



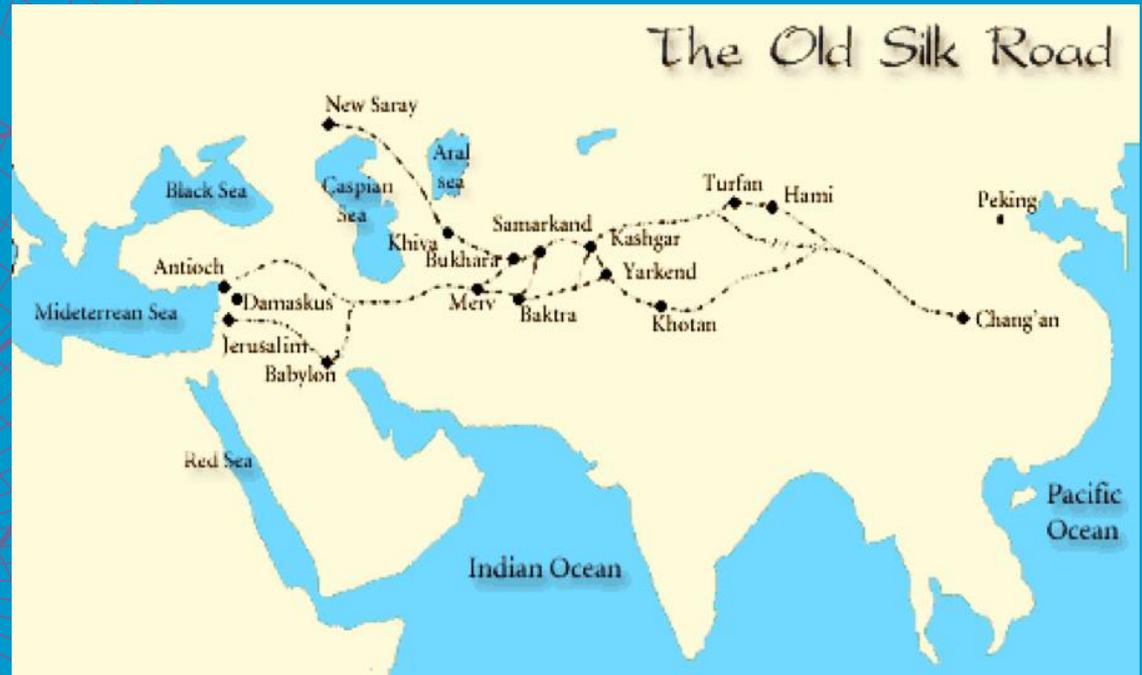
Briefing on the Forum for Heads of Customs Administrations along the Belt & Road

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- ◆ Trace back to more than two millennia ago
- ◆ People of Eurasia explored and opened up several routes of trade and cultural exchanges that linked the major civilizations of Asia, Europe and Africa
- ◆ Collectively called the Silk Road by later generations.





the Silk Road Spirit

**peace and
cooperation**

**openness and
inclusiveness**

**mutual
learning**

**mutual
benefit**



- ◆ Facing the weak recovery of the global economy, and complex international and regional situations
- ◆ It is more important for us to carry on the Silk Road Spirit
- ◆ The Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road Initiative by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013

The Belt and Road Initiative





The Unique Role of Customs

- ◆ Customs administration is the indispensable link of global supply chain
- ◆ Cooperation among world Customs administrations is booming under the aegis of the WCO
- ◆ Significant contributions to the development of world trade and regional economic integration



- ◆ Echo the Belt and Road Initiative and provide a stage for further coordination and cooperation
- ◆ Themed as “Connectivity and Win-win Cooperation”
- ◆ Held in Xi’an, China from 27-28 May, 2015



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Connectivity and Win-Win Development
Forum for Heads of Customs Administrations along the Belt and Road

2015年5月27-28日 中国西安

27-28 May, 2015 Xi'an, China

主办：中华人民共和国海关总署
Hosted by: General Administration of Customs, P.R.China

协办：陕西省人民政府
Supported by: The People's Government of Shaanxi Province



- ◆ Attended by more than 400 representatives from 63 nations and regions, 8 international and regional organizations and business community





Minister of GACC Mr. YU Guangzhou

delivered the welcoming address, sharing his views on the effort of building the Belt and Road and proposals for future cooperation.

- mutual respect and equality
- win-win cooperation and common development
- standing together in weal or woe, peril or safety
- Inclusiveness, learning and exchange of best practices





Secretary General of the WCO Mr. Kunio Mikuriya

Cited the significance of the Belt and Road Initiative and the role of Customs in the collective effort

- link among other regional initiatives
- inspirational for connecting endeavors of regional integration
- Customs-to-Customs cooperation, CBM and Customs-business partnerships are the pillars
- capacity building assistance from the WCO





Vice Premier of the State Council Mr. Wang Yang

Spoke highly the role of Customs in enhancing connectivity and facilitating trade. Proposals for Customs cooperation:

- Foster common ground of opening and cooperation
- Enhance coordination of rules
- Explore new modes of Customs control
- Consolidate basis for cooperation and development





- ◆ Keynote speech session
- ◆ Three sub-forums with themes: connectivity-new opportunity for regional development, connectivity-new orientations of customs reforms and connectivity-new opportunity for customs-business cooperation.





Outcomes of the Forum



The Forum Initiative



Xi'an Statement



Connectivity and Win-Win Cooperation ---Initiative by the Forum for Heads of Customs Administrations along the Belt and Road



Serve connectivity with policy communication



Foster connectivity with clearance facilitation



Sustain connectivity with fairness and security



Support connectivity using technological innovations



Guarantee connectivity with capacity building



Promote connectivity with openness for cooperation



Xi'an Statement on Strengthening of Connectivity by Customs Administrations along the Belt and Road Supported by World Customs Organization Instruments and Tools

promoting the
accession and
implementation of
the WCO
instruments & tools

advancing the
implementation of
the WTO TFA

supporting the
special needs of the
transit process

striking a balance
between the control
and facilitation of e-
commerce

strengthening
information sharing
and communication

supporting the
reform and
modernization of the
Customs
Administrations



Projects initiated by China Customs



Capacity Building
Cooperation Arrangements



Customs Information
Sharing Platform



GACC Capacity Building Cooperation Arrangements for Customs Administrations along the Belt and Road



Focus

- Exchange of information and best practices on:
 - ◆ the implementation of Conventions, frameworks, standards, and Strategic plans of WTO and WCO
 - ◆ Regional Customs initiatives and cooperation outcomes
 - ◆ Management experience



Projects & Plans

- Seminars, workshops, attachment trainings
- Setting up a designated training center in Shanghai Customs College
- In the next 3 years: 6 training courses for medium and high-level officials
- In 2015: 2 training courses, one on supervision and inspection, one on trade facilitation



The Belt and Road Customs Information Sharing Platform Initiated by China Customs

- ◆ platform for data exchange and coordination of customs supervision based on the concept of GNC
- ◆ Co-designed and co-constructed by the Customs Administrations along the Belt and Road based on cloud service
- ◆ Operated and maintained by a third-party company offering free basic information support to customs of less developed countries
- ◆ Follow common data safety standards agreed by participating members
- ◆ Adopt existing data models and standards of WCO



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