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Efforts in Standardization of Trade Related Documents

–Experience of Mongolia and People's Republic of China

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What is CAREC?

□ Partnership

- 10 countries and 6 MIs
- Strong MI collaboration but leadership by countries
- ADB is CAREC Secretariat

□ Action-oriented

- Based on clear strategy and action plan
- Invest in transport, energy and trade facilitation
- Promote capacity development and networking



Joint Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy

Three overarching goals:



Establish competitive corridors across the CAREC region

Facilitate efficient movement of people and goods through CAREC corridors and across borders

Develop sustainable, safe, user-friendly transport and trade networks



CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC)

CCC - a regional forum to address issues of common interest that created an environment of trust and cooperation and has become a cohesive body within CAREC

5 Priority Areas:

- Simplification and harmonization of customs procedures and documentation,
- information and communication technology (ICT) and data exchange,
- Risk management and post-entry audit,
- Joint customs control and one-stop services,
- Regional transit development

Annual meetings review each country's progress on 5 priority areas



10th CCC Annual Meeting, Baku, Azerbaijan

Joint Customs Control

- ❑ Border cooperation and joint customs control between neighboring countries
 - expedite the movement of goods across borders
 - generate significant savings in financial and human resources.

- ❑ Joint customs control needs
 - adoption of customs policies and procedures in line with international best practices
 - transparent rules and regulations
 - bilateral and regional cooperation among customs authorities of neighboring countries and trading partners
 - interagency coordination among customs and other border control agencies



CAREC JCC Pilot

Goal

Reduce transaction and transit costs and facilitate trade between the two countries

Progress

Working and expert groups have been established in PRC and Mongolia for pilot joint customs control in selected crossing points

MOU on JCC signed by customs authorities of both countries

Agreement on an harmonized cargo manifests

JCC pilot was officially introduced in Dec.2009 in Zamyn-Uud and Erlian border

JCC expanded to a second pair of border crossing (Ganshunsuhait and Ganqimaodao) as of 15 Nov 2011

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CAREC JCC Pilot (cont.)

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Training programs on JCC at the Shanghai Customs College (SCC)

- ❑ Customs risk management
- ❑ Application of modern ICT
- ❑ Management of special customs zone

Review of JCC (May 2012)

- ❑ JCC has helped to streamlined the customs inspection
- ❑ Use of the harmonized customs manifests reduced time and cost for traders and reduce incidences of customs violations
- ❑ Accuracy of data on cross-border road-transport has improved

Way Forward

- ❑ Expand the JCC to a third pair of border crossing points in 2013
- ❑ Conduct a study of an approach for electronic exchange of cargo manifests

Conclusions

- ❑ Regional cooperation can provide a neutral platform for countries to engage on equal terms and create consensus on actions
- ❑ Strong government ownership is key to successful implementation



Thank You!

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