

North-East Asia Forum on Trade and Transport Facilitation

 **Private-Public Dialogue on Trade Facilitation** 

 **Second Meeting of the GTI Trade Facilitation Committee** 

 **Seminar on the Development and Facilitation of International
Intermodal Transport in North-East Asia** 

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Korea International Trade Association (KITA)
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Background

At the recent United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives reaffirmed that international trade is an engine for development and sustained economic growth. In North-East Asia, participation in global production networks has greatly increased trade among China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, although linkages with Mongolia and the Russian Federation are much less developed and harbour huge potential for future growth. North-East Asia also exhibits strong product complementarity (highest in all of Asia and the Pacific), which enhances the potential benefits of subregional trade¹

However, the economies in North-East Asia are trading less with each other than expected, due to high trade costs. In particular, non-tariff costs related to fulfilling regulatory requirements and domestic and international shipping and logistics costs, including of international intermodal transit transport, limit the volume of trade. While tariff barriers have decreased significantly, and will decrease further with the growing number of Free and Preferential Trade Agreements under discussion in the subregion, non-tariff barriers remain high.

The challenge for the subregion is to identify improvements in institutional setups, regulatory frameworks, logistics services and related infrastructure that can lower trade and transport costs and enhance trade flows, in the broader context of national and international strategies to promote sustainable development.

Purpose and objective

The North-East Asia Forum on Trade and Transport Facilitation is jointly organized by ESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia and GTI, as a follow-up to the High-Level Workshop on Mongolian Trade Corridors in October 2011 and the Seminar and Inaugural Meeting of the GTI Trade Facilitation Committee in November 2011. At the two meetings, participants voiced the need for greater subregional cooperation to enhance trade flows, as well as for greater partnership and communication between the public sector and the business community in order to make trade policies responsive and effective.

The forum brings together public and private sector stakeholders from North-East Asia, including China, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea and Russian Federation, to share perspectives and practices on trade and transport facilitation and develop recommendations for closer cooperation. The Forum is organized as a series of three meetings:

- **Private-Public Dialogue on Trade Facilitation** This meeting is organized with the aim of providing (i) a better understanding of trade facilitation in the context of the Subregion and importance of public private cooperation; (ii) more effective

¹ UNESCAP, Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2012.

engagement between the public sector and the business community to promote information sharing on good practices and new government initiatives; (iii) Identification and discussion of major challenges facing the trading community; and (iv) Recommendations for public private cooperation in trade and transport facilitation.

- **Second Meeting of the GTI Trade Facilitation Committee**² The Second TFC meeting will review progress made on GTI activities approved at the First TFC Meeting and produce concrete recommendations and proposals to reduce trade barriers and increase trade and investment flows in the Greater Tumen Region.
- **Seminar on the Development and Facilitation of International Intermodal Transport in North-East Asia** This seminar aims to increase awareness of the benefits and opportunities for improving efficiency of international intermodal transit transport in North-East Asia through the application of the TIR Convention³ and other instruments.

The Forum is organized with support from the Ministry of Finance and Strategy, Republic of Korea, Korea International Trade Association (KITA), and UNNExT.

Tentative Programme

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Tuesday 23 October 2012

08:30–09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00–09:40	<p>Opening Remarks Choi Hoon, Director, GTI Secretariat Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Director, SRO ENEA, United Nations ESCAP</p> <p>Welcome Remarks Seong Ha, Director General, Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Strategy and Finance, ROK Moo Han Kim, Senior Executive Managing Director, Korea International Trade Association</p> <p>Keynote Address Sambuu Demberel, Member of Parliament and Chairman, Mongolia National Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p>
09:40–11:00	Session 1: Trade Facilitation in North-East Asia

² It is a closed intergovernmental meeting, open ONLY to GTI TFC members and invited guests

³ The United Nations Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets 1975 (TIR Convention) helps simplify and harmonize formalities for road related intermodal transit transport with a unified guaranteed document and exemption of routine inspections en-route.

	<p>Chair: Choi Hoon, Director, GTI Secretariat <i>This session aims to provide an overview of the state of play of trade in North-East Asia with a focus on identifying some of the major challenges that hinder its growth. Presentations will also be given on the importance of public-private collaboration in trade facilitation and the need for better information sharing and networking among stakeholders.</i></p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Trade in North-East Asia: State of play” by Andrea Goldstein, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP SRO-ENEA • “Trade facilitation and development of regional trade and investment in the Greater Tumen Region” by Chang Dohwan, Program Advisor, GTI • “Prospects for China-Japan-Korea Free Trade Agreement and implications for trade in North-East Asia” by Zhang Haiying, Chief Economic Official, Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat • “Russian Federation’s accession to WTO: Impact on its trading partners in North-East Asia”, by Eugene Gherman, Russian APEC Study Centre
11:00–11:15	Coffee/Tea Break
11:15– 12:30	<p>Session 2: Developing and Implementing Trade Facilitation Measures – Perspectives from the Public Sector</p> <p>Chair: Andrea Goldstein, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNESCAP <i>Trade facilitation encompasses various measures such as simplification of procedures, harmonization of rules and regulations, transparent information, and adoption of new technologies to make trade easier. In this session, presentations will be made on government efforts to facilitate trade in the subregion, with an emphasis on emerging issues and sharing innovative/ good practices.</i></p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Implementation of Authorized Economic Operator in Korea and the need to expand mutual recognition in the subregion”, by Bowon Kang, Program Manager, AEO Center, Customs Services Korea • “Electronic Sanitary and Phytosanitary Certification: Case study from China”, Lin Jing, Director, Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau • “NEAL-NET’s approach to facilitate logistics network in the subregion”, Soo Yeob Kim, Director, Maritime Affairs Research Department, Korea Maritime Institute • “Customs initiatives to facilitate trade in Mongolia”, Mandukhai Batsukh, Customs Officer, Mongolian Customs General Administration
12:30– 14:00	Luncheon hosted by the Ministry of Strategy and Finance, Republic of Korea
14:00– 16:00	Session 3: Trade Facilitation Challenges in the Sub-region – Perspectives from the Private Sector

	<p>Chair: Sambuu Demberel, Member of Parliament and Chairman of Mongolia Chamber of Commerce and Industry <i>In this session, business representatives will discuss various challenges to enhance trading within the subregion and develop recommendations for addressing these challenges.</i></p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Challenges in fulfilling regulatory requirements: Customs, Inspections and Standards”, by Ariunaa Ganbold, General Manager, Mongolian Cashmere Association • “Crossing borders: Need for harmonized control, consistency and information sharing”, Ding Qiang, General Manager, Cofortune, China International Electronic Commerce Center • “Facilitating trade for SMEs”, by Yoo Jin Cho, Korea International Trade Association • “Meeting the growing demand of North-East Asia’s logistics market”, by Raymond Yee, Vice President, Customs and Regulatory Affairs, DHL Asia Pacific • “Towards an integrated logistics system in North-East Asia: Challenges and Opportunities for subregional cooperation”, by Chang Ho Yang, Graduate School of Logistics in North-East Asia, Incheon University
16:00– 16:20	Coffee/Tea Break
16:20- 18:00	<p>Session 4: Bridging Private-Public Collaboration Gaps in Trade Facilitation in North-East Asia</p> <p>Chair: Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Director, UNESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia <i>Stakeholders will discuss how to strengthen public-private trade facilitation cooperation and propose recommended actions</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sang-Yup Lee, World Customs Organization • Sund Heun Ha. Pan Asia E-Commerce Alliance

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