

The First Quarter Briefing of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area since the Zero-Tariff Era

The establishment of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (CAFTA) is a significant move of opening up and cooperation. How is the bilateral trade going in the first quarter, since the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area came into being on Jan. 1 this year with 93 percent of goods set to be tariff-free, has attracted much attention. With the question, the reporter interviewed Xu Ningning, the well-known CAFTA expert and the Executive Secretary General of China-ASEAN Business Council Chinese Secretariat in depth.

“In the first quarter of this year the volume of trade between China and the ASEAN reached \$62.9 billion, which rose by 46.7% compared with the same period last year. Among these \$62.9 billion, China’s export value to the ASEAN was \$29.2 billion, up 46.7%; China’s import value from ASEAN was \$33.7 billion, up 77%. China’s trade deficit in the first quarter was \$4.5 billion whereas the trade surplus was \$0.9 billion at this time last year.” Xu Ningning spelled out, “the CAFTA plays

an active role in boosting the ASEAN’s economy. Following the step of the last year.” Xu Ningning spelled out, “the CAFTA plays an active role in boosting the ASEAN’s economy. Following the step of the CAFTA, Japan, Korea, Australia and India signed the Free Trade Area agreement with ASEAN respectively, and promised to further market liberalization or begin to open up their domestic market. At this moment, the ASEAN has tasted the sweet of regional integration. The growth rate of the ASEAN economy gained 1.6% last year, while the prospect of growth rate is expected above 5% next year.”

Xu Ningning talked much further about this question, “in the first quarter of this year, regarding the increase rate of trade between China and the ASEAN, the top five ASEAN member countries were Brunei (412% up), Myanmar (82% up), Indonesia (79% up), Malaysia (75% up), and Thailand (65% up); concerning the increase rate of China’s exports to the ASEAN, the top five ASEAN member countries were Myanmar (86% up),

Laos(84% up), Thailand(56% up), (55% up) and Philippines(up 47%); with respect to the increase rate of China’s import from the ASEAN, the top five ASEAN member countries were Brunei (1020% up), Cambodia(173% up), Indonesia (105% up), Malaysia (95% up), and Thailand(69% up).”

According to the statement of Xu Ningning, the chief ASEAN business expert in China, at present, the ASEAN occupies the seat of China’s fourth largest trade partner, only \$0.7 billion down from China’s third largest trade partner—Japan in the first quarter. The ASEAN is very likely to replace Japan by end of this year. The rapid growth of trade volume between China and the ASEAN shows there are some strong complementarities in bilateral trade. With the growth of trade in goods and the enforcement of the Agreement on Investment, investing volume from both sides will largely increase; with the growth of trade in goods and investment, as well as the enforcement of the Agreement on Trade in Services, opening up of the trade in services *(continued on the next page)*

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(continued from page 1) market will promote the highly development in bilateral trade in services.

In order to seize the new opportunity which is brought by the CAFTA, in the first quarter of this year, several cities and provinces held the briefing meeting of CAFTA policies one after another. Xu Ningning was invited to attend those meeting and gave the special report. In the first quarter of this year, the trade volume between Guangdong province and the ASEAN is up 46%, Fujian province 59%, Hunan province 45% and Henan province's export value to the ASEAN jumped 64%.

On 23rd April, H.E.Sundram Pushpanathan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community, met with Xu Ningning in Jakarta. They exchanged their views about how to develop the CAFTA properly and effectively. S.Pushpanathan and Xu Ningning both agreed on these points of view: first of all, China and the ASEAN should expand the social and cultural cooperation so as to offer a friendly and essential humanistic environment for the CAFTA; secondly, the sub regional cooperation, such as Great Mekong Sub region Cooperation(GMS) the Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation and so on, should achieve new development with the help of all parties and the sub regional cooperation should become the effective complement of the CAFTA; thirdly, China and the ASEAN should work together to jointly advance the cooperation within the region on the East Asia integration and construct the CAFTA with all-out effort into the essential foundation of East Asia Free Trade Area in the future.

(CABC Chinese Secretariat, May 7)

Chinese President meets Vietnamese Prime Minister

Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) meets with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung in Shanghai, east China, April 30, 2010. Dung came here to attend the opening ceremony of the 2010 Shanghai Expo that is scheduled to open on May 1.

Hu, on behalf of the Chinese government and people, extended sincere gratitude to the Vietnamese government and people for their condolence and support to China after the April 14 earthquake in northwest China's Qinghai Province.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of China-Vietnam diplomatic ties and is also the Year of Friendship between the two countries, Hu said.

Hu said activities to mark the Year of Friendship between China and Vietnam have been successfully held and cooperation in every field has been continuously advanced this year.

The Communist Party of China and the Chinese government have attached great importance to the development of relations with Vietnam and are willing to make joint efforts together with the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) and the Vietnamese government to improve the China-Vietnam comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership.

