Greater Mekong Subregion
Economic Cooperation Program
4th Meeting of the Trade Facilitation Working Group (TFWG)
11-12 November 2004
Kunming, Yunnan Province
People's Republic of China

AGENDA

11 November 2004 (Thursday)

Chair: People's Republic of China

Co-Chair: Asian Development Bank

0800-0830 **Registration**

Session I
0830-0900 **Opening and Welcome Remarks**

--- Mr. Chen Hangao
Deputy Director, Department of Commerce
Yunnan Province, PRC

--- Mr. Robert Boumphrey
Director, MKGF, ADB

Session II
0900-1000
Chair: PRC

Exchange of views on recent policies and trends on trade facilitation in the GMS

Each GMS country gave a comprehensive presentation on the topic highlighting recent efforts at trade facilitation, issues and challenges, are possibilities for subregional cooperation.

--- Cambodia
--- PRC
--- Lao PDR
--- Myanmar
--- Thailand
--- Viet Nam

1000-1015 *Coffee/Tea Break*

Session III
1015-1200
Chair: ADB

Review of Trade Facilitation Issues in the GMS

A Background and Issues Paper on Trade Facilitation was discussed. The paper (i) defines the concept of trade facilitation: (ii) reviews the trade facilitation initiatives undertaken by the GMS countries and development partners: (iii) reviews proposals made in previous TFWG meetings: (iv) identifies major trade facilitation issues in the GMS; and (v) suggests key elements of an action plan on trade facilitation.

--- Messrs. Leon Khor, and Aloysuis Lim
ADB Consultants on Trade Facilitation

1200-1330 *Lunch*

Session IV 1330-1400 **Chair: ADB**

PRC Proposal: Action Plan on Trade and Investment Facilitation

Under this session, PRC reported on the results of the GMS Trade Facilitation Seminar held on 10 November 2004. PRC also presented a draft of the GMS Trade and Investment Facilitation Action Plan (TIFAP) as mandated by the first GMS Summit

--- Mr. Yin Yonglin
Department of Commerce of Yunnan Province, PRC

Mr. Pang Chengjun
Ministry of Commerce, PRC

Session V 1400-1515 **Chair: PRC**

Trade Facilitation Initiatives in the GMS Supported by Development Partners

Development Partners, notably JBIC, JODC, and the World Bank shared information on trade facilitation initiatives that they are supporting both at the national and subregional levels in the GMS.

--- Mr. Kensuke Fukuwa, Representative, JBIC
--- Mr. Kunihiko Shinoda, Representative, JODC

--- Mr. Baher El-Hifnawi, Representative from the World Bank
--- Mr. Graham Smith, Representative from the World Bank

1515-1530 *Coffee/Tea Break*

Session VI 1530-1600 **Chair: PRC**

Private Sector Views on Trade Facilitation Issues

Yunnan Provincial Chamber of Commerce presented the views of the private sector on trade facilitation issues and initiatives.

1830-2100 **Dinner hosted by Ministry of Commerce and People's Government of Yunnan Province, PRC**

12 November 2004 (Friday)

Session VII 0900-1015 **Chair**: **ADB**

Formulation of the TFWG Work Program: Projects and Concrete Initiatives

Based on the discussions in Day 1, the TFWG discussed a number of project concepts to be pursued in the next three years.

1015 -1030 *Coffee/Tea Break*

1030-1130 **Continuation of Session VII**

Session VIII 1130-1150	**Consideration of the Draft Report of the TFWG to the SOM and 13th Ministerial Meeting (14-16 December 2004, Vientiane, Lao PDR)**
Chair: **PRC**	The TFWG considered its draft report to the SOM and 13th Ministerial Meeting. The report presented among others, the achievements and ongoing initiatives of the working group, as well as the proposed future directions and work plan, as discussed by the meeting.
Session IX 1150-1200	**Concluding Remarks**
1200-1330	*Lunch*