

**Welcome Speech At the Seminar On WCO's Framework of Standards and
Customs Data Model**

(By Wang Zhi xiong, 12-14 July 2006)

Respected guests

Ladies and Gentlemen:

First of all , on behalf of Urumqi Customs of the PRC, pls .allow me to give my warm welcome to all the representatives and participants from the world organizations and the central Asian countries for the Seminar On WCO's Framework Of Standards And Customs Data Model, and give my hearty congratulations to the opening of this seminar.

In June 2005, the annual meeting of WCO's 105th-106th Council adopted the Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate the Global Trade. This is a package of important documents for the safety of the supplying chain of the global trade and for the global trade facilitation as well. It will affirmatively make the customs authorities around the world better fulfill their responsibilities regarding border protection, anti-terrorism, duty collection and trade facilitation. It involves the all-round customs business and direction of customs reform, describes and lays out the model and blueprint for the development of modern customs, therefore it represents the future developing direction of customs. It is important not only for the customs of a certain country ,but also for the customs in the whole central Asian countries to study and promote the implementation of WCO's FoS so as to enhance the level of law enforcement ,and to improve the regional trade development.

We are so honoured to hold such a seminar that is of vital significance for the customs building. I also believe that this seminar will be fruitful under the full support of ADB and with the endeavor of all participants.

As a main Chinese cooperation member with the customs of the central Asian countries, Urumqi Customs is responsible for the control of 17 border land ports within the area of Xinjiang Uigur Autonomous Region. Under the leadership of the General Administration of Customs of China, Urumqi Customs has maintained and developed

a good cooperation relationship with our neighbouring central Asian countries for many years. We have established a long-lasting mutual trust through such cooperations.

As the implementation of the West Development Project of China goes on, the fields of customs cooperation between China and the central Asian countries will be broadened. We believe that under the sponsorship of ADB, our cooperation will be more fruitful, the regional trade facilitation and the customs modernization will be expedited for sure

Finally, I sincerely hope that this seminar will succeed in every aspect ! I Wish everybody here a good health!

Thank you for listening!