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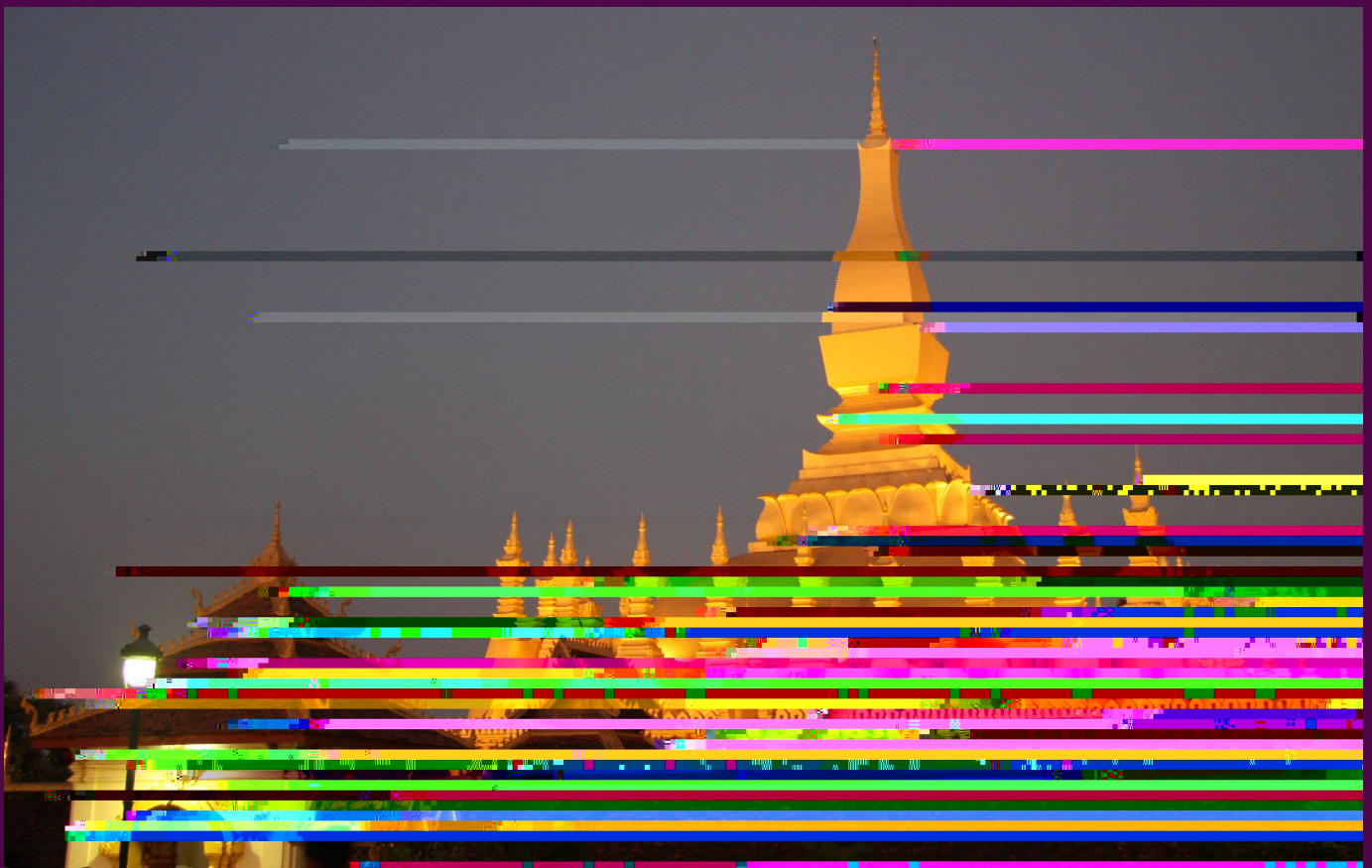
ELEVENTH CHINA ROUND TABLE ON WTO ACCESSIONS