Dung delivered regards from CPV Central Committee General Secretary Nong Duc Manh and Vietnamese President Nguyen Minh Triet to Hu.

a "3+5 Program".The plan emphasizes innovation. Ma said they will cooperate with R&D institutions, including the



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung (L), who is here to attend the opening ceremony of the 2010 Shanghai Expo.

Chinese Academy of Sciences, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Nanjing University and Suzhou University, to develop centers of new technologies such as nanotechnology and biomedicine.They will also offer a center for mass data processing, some laboratories for universities and public technical services.

SIP is planning a central business district around Jinji Lake covering about 4 sq km, with a total building area of 10 million sq m. It aims to "build a modern and international business center with an individual economy on a par with the fifth largest city in China."Providing facilities for business travelers is also on SIP's agenda. There are also plans to establish a center for cultural industries, including animation, design, publishing, mass communications, and showbiz.

(Xinhua, April 30)

ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers to Move Cooperation at Higher Level

With the increasing challenges posed by the post-crisis economy and the need to further strengthen regional financial stability in East Asia, Finance Ministers of ASEAN, China, Japan and the Republic of Korea have vowed to step-up their cooperation efforts. “We agreed to bring the financial cooperation to a higher and more strategic level,” the ministers said in a joint statement at the conclusion of their meeting on 2 May 2010 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan at the sidelines of the 43rd ADB Annual Meeting.

Since financial cooperation started in 1999, ASEAN+3 countries have managed to implement a number of major initiatives. Last month, the first multilateral currency swap facility – the USD 120 million Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM) – came into effect.

The ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) to

support the CMIM will be set up early next year. Another USD 700 million Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF) under the Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI) was launched by the ministers on 2 May 2010 and is expected to be operational before the end of the year.

A task force will also be created to take stock of ASEAN+3 finance cooperation and achievements, and to recommend new areas that the region should focus to move cooperation forward in the changing global and regional situation.

“Obviously these achievements serve as important building blocks in re-shaping the region’s financial architecture, and it is definitely a clear testimony of how far ASEAN+3 finance cooperation has progressed,” said S. Pushpanathan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community.

He further added that, “while all these finance initiatives are good to boost confidence in the region, what is needed is a new perspective for a more dynamic East Asia in the post-crisis recovery era.”

Established in 2003, ABMI is designed to utilise the region’s huge savings to develop local-currency denominated bond markets in ASEAN+3 countries. The CGIF thus becomes the most concrete result of that initiative to provide guarantee to bonds issued by Asian companies, therefore facilitating corporate bond issuance and reducing funding costs.

AMRO is also expected to play an important role in securing the region’s stability through the conduct of comprehensive surveillance of regional economies to support decision-making process for CMIM. Details of this new office, to be established in Singapore, are currently being discussed.

Regional surveillance has become an important area for cooperation in ASEAN+3 countries since the Asian crisis in 1997. Although these countries have managed to rebound quickly from the global financial crisis last year, their economies remain vulnerable. According to the ministers, “East Asian economies now face the challenge of promoting sound economic structural reforms in preparation for the next phase of growth.” It is expected that ASEAN+3 countries will grow by 4.6% this year from 0.9% in 2009.

In addition to regional financing and bond market development, other key initiatives in ASEAN+3 include the economic review and policy dialogue, research group to undertake studies on key issues in the financial sector, and technical assistance and capacity building programs to strengthen regional financial markets.

(Xinhua, May 5)

INDONESIA's trade with CHINA and ASEAN to grow enormously

Indonesian exporters have changed their export destination countries from developed countries to the developing countries, with China and ASEAN countries becoming two most regions they would exports their products within the next six months, according to the result of a survey carried out by the Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) released on Tuesday.

Conveying the latest result of HSBC Trade Confidence Monitor survey, the London-based bank's survey aimed at measuring the confidence of international businessmen to anticipate their business within the next six months, HSBC Indonesia Head of Trade and Supply Chain Vincent C Sugianto said that 51 percent of Indonesian respondents had trade businesses with counterparts in China.

Besides China, ASEAN countries are also apparently a region where Indonesian businessmen prefer to export their products to.

"China and countries in Southeast Asia region would be continuously playing significant roles in terms of export destination countries for Indonesian exporters, particularly for small and medium-sized firms," Vincent told a press conference here.

"The trade with China and ASEAN countries will be improving particularly after the implementation of ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA) that took into effect since early this year," Vincent said.

The survey aimed at finding each country's confidence index was conducted in 17 countries, among others United Kingdom, Germany, the United States, China, Indonesia, Brazil, India and Vietnam. According to the survey result, Indonesia's confidence index increased to 128, or significantly increased from 120 six months ago. It made Indonesia one of five countries with highest index scores, highly competitive to China's that reached 120.

