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CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON TRADE FACILITATION IMPLEMENTATION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION

17 – 18 March 2005, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Final Programme

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Thursday, 17 March:

9:00 – 9:30

Registration

9:30 – 10:00

Opening Remarks and Introduction

Honourable Tan Sri Abdul Halil bin Abd. Mutalib
Director General, the Royal Malaysian Customs Department, Malaysia

Mr. Ravi Ratnayake
Director, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand

Mr. Dick Raman, Chairman, UN/CEFACT Forum Management Group,
The Netherlands

10:00 – 10:20

Coffee Break

Session I:

10:20 – 13:00

Scope and Implementation of Trade Facilitation

Focus of the Session: What is the scope of trade facilitation? How can the UN/CEFACT instruments assist WTO countries in addressing operational requirements under GATT Articles V, VIII and X? What trade facilitation initiatives are being adopted in the Asian region?

Chairman:	<i>Mr. Ravi Ratnayake</i> , Director, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand
10:20 – 10:45	Integrated Model of Trade Facilitation Implementation – achieving both governmental and business objectives <i>Mr. Jean Kubler</i> , Chief of the Global Trade Solution Branch, Trade Development and Timber Division, UNECE, Geneva, Switzerland
10:45 – 11:00	Discussion
11:00 – 11:20	Trade Facilitation Negotiations in the WTO <i>Dr. Vijaya Katti</i> , Professor and Chairperson, Management Development Programmes, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India
11:25 – 11:45	Technical aspects of GATT Articles V, VIII and X and the UN/CEFACT Instruments Available <i>Ms. Maria Misovicova</i> , Global Trade Solution Branch, Trade Development and Timber Division, UNECE, Geneva, Switzerland
11:45 – 12:20	Current Initiatives on Trade Facilitation in the Asian Region <i>Ms. Kaori Yasuoka</i> , Economic Affairs Officer, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand <i>Mr. Ngyuen Anh Tuan</i> , Customs Officer, Supervision and Control Department, Customs Department, Government of Viet Nam
12:20 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
Session II: 14:30 – 16:00	<u>Standardization, Design and Implementation of Paper and Electronic Trade Documents</u> Focus of the Session: To help participants gain an understanding of the tools, techniques and standards available from UN/CEFACT to help countries move along the path from simpler trade procedures - to standardised trade documents - to digital trade documents.
Chairman:	<i>Mr. Duane Nickull</i> , Vice-Chairman of UN/CEFACT, Standard Strategist, Adobe Systems Incorporated, Vancouver, Canada
Presentations: 14:30 – 14:50	The UN Layout Key – cornerstone for standardised paper and digital trade documents <i>Mr. Tom Butterly</i> , Global Trade Solution Branch, Trade Development and Timber Division, UNECE
14:50 – 15:30	UNeDocs Overview: Moving from paper to better paper and to digital paper trade documents <i>Mr. Markus Pikart</i> , Global Trade Solution Branch, Trade Development and Timber Division, UNECE
15:30 – 16:00	Discussion
16:00 – 16:20	Coffee Break

Session III: **A Single Window: Common Entry Point for the Lodgement of Trade Information and Documents**
16:20 – 17:00

Objective of the Session: This session aims at exploring on a standard for establishing, maintaining and operating a Single Window for trade related data and documents. Participants will be also invited to consider the need for interoperability among the existing Single Window facilities.

Chairperson: *Mrs. Siti Aminah Abdulah*, Director, Technical Services Division, the Royal Malaysian Customs Department, Malaysia

Presentations: **UN/CEFACT Recommendation on establishing a Single Window**
Mr. Gordon Cragge, Chairman, UN/CEFACT International Trade Procedures Working Group (ITPWG-TBG15), Director, Trade Facilitation and Promotion, SITPRO Limited, London, United Kingdom

16:40 – 17:00 **Hong Kong (China) Single Window:** *Mr. Peter Stokes*, CEO DTTN, Hong Kong (SAR) & *Mr. Gurudutt Ponathar*, Head eTrade, Axway Asia Pacific

Friday, 18 March:

Session III: **A Single Window: Common Entry Point for the Lodgement of Trade Information and Documents (continued)**
09:00 – 11:00

Chairperson: *Mrs. Siti Aminah Abdulah*, Director, Technical Services Division, the Royal Malaysian Customs Department, Malaysia

09:05 – 09:25 **ASEAN Single Window Initiative:** *Dr. Sathit Limpongpan*, Director General, Customs Department, Ministry of Finance, Thailand

09:25 – 09:45 **Singapore Single Window:** *Dr. Chong Yoke Sin*, Chief Operating Officer, NCSI Pte. Ltd., Singapore

09:45 – 10:05 **Korea Single Window:** *Dr. Yoon Say Jeong*, General Manager, e-Trade Team, Korea International Trade Association, the Republic of Korea

10:05 – 10:20 **Coffee Break**

10:20 – 10:40 **Malaysia:** *Mr. Yong Voon Choon*, General Manager of Dagang Net Group of Companies, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

10:40 – 11:00 Discussion

Interactive Session: **Moving from Strategies to Reality**
11:00 – 12:00

This session will require active participation of the Workshop attendees and will be an occasion to put forward their views on the challenges and priorities for trade facilitation implementation. The results of the discussion, which will take place in small groups, will be presented to the Workshop, and will be reflected in the report from the Workshop.

12:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 14:30 Results of the Interactive Session

**Session IV:
14:30 – 16:45**

Paperless Trade and Efficient Trade Information Flows in the Asian and Pacific Region*

Objective of the Session: What is the required regional framework for the implementation of paperless trade? What are the specific regional issues and comparative advantages for paperless trade and a Single Window? What is the role of Governments in this process?

Chairman:

Mr. Mike Doran, Acting Chairman of the UN/CEFACT, Senior Administrator, CERN, Switzerland

Panellists:

Mrs. Siti Aminah Abdulah, Director, Technical Services Division, the Royal Malaysian Customs Department, Malaysia

Mr. Takashi Matsumoto, Director of the Asia Pacific Regional Office World Customs Organization, Bangkok, Thailand

Mr. Rex Chang, Assistant Director-General, Trade and Industry Office, Hong Kong (SAR), APEC Trade Facilitation Expert Group

Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand

Mr. Jonathan Kushner, Microsoft Global Strategic Accounts - Public Sector, Asia Pacific, Multilaterals and Bilaterals, Microsoft Asia Limited, Singapore

16:00 – 16:45

Discussion

16:45 – 17:00

Wrap up discussion

17:00

Close of the Meeting

* The coffee break will be from 15:30 – 15:50