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## **Remarks at APEC Workshop on Optimizing Investment Measures in the Asia-Pacific Region**

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Distinguished guests, Dear colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, on behalf of Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, and in my own name, I would like to extend my warm welcome to all participants here today. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on the opening of APEC Workshop on Optimizing Investment Measures in the Asia-Pacific Region hosted by the Department of International Economic Affairs of Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China. Present at today's Workshop are Officials from APEC member economies including Australia; People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; Papua New Guinea; the Philippines; Thailand and Vietnam, senior experts from international organizations and institutions such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Trade Organization, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the APEC Policy Support Unit and the International Institute for Sustainable Development, officials from the Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China, Development Research Center of the State Council, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation, and from the Pilot Free Trade Zones such as Shanghai, Chongqing, Guangdong, Fujian, Liaoning, Hubei, Sichuan, Henan and Shaanxi, scholars from Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Tsinghua University, Nankai University and Sun Yat-Sen University, and also some local officials and professionals from Shanghai. My heartfelt thanks go to all APEC Member economies for choosing SUIBE as the venue for the Workshop. I highly appreciate your trust. What's more, I want to pay the highest tribute to the work team of the Department of International Economic Affairs of Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China, for their tireless guidance of the preparation for the Workshop for two years.

SUIBE, founded in the early 1960s, was once one of the four foreign trade higher education institutes directly under the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of the People's Republic of China. It offers 32 undergraduate programs, covering six discipline fields, namely, economics, management, literature, law, science, and engineering. Besides, Master's degrees are conferred in 7 first-level disciplines and 43 second-level disciplines, with its International Economics and Trade, English, Finance, Logistics Management, and Business Management being the Specialty Construction Point of China's Ministry of Education. SUIBE boasts over 1000 of faculty and staff, 40% of which hold professorships. In total, our university has over 12,000 graduate students and undergraduates, and more than 1,500 international students. SUIBE, being an active player in international exchanges and cooperation, has established extensive partnerships with more than 100 overseas counterparts and launched joint training programs or student exchange programs.

In the past two years, under the guidance of the Department of International Economic Affairs of Ministry of Commerce, PRC, and the coordination of Shanghai Institute for Strategy of International Trade Center, professors and graduate students from the Institute of International Business and Business School of SUIBE have participated in the preparations for the Workshop and also compiled

the Research Report and Best Practices of the APEC sound investment measures. This practice has greatly contributed to the program construction for disciplines such as International Investment, International Investment law, International Investment Administration, etc. and also laid a solid foundation for the sustainable development of these subjects. I do believe this Workshop will definitely serve as a new engine for further improvement and upgrading of teaching and academic research in SUIBE.

To conclude, I wish all participants a happy stay in Shanghai and wish the Workshop a complete success!

Thanks!