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Training Course on Capacity Building of Demonstration E-Port Network for Asia-Pacific in 2016 - Invitation Letter

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Sent on-behalf of CTI rep.of China

Dear CTI Colleagues,

Hope this mail finds you well. Thank you for all along support to APMEN work.

China is pleased to circulate the following to you that China will hold a capacity building programme named 'Training Course on Capacity Building of Demonstration E-Port Network for Asia-Pacific in 2016' from July 14 to July 27, 2016 in Shanghai, P.R. China to support Asia Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN) development. The programme will also support the third meeting of APMEN Joint Operational Group (AJOG) as one of CTI Level activities.

As you may recall, in 2014 APEC Leaders agreed to establish APMEN aiming to construct and active cooperation and knowledge sharing network on information and communication (ICT) infrastructure and services among nominated model E-Ports. APEC Leaders also endorsed Terms of Reference (ToR) of APMEN, which set APMEN objectives for creating an enabling environment for model E-Ports and promote supply chain connectivity and trade facilitation in Asia-Pacific.

In 2015, *Strategic Framework of APMEN* was endorsed by APEC in which 'conducting targeted capacity building activities' is one of the key activities to help all economies to participate and benefit to achieve objectives including 'sharing experiences of APEC model e-ports, understanding how to advance and extend practices of model e-ports as well as other practices, identifying solutions and enabling environment, as well as compiling knowledge on how to enhance coordination among border agencies through PPP'.

In order to implement *Strategic Framework of APMEN* and the work plan in 2016, this capacity building programme is designed for attendees through themed lectures and other related activities to deepen understanding of e-port context and its relevance to trade facilitation and supply chain connectivity including:

- 1. The concept, development of e-port and its relevance to trade facilitation and supply chain connectivity;
- 2. The practices and PPP mechanism in e-ports operation;
- 3. The cross-border trade related ICT application and solution studies such as paperless freight, Single Window and cross-border e-commerce;
- 4. Proposed pilot projects for APMEN;
- 5. The prospects of APMEN and how economies could better participate.

Apart from APMEN members including <u>Malaysia</u>, <u>Mexico</u>, <u>Peru</u> and <u>Viet Nam</u>, this capacity building programme is also tailored for the following travel-eligible economies which are <u>Chile</u>, <u>Indonesia</u>, <u>Papua New Guinea</u>, <u>the Philippines</u>, <u>Russia</u>, <u>Thailand</u>; as well as <u>Brunei Darussalam</u> and <u>Singapore</u> according to relevant bilateral provisions.

China welcomes each of the above APEC member economies to **nominate 1-2** personnel to participate in the capacity building programme. Considering the relevance to course topics, potential candidates may include but not limited to **senior officials of government regulators**, **executives or technical experts from cargo hubs (seaport or airport)**, **e-port or trade single window operating bodies**. Participants should be under sixty years old.

The international travel expenses and accommodation of the nominees in China will borne by the Chinese Government.

Please fill in the **Nomination Form** as attached and send back to Ms Yingzhi Zhang (<u>y.zhang@apmenet.org</u>) and copy to Ms Qingfen Chen (<u>q.chen@apmenet.org</u>) and Ms Xiaoyi Wu (<u>x.wu@apmenet.org</u>) by **May 20, 2016**.

A detailed course schedule is attached to the mail for your information.

Please also note that there will be further information on related procedure provided to nominees when name list is ready.

Best Regards,

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