Seminar on Development Assistance under the Global Development Initiative

Name	Seminar on Development Assistance under the Global Development Initiative					
Organizer	Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China					
Time	November 12 to N	025 (14 days)		Language	English	
Invited Participants	Officials from relevant departments of developing countries (for officials at the Director-General and Director 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, 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 to enter the country, free of other serious chronic diseases such as severe hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, mental diseases or infectious diseases that may pose a significant public health risk, not in the period of recovering from major surgery or acute illness, not severely physically disabled nor 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	Beijing		Local Temperati	ure	Average temperature in Beijing in November: 1°C-13°C	
Cities to Visit	Pending		Local Temperati	ure		/
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About the	The Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO) is an educational and training					

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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.

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 2,500 training sessions for officials from developing countries (including 137 ministerial seminars), benefiting nearly 75,000 trainees 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 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.

About the Project

Background: As the world's largest developing country, China has consistently focused on and supported the cause of improving people's livelihoods and pursuing development in Global South countries. In recent years, China's foreign aid has adapted to the evolving global context, transitioning towards international development cooperation, presenting a new outlook, achieving new progress, and entering a new era. President Xi Jinping, considering responsibilities from a global perspective, proposed concepts such as building a community with a shared future for humanity and the Global Development Initiative. In alignment with the Global Development Initiative and actively fulfilling the commitments made by the country's leadership, China will continue to promote strategic alignment with Global South countries and deepen international cooperation.

Purpose: Through seminar exchanges and discussions, the aim is to introduce officials in the training programs to China's concepts and methods regarding development assistance and to explore with officials from various countries how to better utilize development assistance under the new circumstances to achieve their own economic and social development. At the same time, the seminar serves as a platform for exchanges and cooperation with Global South countries, laying a foundation for further enhancing the effectiveness of development assistance, deepening economic and trade exchanges, and promoting investment cooperation between China and Global South countries.

Content: The seminar lectures will mainly cover topics such as an overview of China's

national conditions and Chinese-style modernization, the philosophy and practice of governance by Chinese leaders, the Global Development Initiative, China's international development cooperation, China's foreign aid policies and progress, the management of China's turnkey aid projects and technical cooperation, an introduction to China's "Two Concessional Loans" foreign aid program, the management of China's foreign aid material projects, and how developing countries can better utilize development assistance to promote their own development.

Methods: Invite Chinese officials, experts and scholars in relevant fields to give lectures on special topics; organize seminars and exchanges between participants and experts, and among participants; visit related departments in Beijing and other cities for field study.

(The above is the preliminary schedule, which may be adjusted according to the actual situation, and 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 you cannot depart on time due to special circumstances, or if there is a flight delay during the transfer, please contact the Chinese embassy or the organizer in time and inform the staff of the new flight No. and time of arrival in Beijing so that the staff can arrange pick-up for you.
- 3. In principle, it is not allowed to change the air tickets to China. If you really need to do so, please contact the Chinese embassy and follow the procedures to change your ticket. If you change the air ticket without consent, the organizer will report it to the Chinese embassy and the costs and responsibilities therefore incurred shall be borne by yourself.
- 4. After claiming your luggage, please wait patiently at the international arrival exit (or domestic arrival exit) and the staff will pick you up with a pick-up board with your name on it. If you wait more than 15 minutes, please call the organizer immediately.
- 5. In case of lost luggage to be registered with the airline, please first communicate with the organizer to confirm the luggage delivery location and then fill in the registration form.
- 6. Dress code: Please pay attention to the weather conditions of the host city during the seminar and bring appropriate clothes. For important occasions, please dress formally (national costumes are acceptable).

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