Forty-five percent of Indonesian respondents were optimistic that trade volume will be increasing within the next six months. Due such an estimation, 64 percent of Indonesian respondents said that they will need more trade financing service within that period.

Respondents regarded that exchange rate increasing interest rate would be the largest hurdles that hindered the trade activities.

(Xinhua, May 4)

Malaysia Expected To Attract 1.2 Million Visitors From China

Malaysia's participation at the Shanghai World Expo is a good way to achieve the target of attracting 1.2 million visitors from China this year, Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ng Yen Yen said.

The Shanghai World expo could also be a platform to promote Malaysia to the world, Ng told Malaysian reporters after the opening ceremony of the Malaysian pavillion for the Shanghai World Expo, here Saturday.

She said Tourism Malaysia was focusing on the China market since there were 14 million Chinese visitors who had travelled overseas last year.

Ng said the ministry was also looking for the operation of Malaysia Airlines (MAS) flights to more cities in China.

"Besides the main cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Xiamen, the ministry also tries to cooperate with airlines to bring in more tourists to Malaysia from other cities like Wuhan, Chongqing and Kunming," she added.

She said her ministry also hoped to attract investors from China to invest in tourism related products like restaurants or invest in property through the "Malaysia My Second Home" programme.

On promotion strategies, Ng said her ministry had launched the Malaysia International Shoe Festival recently which had received tremendous response and the 1Malaysia Contemporary Tourism Art Festival to be held in July.

The existing promotion strategies such as Mega Sale and F1 Petronas Malaysian Grand Pix would be continued, she added.

(Bernama, May 1)

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Millions to Learn More about ASEAN at Shanghai World Expo 2010

About 70 million visitors are expected to visit the Shanghai World Expo 2010 and will get an opportunity to learn more about ASEAN when they visit the ASEAN Pavilion between now until 31 October this year.

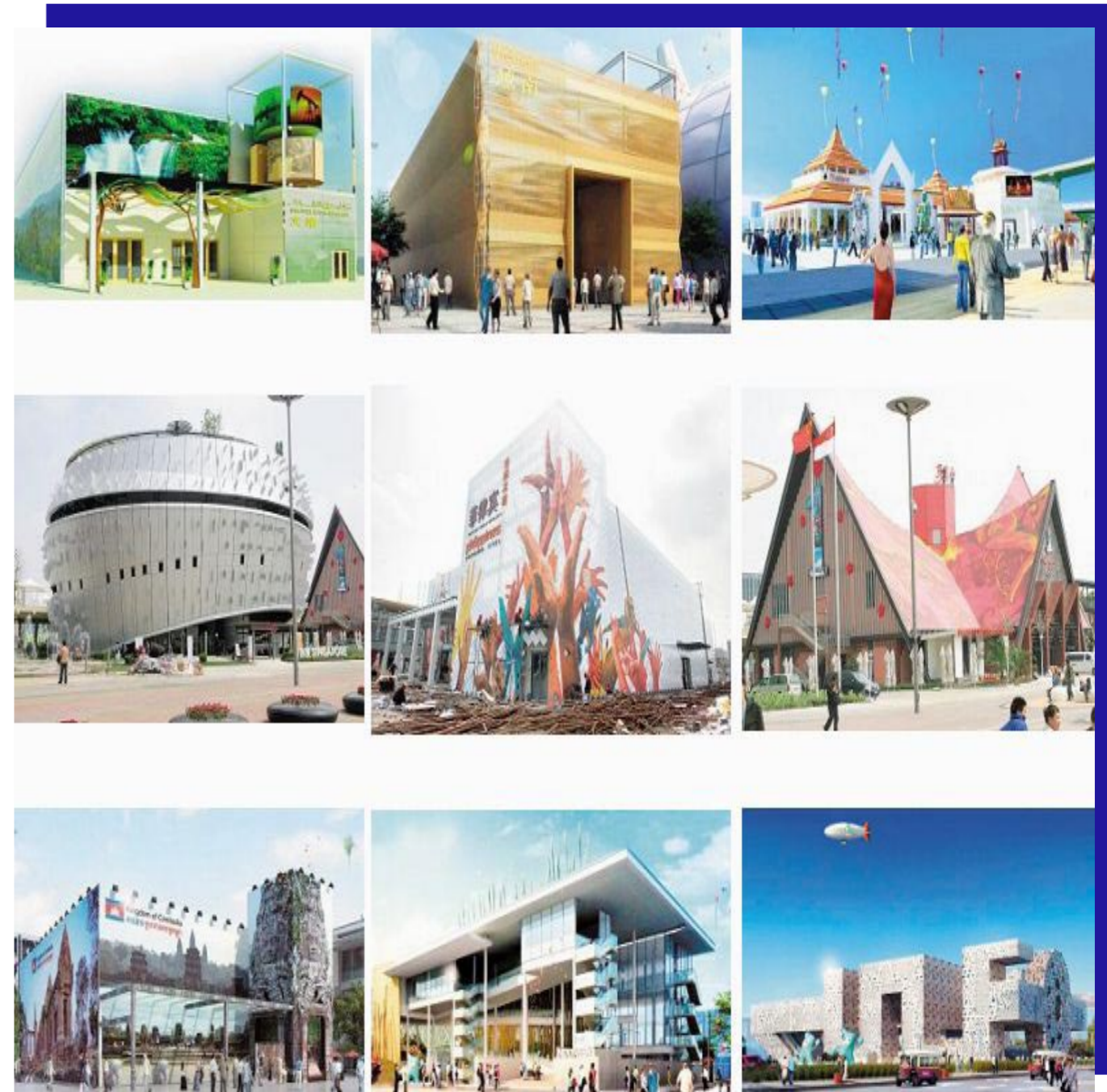
The ASEAN Pavilion, which opened on the first day of the Expo, showcased cultural and tourism information displayed through posters, brochures, billboards, short video clips and interactive media to help visitors familiarise themselves with ASEAN, including the realisation of the ASEAN Community by 2015. The Pavilion's design coincides with the Expo's theme of "Better City, Better Life" and was inspired by the beautiful winding coastlines of the ASEAN region and a vision of balanced development.

