**Project Description**

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| Name | 2017 Seminar on Urbanization Construction and Planning for Developing Countries | | | | | | |
| Organizer | Academy of Macroeconomic Research, National Development and Reform Commission | | | | | | |
| Time | March 29th to April 18th, 2017 | | | | Language | | English |
| Invited Countries | Officials in Urbanization Construction and Planning Field from Developing Countries | | | | | | |
| Number of Participants | 25 in total | | | | | | |
| Requirements for the Participants | Age | Under 45 for officials at or under director’s level; under 50 for officials at director general’s level | | | | | |
| Health | 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 metal 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 | | | | | |
| Language | Capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English | | | | | |
| Other Requirement | Chinese Government won’t cover the cost of family members or friends | | | | | |
| Host City | Beijing | | | Local Temperature | | 5℃--16℃ | |
| Cities to visit | Shenzhen | | | Local Temperature | | 17℃--25℃ | |
| Guangzhou | | | 16℃--24℃ | |
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| About the Organizer | With a comprehensive analysis of the domestic and international economic situation and clear understandings about the policies and regulations in different fields of study, The Academy of Macroeconomic Research（AMR）of National Development and Reform Commission is capable of providing timely and valuable information for recipient countries so as to help them improve their skills of management. In addition, experienced scholars and experts teaching in English as well as quality facilities such as our training base—Guohong Hotel have guaranteed many successful foreign aid program of Ministry of Commerce of P.R.C..  The Academy of Macroeconomic Research (AMR) operates directly under National Development and Reform Commission, P.R.C.. With policy study and inquiry as its major focuses, AMR provides information for national macro economy and social development; and it also opens up to the public, local governments at all levels as well as enterprises both from home and abroad.  **Major duties:**  To continuously monitor the performance and the trend of national economy and social development; To study major economic issues and to offer suggestions;  To study major issues concerning economic and social development strategies, industrial structures, regional distribution so as to offer constructive predictions and advice;  To study and to offer reports on major theoretical and practical issues with regard to economic and social development;  To provide information on development strategies, plans, and major decision-makings for industries, local governments at all levels, and enterprises both from home and abroad;  To take full advantage of Chinese and foreign scholars to collect and provide domestic and international information on economy as well as on strategy, planning, and policy inquiry.  **Research fields:**   * Analysis of the balance between aggregate demand and supply, macro and micro economic performance; study on the theory and policy of macroeconomic control; * Plans and policies of social development; monitoring and investigating of social development; human resources development; distribution and consumption analysis of citizens’ disposable income; study of social security systems; * Study on relations between policy and circulation system; policy and price system; market and price supervision; * Study on industrial strategies, industrial restructuring and optimizing, and industrial planning and policy ; * Analysis of investment, financing volume and structure, and behavior of the subject of investment; study on ways of financing, system reforms and projects management; * Study on territorial development and regulation, regional development strategy, regional planning and policy; study on sustainable development of resources and environment; * Analysis of international economic situation; China’s foreign economic relations; international trade and finance; study of the relations between China and international economic development strategy and system; * Study on energy development planning and energy development strategy; major policies of energy economy and technological economy; rational utility of energy; energy environment, renewable energy and the balance of supply and demand of energy; * Strategies and plans of comprehensive system of transport development; management system of transportation; market system of transportation; and the utility of multi-transportation. | | | | | | |
| Seminar Content | Urbanization refers to the historical process of larger quantities and larger scales of cities when increasingly more rural population moves to cities and the secondary and tertiary industries begin to cluster in cities. With development of social productive forces, progress of science and technology, and industrial restructuring of a country or region, the habitation of rural population moves to cities, and labor forces in rural areas move to secondary and tertiary industries in the city. The urbanization process is also a reflection of the social change in industrialization and modernization of all countries.  Urbanization will become the important base for all-round development of a moderately prosperous society, and also the great potential in levering domestic demand. The fast developing new type of urbanization is becoming the strong engine for China’s economic and social development, and the new opportunity for the development of the real estate industry.  Urbanization development is one of the important economic and trade cooperation, and also the highlights in relations between China and developing countries. In recent years, Chinese government has introduced a series polices to encourage Chinese enterprises to actively take part in urbanization development of all developing countries, so as to promote cooperation between enterprises and developing countries.China is devoted to enhance economic cooperation with developing countries.In accordance with the attitude of friendly cooperation, China sincerely welcomes all developing countries to take part in urbanization development, and develop cooperation in urban infrastructure and innovation, so that all countries can enjoy urbanization reform benefits. Since “the Belt and Road” initiative is put forward, China has signed cooperation agreements with more than thirty countries, and numerous infrastructure cooperation projects are under promotion, which shows China is trying to help developing countries to improve urbanization.  We set up the urbanization promoting office, its duty is the new urbanization of the planning policy, comprehensive pilot and international cooperation. In order to thoroughly implement the important instructions of General Secretary Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang on advancing the construction of new urbanization and the "Opinions of the State Council on Further Promoting the New Urbanization Construction", the fourth meeting of the Joint Ministerial Conference on Promoting Urbanization Preparations for the meeting. On the afternoon of January 20, 2017, the Planning Division organized a meeting of the Joint Ministerial Conference on Urbanization. The meeting gives a brief introduction to the new breakthroughs in the new urbanization work in 2016, analyzes the new problems and new problems and puts forward the key tasks of promoting the new urbanization in 2017. All departments unanimously said that in accordance with the requirements of the CPC Central Committee and State Council, speed up the institutional mechanisms of innovation, strengthen the policy to come into effect, to ensure that the new urbanization construction to advance in depth.  Academy of Macroeconomic Research will introduce related policies and measures in urbanization development of China’s 13th five-year plan, and discuss urbanization development with all counties through seminar. Meanwhile, China is willing to share experiences of urbanization construction with all developing countries, to strenghen cooperation and communication so as to promote economic development and social progress. | | | | | | |
|  | **Lectures:**   1. General Introduction to China 2. Intercultural Communications 3. Introduction to China’s “the Belt and Road” Initiative 4. Major Tasks and Goals of the Thirteenth National Five-Year Plan 5. The major meaning of “the Belt and Road” Initiative to the World and China 6. Exploration new modes of international cooperation and global governance 7. Introduction to infrastructure of “the Belt and Road” Initiative 8. Promotion Model of China’s Urbanization 9. Content, Target, and Strategy of China’s New Type of Urbanization 10. New Type of Urbanization Based on Ecological Advancement 11. Space Features and Forming Mechanism of Urbanization of China’s Counties 12. Strategic Study of Population Urbanization in China 13. Functional Mechanism of China’s Urbanization to Economic Development 14. Strategic Choice and Policy of Rural Labor Force Transfer in Urbanization Process 15. Study of Land Urbanization and Related Issues 16. Theory and Practice of China’s New Type of Urbanization 17. Relations of Economic Development, Urbanization, and Population Resources 18. Reconciliation between Population Urbanization and Infrastructure Construction 19. Urbanization and Rise of Rural Income 20. Relations among Urbanization, Industrial Structure, and Consumption Structure | | | | | | |