

Appendix: Introduction of Organizers

Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO, MOFCOM)

Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO, also known as Training Center of the Ministry of Commerce), is the only educational and training institution directly affiliated to the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), People's Republic of China.

Situated in the famous Xiaotangshan Longmai hot spring area, Changping District, on the riverside of Wenyu River which is reputed as the mother river of Beijing, AIBO boasts a history of 40 years. Covering an area of nearly 600 mu (about 40 hectares) with the total floor area of over 100,000 m², it enjoys beautiful environment and fresh air and has all necessary facilities. Besides, it is conveniently connected to the city's transportation networks.

AIBO provides training, academic teaching, conference service as well as holiday service. It has meeting rooms (including VIP rooms) of various sizes. AIBO's hotel is well-furnished and provides all necessary facilities.

AIBO is the first to organize seminars for government business officials from other developing countries starting from 1998. Now seminars it organizes cover a large range of topics such as economic administration, trade and investment, city planning and administration, telecommunication, transportation, construction of development zones, logistic management, development of natural resources, international labor

cooperation, coordinated development of urban and rural areas, wireless communication and digital TV technology, clean energy, etc. Apart from the seminars for officials at director's level or director general's level, AIBO has also organized many ministerial workshops.

By the end of 2021, AIBO has organized 1816 seminars/workshops including 118 Ministerial Workshops, receiving 53214 officials including 1054 ministerial officials from 160 countries and regions around the world.

AIBO will strive to make new contributions to the development of China's commerce and develop into a well-known educational and training institution both at home and abroad.

Ningbo CEEC Cooperation Institute (Ningbo Maritime Silk Road Institute)

In order to seize the opportunity of the Belt and Road construction and build a new type of think tank with Chinese characteristics, with the support of the local government, Ningbo Maritime Silk Road Institute was jointly established by Zhejiang Wanli University and Beijing Foreign Studies University in June 2015; The following year, in respond to China-CEEC Cooperation strategy, Ningbo CEEC Cooperation Institute was jointly constructed by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Western China Development Institute of Zhejiang University.

Based on regional development, the institute is committed to building an internationally renowned and domestic first-class new university think tank with local characteristics of the Belt and Road that integrates the functions of project research, political advice, talent training,

cultural communication and exchange, and database platform.

The institute has successively held more than 10 high-end foreign-related seminars, including the “Seminar for Experts in Cultural and Museum of Arab Countries” of Ministry of Culture and Tourism of PRC under the framework of the China-Arab Cooperation Forum, the “Seminar for Officials of 16+1 Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Cooperation” under the guidance of the Ministry of Commerce, the “International Exchange of Industry-University-Research Seminar on Young Scholars for CEEC” under the guidance of the Ministry of Education, trained more than 310 officials, entrepreneurs and scholars from nearly 50 countries. In addition, the institute has held high-end forums such as “High-level Think Tanks Forum for High-quality Development of China-CEEC Local Cooperation”, “China-CEEC Business School Summit & The Belt and Road Countries Forum on International Business Education Communication”, and also published more than 20 books such as the 《CEEC Big Data Report》 .

The institute has been awarded the National and Regional Research Center of the Ministry of Education, New Think Tank Cultivation Unit in Zhejiang Province, New Type University Think Tank in Zhejiang Province, Zhejiang International Cultural Exchange Base, Zhejiang Soft Science Research Base etc. It has become the council member of China-CEEC Think Tanks Network of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and has also been rated as the top ten university think tanks of the Belt and Road in the 2018 Summer Davos Forum, and the source think tank of China Think Tank Index (CTTI).