Ninety-five percent of the visitors are estimated to come from China and the rest foreigners. The Commissioner-General for ASEAN for the Expo, H.E. Sundram Pushpanathan, who is the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community,

said, "China is an important Dialogue Partner of ASEAN and the realisation of the ASEAN-China FTA on 1 January this year has created enthusiasm on both sides to increase our engagement. He further added that, "the fact that China is the first developing nation to organise the World Expo and has been able to successfully attract and host most of the nations of the world shows that the expo provides an excellent opportunity for ASEAN and Member States to showcase themselves, interact and integrate with the world and get globally connected. ASEAN cannot afford not to be here!"

The ASEAN Pavilion is one of the thirteen international organisations in the International Organisations Joint Pavilion at the Expo site. The ASEAN Pavilion was jointly designed and constructed by the Expo organisers and the ASEAN Secretariat. Additionally, all ASEAN Member States also have their own Country Pavilions. Laos and Myanmar are jointly hosting a Pavilion.

(Xinhua, May 4)



China Released the First National Regional Foreign Investment Promotion Plan

Recently, the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) issued the Foreign Investment Promotion Plan for Central China in Nanchang, which has formulated the programmatic documents for foreign investment promotion in six central China provinces within the future five years. It was known by the reporter from the press conference that this is the domestic first regional foreign investment promotion plan. Representatives from the Department of Foreign Investment Administration of MOFCOM and Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, World Bank International Finance Corporation and six central China provinces were present at the conference.

The Plan specifies the basic idea, primary targets, key

points and measures of promotion and supporting measures for foreign investment promotion work in central China, which is also the specific move of the state to support central China to attract foreign capital.

MOFCOM claims to release details in related websites in early May. Deputy Director of the Department of Foreign Investment Administration of MOFCOM Hu Bin stated that the formulation of the Plan is the demand of central China to realize development and long-term interest, the demand to cope with the new trend of international investment development and the demand to attract foreign capital itself.

(MOFCOM, May 5)

Most foreign banks in China expect growth in 2010

Foreign banks continued to see future opportunities in the Chinese financial services market though as a whole their market share did not increase last year, showed a survey by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Wednesday

After speaking to 42 foreign financial institutions in China, PwC found growth prospects had so far improved for many foreign banks in 2010.

Five banks anticipated growth above 100 percent, 12 banks predicted growth between 20 percent and 40 percent year on year while 16 banks forecast 10 percent to 20 percent growth.

Only three banks predicted flat growth of 0 to 3 percent, according to the PwC survey.

Despite China's strong growth last year, foreign banks failed to gain market traction. Overall their market share remained around 2 percent, according to the survey.

Over 30 foreign banks were now locally incorporated and more banks were likely to take this option in 2010, said PwC. Increasing competition from domestic banks, however, was identified by foreign banks as the most difficult aspect of running a bank in China.

(Chinadaily, May 6)

CASS Blue Book: China Expected to Enter New Round Rising Period of Economic Cycle

"In 2010, China is expected to enter a new round rising period of economic cycle." The Blue Book of China's Economy (Spring): Analysis on the Prospect of China's Economy—Spring Report 2010 jointly released by China Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Social Sciences Academic Press (China) recently stated.

The Blue Book pointed out that in terms of the fluctuation of macroeconomic operation, in 2009 in the course of fighting the severe impact of the international financial crisis, Chinese economic growth touched down the bottom and wrapped up the declining phase of the 10th round economic cycle since the foundation of new China. And in 2010, China is expected to enter a new round rising period of the 11th economic cycle.

