

**Mr. SUN SONGPU'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE
CCC SEMINAR ON RISK MANAGEMENT AND POST-ENTRY AUDIT**

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Distinguished Guests, Dear delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning,

Firstly, on behalf of General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, please allow me to extend my warm welcome to all delegates from CCC member customs administrations, ADB representatives, experts from World Customs Organization and other international institutions. Here, I am availing of myself of this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Asian Development Bank for their joint efforts and significant support of successfully hosting this important event.

Central and Middle Asia, a region with rich human and natural resources, is an important part of the world. Over the past decades, the governments and peoples of each country in Central and Middle Asia have made concerted efforts to bring into their respective advantages. They have strengthened the international economic and trade cooperation, realized that considerable development in the national economies has attracted worldwide attention. Practice and progress witness that successful regional cooperation is a crucial element in the future stability and prosperity in the region. The closer cooperation within the region has not only pushed forward the economic

prosperity of Central and Middle Asia, but also played an important role in the promotion of the economic progress of the world at large.

Since the CCC Customs cooperation was formally initiated in 2002, it aims to promote Customs reforms and modernization and address issues of common interests, thus to facilitate trade within the region. The Customs Cooperation Committee has achieved new progress this year with the participation of the member administrations and with the support from ADB. With growing volumes of international trade and passengers, the traditional method of inspecting is no longer practical and effective. China Customs now are working together with ADB for the purpose of providing a good opportunity for knowledge sharing and experience learning on practice of risk management and post-entry audit.

China Customs has been making every effort to modernize its regime since 1980. From now to the year 2010 is vital in completing the objectives of the second step. As a very important part of modern customs regime, the risk management and pos-entry audit are seen as the key measures to achieve a balance between strict supervision and efficient operation. China Customs has developed a risk management platform, which collects all kinds of basic customs operational data and relevant external data, put those risk analysis thoughts and methods proved effective into computer programs. In this way, this platform can make it possible to get the full picture of risk areas as well as concentrating on specific enterprises, goods and documents through targeting. This

has proved to be a well-focused and well-shared risk management mechanism.

To facilitate trade and the movement of goods and people across the border while maintaining appropriate compliance with all relevant China laws and regulations, post-entry audit is playing a more and more important role in customs operation. It is directed by risk management and in response to identified enterprises and goods. China customs has established high-quality teams in charge of post-entry audit, and has made great progress in combating smuggling and commercial fraud.

I am very delighted to see today that so many Customs colleagues from CCC members come to Shenzhen, the first Special Economic Zone in China. I hope that delegates would possibly know more about this city where the development miracles were created.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Recalling the past and looking into the future, we have every reason to believe that with the improvement of Customs Cooperation among CCC members it will surely have a bright prospect.

Finally, I sincerely wish the CCC Seminar a round success and wish all of you a pleasant stay here in Shenzhen China.

Thank you.