key innovative talent in Tianjin universities. She is mainly engaged in research on global value chains and China's economic development, new rules of international trade and investment, and regional economic integration.

(6)Yang Zhenzeng, Associate Professor and Director of International Trade Department, School of Economics, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics. He has a Ph.D. in World Economics from Nankai University. He is currently an Associate Professor at the School of Economics, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, and Director of the Department of International Trade, focusing on multinational corporations international direct investment, and global value chains. He was the deputy director of the Chinese Management Committee of the China-Harbin Khorgos Border Cooperation Center and has accumulated some research and related work experience on regional economic development.

(7)Li Hailian is a professor at the School of Government Administration, University of

International Business and Economics. She has a Ph.D. in Applied Economics from Renmin University of China and is an executive director of the China Customs Society. She is mainly engaged in research on customs management, trade facilitation, taxation, and public policy analysis. She has led a number of studies on the theoretical logic and realization path of trade facilitation cooperation among countries along the Belt and Road, the economic effect of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei customs integration on Beijing, and the trade facilitation level of China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone, etc. She has also conducted a number of research projects on trade facilitation in China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone.

(8)Liu Rongxin is a director and researcher of the China Institute of Comprehensive Development Research. She mainly researches regional economy and participates in the planning and construction of special economic zones in Ethiopia, the Pointe-Noire Special Economic Zone in Congo (Brazzaville), and economic parks in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Côte d'Ivoire, and other countries, and has a systematic and comprehensive understanding of the development of economic parks.

4.Preparation before the Seminar:

Please make the following preparations to have better communication with lecturers and to ensure a better result for the seminar:

- (1) A brief introduction of yourself and the department that you work for;
- (2) A brief introduction of the current development of free trade zones in Nepal and their major issues;
- (3) A brief description of your expectations for the China-Nepal cooperation;
- (4) Others.

5.Seminar Assessment:

Participants will be offered an assessment form by the end of the Seminar to provide their feedback on the overall organization of the Seminar.