

Report on CTD

On the 23rd May 2018, the 9th ASEM Customs - Trade Day was held in Chengdu China. The theme is “Promotion of Connectivity of customs and business hand in hand”. Around 100 participants from ASEM Member Customs and Business attended the event.

At the opening ceremony, Ms. HU Lan, Deputy Director General of International Cooperation Department of General Administration of China Customs, welcomed all participants for the attendance. She emphasized the importance of ASEM Customs - Trade Day and customs and business cooperation in terms of trade facilitation and security, and connectivity, and reminded the participants of opportunities brought by “the Belt and Road initiative” to enhance Connectivity among ASEM Members and stakeholders. Mr. Marc Gombeer, Vice President of Volve Cars Group, on behalf of business, also underlined the significance of customs and business dialogue and communication, and expected that customs and business could achieve more outcomes shoulder by shoulder.

In Session One, customs and business representatives shared some points of customs connectivity cooperation. Participants learned about some good experience from customs, such as transit supervision and TIR convention practices, application of the Yin and Yang balance to customs cooperation,

the Rail 24 project. Business speakers introduced scientific and technological innovation for connectivity, including solutions used by Customs Supervision Center, development of China southern transport corridor, Zhengzhou airport as an International hub, and Chengdu International Railway Port.

In Session 2, speakers talked about cross-border e-commerce. They introduced risk management experience and innovation measures adopted by customs. Moreover, business hoped to have a more trade facilitative environment through coordination with customs, and shared their experience and updates.

In Session 3, speakers discussed AEO and mutual recognition. Customs colleagues shared the current status and the next steps of AEO programs in their countries. Business representatives introduced the cooperation between customs and their companies, and gave their advice on promoting AEO mutual recognition.

In the session 4, single window and trade facilitation were the main topics. Thanks to the information shared by speakers, participants learned about single window in some ASEM Member Customs. The Meeting also gained some insights into the effective impacts of the single window in

simplifying customs declaration and expediting customs clearance.

In each Session, Q and A helped all audience obtain further and practical information.

In her closing remarks, Ms. HU Lan thanked all efforts and contributions by the speakers, and expected the message which the business had passed and the outcomes which customs and business had produced in the meeting could benefit future cooperation among ASEM Member Customs and Customs and business.