(Xinhua, May 5)

PetroChina to invest 30% in Indonesia in 2010

Chinese oil and gas firm PetroChina is increasing investment in oil and gas exploration and development in Indonesia through its local subsidiary by 30 percent this year to boost oil lifting and counteract declining production, the Jakarta Post quoted an official as saying on Monday.

The company's Vice President Budi Setiadi told the daily that PetroChina's business subsidiary in Indonesia, PetroChina International Indonesia, had set aside as much as 491 million U.S. dollars and plans to increase the figure to 639 million dollars in 2010.

"We are carrying out aggressive exploration activities both to anticipate the natural decline and boost production," said Budi.

He added that the company planned to drill 21 exploration wells this year. These exploration activities are estimated to cost the company 23 million dollars, including 2 million dollars for seismic survey.

PetroChina has set targets to produce as much as 106,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (BPD) in operation in Indonesia, up from 104,000 BPD in 2009.

PetroChina Company Limited is part of the restructuring of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC).

(Xinhua, May 4)

CHINA UNIONPAY EXPANDS TO 5 MORE ASIAN COUNTRIES VIA GLOBAL PAYMENTS

China UnionPay Co. Ltd. (CUP), a bank card services provider, announced Thursday it has expanded its card acceptance service to five more Asian markets - Brunei, the Maldives, the Philippines, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

The new service, provided by Global Payments Asia-Pacific Limited, allows Chinese mainland tourists to pay for goods and services with their CUP cards at merchants served by Global Payments, according to a statement released by CUP.

Cai Jianbo, Executive Vice President of CUP, said CUP's new collaboration with Global Payments in five Asian markets is a great step forward for both companies in their global partnership.

"We are delighted to expand the acceptance of CUP cards to more Asian markets through Global

Payments' extensive distribution network across Asia Pacific," Cai said.

"This further expands our strategic relationship with Global Payments and the new service will offer added payment convenience for the growing number of Chinese mainland travelers," he added.

Started six years ago in Hong Kong, the Global Payments' CUP card acceptance program is already in markets like Macao, Malaysia and Taiwan.

With more than 2.1 billion CUP cards in circulation and the rising number of Chinese travelling around Asia, the new service enables Global Payments merchants in those five Asian countries to benefit from rising spending by the Chinese mainland visitors, who presently pay mostly in cash. Merchants can simply add the CUP card

acceptance functionality to their Global Payments' point-of-sale terminals through a simple and free programming, according to CUP.

Ian Courtnage, President of Global Payments Asia Pacific, said China is contributing significantly to outbound tourism in many Asian destinations and our merchants in those markets can now welcome more Chinese mainland tourists to their establishments by accepting CUP card payments.

Global Payments Asia-Pacific Limited is a joint venture between the U.S.-based Global Payments Inc. and The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC).

(Xinhua, May 6)

Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Accelerates Construction with Investment Projects Pouring in

The global first eco-city project being jointly built by China and Singapore in Tianjin not only speeds up construction in infrastructures but also attracts more and more investment over the 20 months since the construction.

On May 5, the project gained another major investment, and Malaysian property developer Suncity will invest RMB9b to establish "Lohas Community".

Hitachi Corporation and Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Investment Development Corporation signed the MOU.

On that day, Tianjin ecological city and three Chinese-foreign companies signed three agreements of land use to attract more than RMB1b investment for the eco-city.

The eco-city is the second intergovernmental cooperation project between China and Singapore following Suzhou industrial park as well as the first intercountry eco-city by cooperative development in the world. Deputy director of the management committee of the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-city Zhang Yanfa said that external investment is in an endless stream since the construction. Statistics indicated that the registered enterprises in the eco-city currently reach 125 ones, with the registered capital of more than RMB10b.

(Xinhua, May 7)

Philippine fast food giant Jollibee buys new restaurant in China

Philippines' largest fast food company Jollibee Foods Corp. has forged an agreement with a company based in the People's Republic of China that will allow the local food giant to acquire a major stake in a beef noodle restaurant.

Jollibee told the Philippine Stock Exchange on Tuesday that the wholly-owned subsidiary Jollibee Worldwide Pte. Ltd. signed a joint venture agreement with the Guangxi Zong Kai Food and Beverage Investment Co. Ltd. on April 30 that will allow the Philippine company to acquire a 55 percent stake in San Pin Wang for RMB 30 million (4.37 million U.S. Dollars).

The remaining 45 percent will still be held by Guangxi Zong.

The agreement further stipulates that both Jollibee Worldwide and Guangxi Zong will infuse an additional RMB 20 million (2.91 million U.S. Dollars) in San Pin Wang to fund its expansion.

