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Regional Trade Facilitation and Customs Cooperation Program

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Introduction

- ❖ The RTFCCP aims to promote concerted customs reforms and modernization and address issues of common interest in Customs Cooperation
- ❖ The Program is guided by the Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC) and endorsed a seven-point Common Action Plan (CAP)

Introduction

- ❖ Common Action Plan (CAP) includes:
 - simplification and harmonization of customs procedures and documentation
 - development of border posts and facilities
 - development of simplified transit systems
 - data and information sharing and ICT development for customs operations
 - development of risk management and post-entry audit
 - development of a regional intelligence system, and
 - capacity building for regional customs organizations.

Introduction

- ❖ The Program has been implemented with a pragmatic and result-oriented approach focusing on
 - (i) promotion of bilateral initiatives, e.g., bilateral agreements and pilot-testing, and
 - (ii) country-specific customs modernization efforts.

Introduction

- ❖ Training and knowledge sharing are the main focus of region-wide activities.
- ❖ Key features of Program activities:
 - Involvement of international organization
 - Partnership with the private sector
 - Cooperation among governmental agencies

Review of Progress

- ❖ Regional training and capacity building activities
 - Forum on TIR Customs transit system in Oct 2005, Shanghai, PRC
 - Seminar on trade facilitation and e-governance in Dec 2005, Daejeon and Seoul, Republic of Korea

Review of Progress

- forum focusing on customs automation and IT platform for trade and logistics in January 2006, Singapore
- seminar on trade facilitation and customs modernization in April 2006, Tokyo, Japan
- seminar on the World Customs Organization's (WCO's) framework of standards and customs data model on 12-14 July 2006, Urumqi, PRC

Review of Progress

- ❖ Highlights Activities on Bilateral Initiatives
 - KAZ-PRC Harmonization of Cargo Manifests
 - » 1st consultation meeting in Shanghai, Oct 2005
 - » 2nd meeting planned in the near future
 - » PRC sponsor training of 8 KAZ Customs officials in Shanghai Customs Academy, May 2006
 - PRC-MON Joint Customs Control
 - » 1st consultation meeting in Shanghai, Oct 2005
 - » 2nd consultation meeting in Beijing, Jan 2006
 - » 3rd consultation meeting in Hohhot, Apr 2006

Review of Progress

- ❖ Highlights Activities on Bilateral Initiatives
 - KGZ - KAZ Customs will soon initiate joint border control at the Aktilek-Karasuu crossing point
 - KGZ-UZB Customs proposed to Pilot-test the initiative of Date Exchange

Proposed Activities

- ❖ 5th CCC Meeting will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan, Oct 2006
- ❖ PRC will sponsor training for MON Customs officials in Shanghai Customs Academy, on 18–29 Sep 2006, China.
- ❖ Several in-country capacity-building seminars are also planned in Mongolia, Kyrgyz Republic, and Tajikistan.

Proposed Activities

- ❖ Workshops will be organized by Kyrgyz and Tajikistan Customs in 2006 to seek suggestions and comments on the master plans for Customs automation
- ❖ The needs assessment for customs modernization will be supported
- ❖ the revision and dissemination of Customs Code will be continued

Conclusion

- ❖ Short- to Medium-Term objectives:
 - To promote concerted customs reforms and modernization
- ❖ Long-term Objective:
 - To support an integrated trade facilitation approach in our region

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