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**Trade Policy Dialogue on WTO-Plus Aspects of
Recently Concluded Regional Trade
Agreements and Free Trade Agreements
Boracay, Philippines
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Trade Policy Dialogue (TPD) on WTO-Plus Aspects of Recently Concluded Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) and Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)

9.00 am-12.30 pm, Thursday 14 May 2015
Sagana Ballroom, Shangri-La Boracay Resort, Philippines

PROGRAM (DRAFT)

Aim

To encourage the negotiation and implementation of high-quality, comprehensive RTAs/FTAs that support the multilateral trading system.

Objectives

- To update participants on concluded RTAs/FTAs.
- To provide members with an overview of WTO-plus elements in recently concluded RTAs/FTAs.
- To identify new issues being addressed in RTAs/FTAs.
- To facilitate discussion of progressive RTAs/FTAs and elements.
- To support implementation of the WTO Transparency Mechanism for RTAs.

0900 Session One

Welcome and overview by Facilitator (5 minutes)

- Mr Heath McMichael, APEC Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia.

Presentations by APEC economies on the WTO-plus elements of their concluded RTAs/FTAs

- Korea – Australia Free Trade Agreement (20 minutes)
 - Mr Hong-sang Ahn, Senior Deputy Director, FTA Policy Planning Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Korea.
- Chile - Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (20 minutes)
 - Mr Raistlin Lau, Deputy Director-General of Trade and Industry, Hong Kong, China.
 - Mr Andres Culagovski, Head of APEC Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile.
- Peru - Japan Economic Partnership Agreement
 - Mr Julio Chan, Director APEC, Vice Ministry of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism, Peru.
 - Mr Atsushi Tsukiyama, South America Division, Latin America and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan.

Q&A: 25 minutes

1030 Morning Tea

1100 Session Two

Discussion on specific chapters of five individual FTAs: 10 minutes each

- Services (Chile-Peru FTA)
 - Mr Andres Culagovski, Head of APEC Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile.
- Electrical and Electronic Equipment and their Components (EEE MRA) (New Zealand-China FTA)
 - Ms Wendy Mathews, Unit Manager, Asia-Pacific Regional Integration Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand.
- Investment (Korea-United States FTA)
 - Mr Hong-sang Ahn, Senior Deputy Director, FTA Policy Planning Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Korea.

- Competition Policy (Hong Kong, China-New Zealand CEP)
 - Mr Rory McLeod, Director, Commercial and Consumer Environment Branch, Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, New Zealand.
- E-commerce (Chinese Taipei-Singapore ASTEP)
 - Ms Mei-Lin Wu, Office of Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Chinese Taipei.

Panel discussion with questions and comments from the floor: 35 minutes

Summary of TPD discussion by Facilitator: 5 minutes

1230 Finish