"Together with the people from the Jollibee Group of Companies, I believe that we will be able to grow San Pin Wang to a very large and

successful fast food chain in China. We wish to bring this brand to consumers in many other parts of China beginning with the neighboring provinces in South China," Jollibee Chairman Tony Tan Caktiong said in a statement.

San Pin Wang, a chain of restaurants with a total of 34 stores in Nanning and Liuzhou, is projected to post an annual sale of RMB 100 million (14.58 million U.S. Dollars) this year.

Jollibee currently operates Philippines' largest fast food network with a total of 1,569 stores all over the country.

Its various fast food chains can also be found in countries like the United States, Vietnam, Brunei and Dubai and currently operates two brands in the People's Republic of China -- Yonghe King in Shanghai and Hong Zhuang Yuan in Beijing.

The San Pin Wang joint venture will allow the Philippine-based company to penetrate South China.

(Xinhua, May 4)

Brunei seeks business opportunities at Shanghai Expo

Despite its low-profile presence at the Shanghai World Expo, the southeast Asian country Brunei has shown its determination to boost economic ties with China at the event.

"We share a long history with China in terms of trade and cooperation, and the Expo helps us link our past, present and future," said Mohamed Bolkiah, Brunei's minister of foreign affairs and trade at a ceremony marking the island nation's National Pavilion Day on Saturday.

Brunei and China share a long history dating back to the 6th century. In old Chinese texts, Brunei was known as Po-Li, and later as "Bun-Lai."

Exports from Brunei to China increased by 39 percent to 302.44 million U.S. dollars in 2009, and Brunei's imports from China are steadily growing, Brunei economic development board said.

To boost exchange between the two



Brunei Darussalam Pavilion (File Photo)

countries, Royal Brunei Airlines on March 28 launched four direct flights per week between Brunei's capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, and Shanghai. The minister led a 110-strong delegation with a large number of businessmen to Shanghai.

Chan Sui Kiat, president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Bandar Seri Begawan, focuses on Chinese home appliances makers. According to Chan, there are about 44,600 Chinese in Brunei, accounting for about 15 percent of the total

population. They are mainly involved in retail business, supermarkets and community shops. "We have imported home appliances from China's coastal areas for a long time. Actually, we plan to hold a smaller-sized expo in Brunei this year, and we are inviting Chinese enterprises to participate. That's the main reason we are here today," said Chan.

Chan said the two countries have expanded business cooperation, from retailing to agriculture, as Brunei strives to realize self-sufficiency in rice, local people's staple food.

According to Chan, Brunei is cooperating with south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region to grow rice through a project initiated by the Chinese chamber of commerce in Bandar Seri Begawan.

"We saw the first harvest in February. It's a good sign for our the future cooperation," said Chan.

As Brunei's economy is largely based on oil and gas, the country is searching for a more sustainable path for development. To this end, it is turning a 955-hectare island, Pula Muara Besar (PMB), into a world-class deepwater container port and logistics and manufacturing hub, said Jessica Lai from the Brunei economic development board.

"We looking forward to more Chinese companies investing in Brunei. They have rich experience in construction and manufacturing, and I believe they will find opportunities in Brunei," said Lai.

(Xinhua, May 9)

Convention and Exhibition

China International Aircraft Interiors Expo

DATE: May 26-28, 2010

VENUE: Xian International Exhibition Center

INDUSTRY: Railway, Shipping & Aviation

EVENT PROFILE: China International Aircraft Interiors Expo will offer a supply chain environment for cabin systems and relevant component parts with an emphasis on the Chinese commercial aerospace market.

Major Airlines, Second-Tier Airlines, Charter Operators, Corporate / General Aviation Operators, Government / Military Operators, Refurbishing / Maintenance Facilities, Leather, Carpet & Fabric Manufacturers, Airframe/Cabin Operators, Manufacturers, Interior Designers, Amenities Suppliers, IFE System Manufacturers, Flame Retardant Materials, Lavatory Equipment and Services, Audio-Visual Equipment, will be participating in the event.

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2010 Beijing International Packaging Fair

DATE: Jun 2-4, 2010

VENUE: China New International Exhibition Center

INDUSTRY: PACKAGING

EVENT PROFILE:

The Beijing International Packaging Fair 2010 is an important exhibition of packaging and processing machinery, materials and associated technology in the Chinese region. It is an opportunity to present your products and solutions live and in person to a dedicated buying audience. The Beijing International Packaging Fair 2010 will be a grand meeting for the world packaging industry.

EXHIBITOR'S PROFILE:

paper and plastic packaging material and products, composite packaging material and products, glass packaging products, wooden material packaging and products, Packaging machinery, packaging printing machinery, packaging material and products production line and packaging test equipment, packaging printing technology and design.

