

Seminar on the Building of Pilot Free Trade Zone (Free Trade Port) for Senior Officials of the Belt and Road Countries

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Organized by	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China		
Time	2026-07-02 -- 2026-07-15	Language used	English
Countries invited	Government officials in relevant fields from the Belt and Road Countries (Director-General and Director level)		
Planned 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 condition	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 be in the period of recovering from major surgery or acute illness, not be severely physically disabled, and not during a pregnancy period.	
	Language competence	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	
Venue	Beijing	Weather conditions	Average temperature in Beijing in July: 22°C-31°C
Cities to be visited	Pending	Weather conditions	Pending:/
Remarks	/		
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About the Organizer		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Since 1998, AIBO has successfully held over 2,000 training sessions for officials from developing countries (including 131 ministerial seminars), benefiting nearly 70,000 trainees from other developing countries around the world.</p> <p>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 Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Global Development Initiative (GDI), and continue to help developing countries accelerate their development by sharing China's experience and programs.</p>
Training content		<p>Background: This project is proposed to support the Belt and Road Initiative and earnestly implement the commitments made by state leaders, advance strategic complementarity in the development of pilot free trade zones (free trade ports) between China and countries along the Belt and Road, enable governments of countries along the Belt and Road to better understand relevant policies and practical experience of the Chinese government, enhance exchanges, boost confidence, expand cooperation space, and identify areas of cooperation where Belt and Road projects can be interconnected and organically linked with the specific development strategies of countries along the routes. Therefore, this project has been applied for.</p> <p>Purpose: Through the training, participants from countries along the Belt and Road will gain a deeper understanding of China's economic development in the new era and the development of pilot free trade zones (free trade ports), laying a solid foundation for practical cooperation in this field, further promoting "unimpeded trade," and deepening the friendly relations between China and countries along the Belt and Road.</p> <p>Content: Lectures will mainly cover an overview of China's national conditions, the governance philosophy of Chinese leaders, the four global initiatives and building a community with a shared future for mankind, capacity building for negotiation on free trade zone development, trade facilitation in free trade agreements, etc.</p> <p>Method: Experts in relevant fields will be invited to deliver thematic lectures; seminar exchanges between participants and experts, as well as among participants, will be organized; participants will be arranged to conduct on-site visits and exchanges with relevant institutions and enterprises in Beijing and other cities.</p>