WTO ACCESSIONS AND TRADE INTEGRATION: STORIES FROM THE ASIA-PACIFIC

A Retrospective of 10 Years of Lao PDR's Membership in the WTO

Programme

Vientiane, Lao PDR, 1-3 February 2023



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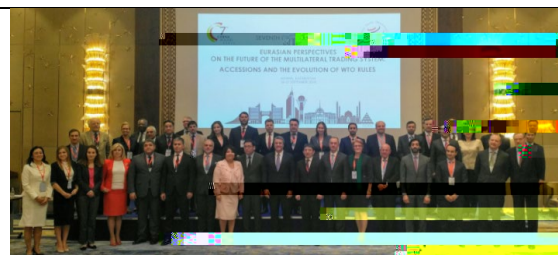
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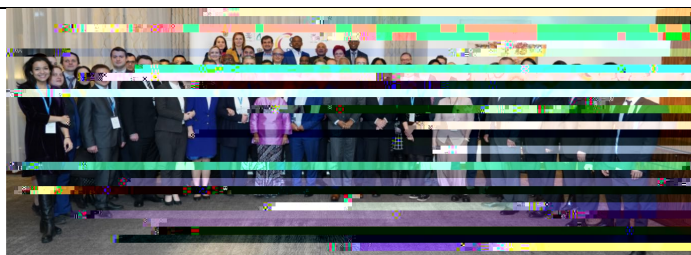
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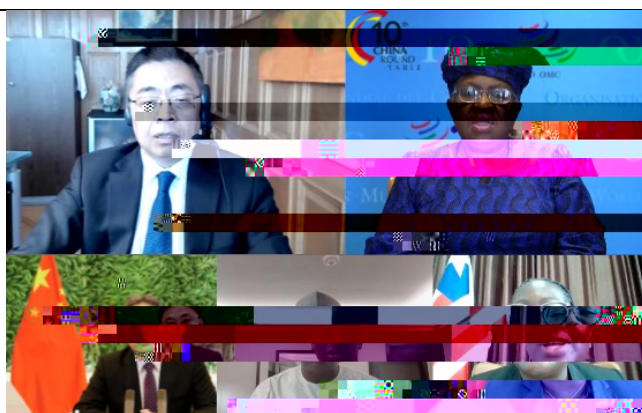
Seventh China Round Table: "Eurasian Perspectives on the Future of the Multilateral Trading System: Accessions and the Evolution of WTO rules"
Astana, Kazakhstan, 26-27 September 2018



Eighth China Round Table: "Accessions and WTO Reform: On the Road to MC12"
Moscow, Russian Federation, 4-6 December 2019



Ninth China Round Table: "25 Years of WTO Accession in Review"
Virtual Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, 11 December 2020



Tenth China Round Table: "10 Years of Capacity Building under the China Programme"
Virtual, Geneva, Switzerland, 18-20 January 2022

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2023

OPENING SESSION

8h30 – 9h00 (Vientiane)

Registration

Opening remarks:

9h00 – 10h00 (Vientiane)



DAY 2 – THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2023

SESSION 3:

HIGH-LEVEL SESSION 2-16AO (U)I'-8.4OFct .2 (110.7 (S1 740.V(E)5 (E-9O)8 R6.08 6S(F1310.7AR-8.1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lao PDR's WTO Accession – Mr Yi Xiaozhun, former DDG, WTO; former Chairperson on the Working Party on the Accession of Lao PDR • WTO and ASEAN: Lao PDR's accession and membership / Lao PDR's Accession to ITA/ITA II – Ms Vilayphone Xindavong, Deputy Director General, Department of Foreign Trade Policy, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR. <p>Commentator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lao PDR's Trade Policy Review – Mr Usman Ali Khilji, Head of Desk, Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, WTO.
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12h30 – 14h14	Lunch
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SESSION 4 (cont'd): LAO PDR's WTO MEMBERSHIP: WHAT'S NEXT?



DAY 3 – FRIDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Axel M. Addy, former Minister of Commerce and Industry, Chief Negotiator on the WTO Accession of Liberia ; • Mr Mozammil Shinwari, former Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce, Chief Negotiator on Afghanistan's WTO Accession; • H.E. Mr Seremaia Matai Nawalu, State Minister of Trade and Commerce, Vanuatu; • Mr Kong Sotheara, Deputy Director, Department of Notification and Legal Compliance, Ministry of Commerce, Cambodia; • Mr Madhu Kumar Marasini, Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Nepal;
CLOSING SESSION	
11h45 – 12h00 (Vientiane)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Outcome of the 11th China Round Table – H.E. Mr Malaithong Kommasith, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR; • Concluding remarks – Ms Maika Oshikawa, Director, Accessions Division, WTO.
12h00 – 13h00 (Vientiane)	Lunch Break
From 13h00 (Vientiane)	Cultural Programme

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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