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China Communications and Transportation Association



China Communications and Transportation Association (CCTA) is the national voice for the transportation and logistics industry.

CCTA was founded under the State Planning Commission (now called the National Development & Reform Commission) in 1982. It has made its due contributions to China's reform and development in the transportation and logistics industry. It encompasses the widely diverse industries. CCTA is supported by the Ministry of Communications the Ministry of Railways the Petroleum Pipeline Bureau the General Administration of Civil Aviation.

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industry researches
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China Association of Lighting Industry



China Association of Lighting Industry (CALI) was established in 1989, with more than 1000 members all over China. CALI is a nation-wide organization of the lighting industry with no limitation on location, division or enterprise types.

There are six professional commissions-Light Sources Commission, Luminaries Commission, Electric Accessories Commission, Caps & Sockets Commission, Special Materials Commission, Neon Light Production Commission and three working commissions-Personnel Training Commission, Information Service Commission, Lighting Engineering Commission. As the role of a bridge and a tie between the government and enterprises, CALI performs the function of strengthening the development of the lighting industry, protecting the lawful rights and the interests of the member enterprises, and providing consultation and suggestions to the government.

As an important core of national lighting industry, CALI has been making effective works in performing investigation and research into the lighting industry field, reflecting the willing of the member enterprises to the government, working out plans and technology policies on the industry and raising suggestions on the related legislation; holding communications on economy, trade and technology, promoting the understanding and cooperation between overseas and domestic enterprises; providing consultancy services on market, technology and management; protecting the legal rights of the members; setting up rules and regulations of lighting industry.

CALI's main business scope includes:

- 1st, reflect member's desire and the request, proposes profession plan, policy, legislation suggestion.
- 2nd, development profession investigation statistics, collection and issue profession information.
- 3rd, origination profession association publication.
- 4th, participation draws up and revises the profession the product standard.
- 5th, organizes this profession the product display and the ordering, the development technological exchange and the cooperation.
- 6th, development advisory service. Provides domestic and foreign aspect the and so on technologies, economy, management, market for the member information.
- 7th, organization management and technical aspect training.
- 8th, and the correlation organization establishes the relation with the overseas colleague industry, the development international exchange and the cooperation.
- 9th, defends the member legitimate rights and interests, the coordinated member relates, decides the line approximately.
- 10th, the undertaking government and the department concerned entrusts work.

Simultaneously CALI conducts the academic seminar, the market seminar, the product release conference, in order to promotes enterprise's exchange and the cooperation. The association for domestic and foreign including PHILIPS, GE, OSRAM and so on the large-scale multinational corporation provides the massive consultation every year.

With further opening activities to the outside world, CALI will play a more important role in the development of lighting industry.

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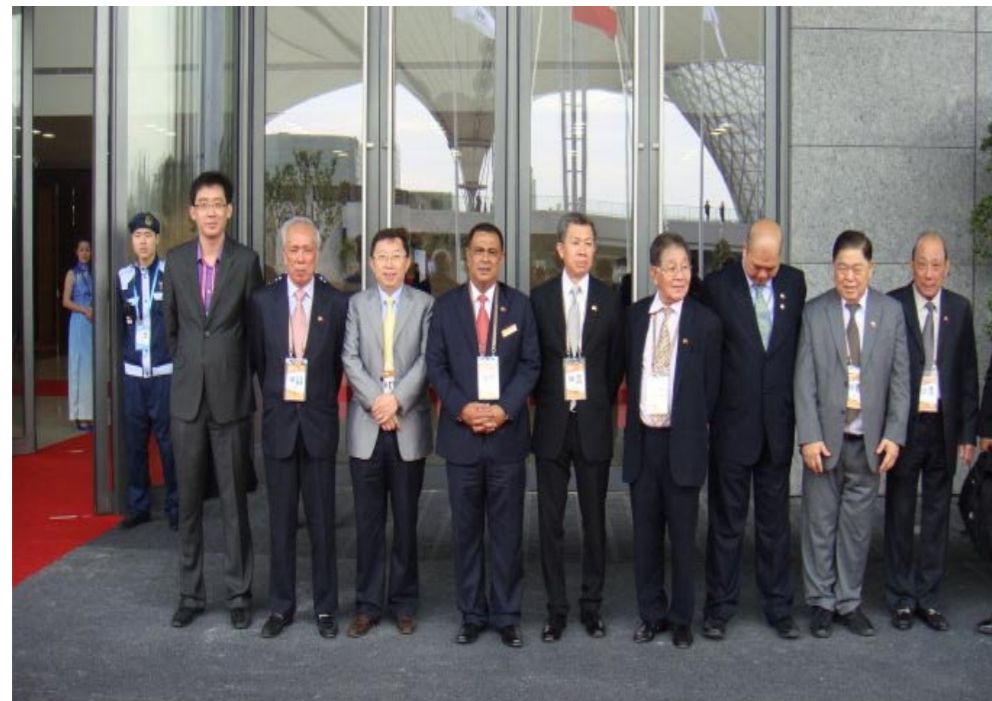
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CABC News & Events



← May 5, 2010, Hlaing Myint Oo, Minister Counselor of the Myanmar Embassy in China paid a visit to China-ASEAN Business Council Chinese Secretariat and met with Xu Ningning, Executive SG of CABCCS. Both sides exchanged opinions on the trade and economic cooperation between China and Myanmar.

