GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION
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No.3(54)EA/CHINA-II/2026 **Islamabad, the 17th September, 2026**

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON ADVANCING DIGITAL TRADE COOPERATION IN ASIA PACIFIC REGION FROM 24TH NOVEMBER TO 7TH DECEMBER, 2026 (01 SLOT)

The undersigned is directed to state that the Government of the People's Republic of China has offered subject multilateral Seminar for officers of the Government of Pakistan (**Details attached**). The Chinese side has further informed that the candidates **cannot be withdrawn once nominated**. The Government of Pakistan will not be liable to bear any cost. The requisite general requirements are as under:

Eligibility Criteria

- Officers **(BS-17 & above)** of Ministries/ Divisions and Provincial Governments, most relevant to the training program;
- Proficiency in English;
- **Under 50 for officials at director general's level and under 45 for officials at or under the director's level;**
- **Contract Employees are not eligible.**

Documents Required

The following documents are required to be sent along with the nomination:

- Application Form with personal signature and photo **(Original & Copy);**
- Information Form with personal signature and photo **(Original & Copy);**
- Copy of Passport with at least six months of remaining validity and blank visa pages;
- Foreigner Physical Examination Form with personal photo **(Original & Copy);**
- No criminal record certificate or Police Clearance Certificate (**from the date of birth to date**), with **scannable for verification QR code from the police station OR attestation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan**;
- FTC Proforma;
- Copy of CNIC;
- Surety Bond on stamp paper **(Original);**
- Undertaking on stamp paper **(Original);**
- No Objection Certificate.

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2. Nominations of suitable candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria, duly approved by the competent authority, may be forwarded to this Ministry by **September 25, 2026 positively.** The relevant Ministries / Divisions and provincial departments must note the following points while nominating the candidates:

i. Most relevant candidates should be nominated for the training program.
ii. Nomination of candidates should reach EAD before the deadline. Late arrival of nomination, after EAD's deadline, will not be entertained.
iii. Nomination papers, complete in all respects, should be forwarded to EAD through proper channel i.e. through the respective Administrative Ministry / Division/ P&D Department.
iv. All candidates must follow the code of conduct **(Annex-I).**
v. For further details / information / forms / FTC proforma EAD's website: **www.ead.gov.pk** may please be visited.

3. In order to avail the training program, it must be ensured that suitable nominations along with their complete documents, are provided to this Ministry before the closing date.

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Annex -1

Seminar on advancing digital trade cooperation in Asia-Pacific region

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<tr><td>Program name</td><td colspan="5">Seminar on advancing digital trade cooperation in Asia-Pacific region</td></tr>
<tr><td>Organized by</td><td colspan="5">Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Ministry of Commerce, P. R. China</td></tr>
<tr><td>Time</td><td colspan="2">2026-11-24 -- 2026-12-07</td><td>Language used</td><td colspan="2">English</td></tr>
<tr><td>Countries invited</td><td colspan="5">Officials from relevant authorities of the CPTA participating parties (14 countries) and other countries that wish to join the CPTA（for officials at the Director-General and Director level）</td></tr>
<tr><td>Planned number of participants</td><td colspan="5">25</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="4">Requirements for the Participants</td><td>Age</td><td colspan="4">Under 45 for officials at or under director's level;under 50 for officials at director general's level.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Health condition</td><td colspan="4">In good health with health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China's laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without mental diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Language competence</td><td colspan="4">Capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English during the training</td></tr>
<tr><td>others</td><td colspan="4">Family members or friends shall not follow</td></tr>
<tr><td>Venue</td><td colspan="2">Beijing</td><td>Weather conditions</td><td colspan="2">Average temperature in Beijing in November: 2°C~13°C Average temperature in Beijing in December: -6°C–5°C</td></tr>
<tr><td>Cities to be visited</td><td colspan="2">Pending</td><td>Weather conditions</td><td colspan="2">Pending:/</td></tr>
<tr><td>Remarks</td><td colspan="5">/</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="5">Contact information of the organizer</td><td>Contact person for the program</td><td colspan="4">Mr.Mr. ZHENG</td></tr>
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About the Organizer	The Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO) is an educational and training institution directly under the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. Established in 1980, AIBO is located in Changping District, Beijing, about 30 kilometers from Beijing Capital International Airport. It boasts comprehensive infrastructure to provide services such as accommodation, catering, training and meetings for trainees. One of the main responsibilities of AIBO is to implement human resources development and cooperation projects, especially training courses for officials. The Academy serves as the main base for China's foreign aid training, offering both off-line and on-line training in China and overseas. Backed by the Ministry of Commerce and in close cooperation with China's top think tanks, research institutes and universities, AIBO brings together a large number of China's top experts and scholars to provide intellectual support for foreign aid training. It has developed a number of high-quality foreign aid training projects in the fields of trade and investment, international economic cooperation, governance and public management, which have proved to be fruitful. Since 1998, AIBO has successfully held over 2,000 training sessions for officials from developing countries (including 131 ministerial seminars), benefiting nearly 70,000 trainees from other developing countries around the world. AIBO will adhere to the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and take the important concepts, including a community with a shared future for mankind, pursuing the greater good and shared interests, and sincerity, real results, amity, good faith, mutual benefit and inclusiveness, as strategic guidance and fundamental principles to be followed. It will facilitate the joint efforts in implementing major initiatives such as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Global Development Initiative (GDI), and continue to help developing countries accelerate their development by sharing China's experience and programs.	
Training content	Background: Initiated by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the CPTA is the first multilateral agreement under the UN framework targeting the facilitation of paperless trade, which entered into force in February 2021. China is one of the five founding members of the CPTA. At present, the CPTA has a total of 15 members, including China, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, and Uzbekistan. Purpose: The seminar aims to help all parties of the CPTA and other ESCAP members interested in joining relevant cooperation fully recognize the necessity of strengthening cooperation on paperless trade, digital trade and artificial intelligence in the Asia-Pacific region, so as to create favorable conditions for carrying out relevant cooperation in the next step. Content: The topics of the seminar will mainly cover China's national conditions; Chinese leaders' governance philosophy; China's measures for facilitation of paperless trade; digital trade agreements; practical cooperation on artificial intelligence; and field investigations related to digital trade and artificial intelligence. Method: The seminar will invite relevant experts to give thematic lectures; organize exchanges between participants and experts, and among participants; organize study tours to relevant institutions and enterprises in Beijing and other cities.	