Zhang Jiuhuan, member of CPPCC & the former director of the Asian Affairs Department of Foreign Affairs Ministry, Qi Jianguo, former Chinese Ambassador to Vietnam and etc. a group of three-person met with Xu Ningning, Executive SG of CABCCS in the afternoon of May 5, 2010, exchanging ideas on the recent developments of China-ASEAN relations. →



← Xu Ningning was invited for a VIP tour around the 2010 Shanghai World Expo and attended the opening ceremony of Brunei Darussalam Pavilion Day on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

May 9, 2010, Executive SG of CABCCS Xu Ningning was invited to attend the annual conference of China Heavy Machinery Industry Association and deliver a report on the CAFTA and mechanical products export. Nearly 300 attended the meeting. Secretary General of China Heavy Machinery Industry Association chaired the meeting. →



Introduction of CABC

China-ASEAN Business Council is one of the five main dialog cooperation mechanisms between China and ASEAN. Former Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji attended the council's inaugural meeting in 2001. Since the council founded, it has been working on China-ASEAN trade and economic cooperation which greatly promoted the establishment of CAFTA and GMS Economic Cooperation Program.

Plentiful Business Channels in ASEAN

CABC consists of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), ASEAN Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), the national business leaders, well-known enterprisers and experts of members of ASEAN.

The coordinator of CABC in ASEAN is ACCI. ACCI consists of ten representative business chambers in ASEAN. They are Brunei National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Cambodia Phnom Penh Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Laos National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, The National Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Malaysia, Union of Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Singapore Business Federation, The Federation of Thai Industries and Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Establishment

April, 1997, CCPIT and ACCI signed the cooperation memorandum together in Shanghai in order to prepare for the establishment of CABC. November, 6, 2001, in the 5th China-ASEAN Leader Meeting, China and ASEAN reached common ground on setting up China-ASEAN Free Trade Area. November, 8, the establishment ceremony and the 1st meeting of CABC were both held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The then Premier of China Zhu Rongji and the then President of Indonesia Megawati attended the ceremony and declared that CABC was officially established. December, 2003, the 2nd meeting of CABC was held in Kunming, Yunnan province. The then Premier of China Zhu sent congratulatory letter specially. June, 2004, the 3rd meeting was held in Yangon, the then Premier of Myanmar attended the opening ceremony and made a speech. October, 2005, the 4th meeting was held in Nanning, Guangxi province. China and ASEAN Industrial and Commercial Circles signed Nanning Declaration of CABC. The 5th meeting is held on November 7, 2008, in Bangkok, Thailand. As the aspect of promoting the economic and trade cooperation, the 5th meeting is characterized as practicality pertinence and instruction.

China's president in CABC is Mr. Wan Jifei who is also the president of CCPIT. The executive general secretary of CABC Chinese Secretariat is Mr. Xu Ningning, a famous ASEAN business expert of China.

Aim and Function

CABC's objectives are:

1. Promote the enterprises' dialogues and cooperation between China and ASEAN.
2. Maintain the trade and investigation relations between China and ASEAN.
3. Promote the economic developments in ASEAN and China and the building of China-ASEAN Free Trade Area.

In order to achieve the objectives above, CABC has planned to take the following actions:

1. Offer the service of providing trade and investigation information for its members.
2. Hold regular business forums, exchange the experience on trade and investigation and discuss how to eliminate the obstacles hindering further cooperation in both sides.
3. Promote the exhibition held in two

- parties and provide all necessary helps.
4. Strengthen the visit, personnel training and other sorts of communication of enterpriser delegations in both sides.
5. Offer law service including intermediation and arbitration to make the enterprises of the two parties can solve the trade dissensions effectively in friendly atmosphere.

CABC fully plays the role of bridge and link to hold meetings with ASEAN Secretariat, related China government departments and industry associations, relevant provincial and municipal governments. Those meetings include CABC Meetings, CAFTA Forums, Seminars on Pan-Bay Economic Cooperation, East Asia Business Forum, China-ASEAN Economic and Trade Relations Forum and China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit etc.



November 8, 2001, the establishment ceremony and the 1st meeting of CABC were both held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The then Premier of China Zhu Rongji and the then President of Indonesia Megawati attended the ceremony and declared that CABC was officially established. The meeting ended successfully.