

## Seminar Participation Report



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## **Background**

China and Africa have a history of trade relations, sometimes through third parties, dating back as far as 202 BC and AD 220. However, the establishment of modern Sino-African relations dates back to the late 1950s when China signed the first official bilateral trade agreement with Algeria, Egypt, Guinea, Somalia, Morocco and Sudan. It is not precisely known when China and Ethiopia first made direct contact. The People's Republic of China–Ethiopia diplomatic relations were established in 1970. Currently, Ethiopia has an embassy in Beijing and the People's Republic of China has an embassy in Addis Ababa. Ever since 2006 China has become Ethiopia's largest trading partner. In addition to the embassy in Beijing, Ethiopia has a Consulate General in Guangzhou, Chongqing and Shanghai that help to facilitate trade and other economic relations between the two countries. The bilateral trade volume between Ethiopia and China has reached 2.19 billion dollars.

China is expanding its investment in Ethiopia and Africa at large. Those who support the investment of China in Africa argue that "... the recent increase in Africa's gross domestic product is because of Chinese investment. The roads, bridges, and dams built by Chinese firms in Africa are low cost, good quality, and completed in a fraction of the time." Unconditional and low-rate credit lines (rates at 1.5% over 15 years to 20 years) have taken the place of the more restricted and conditional Western loans. Since 2000, more than \$10bn in debt owed by African nations to the PRC has been canceled. China has been engaged in a kind of "health diplomacy" towards Africa since the 1960s. Besides there has been a range of multifaceted areas of cooperation and support in cultural exchange, military peacekeeping cooperation and so on. These all shows the exponential growth in China-African cooperation.

Amongst of all mentioned above and to facilitate the tie, the Chinese government has been giving a series of seminars and trainings to officials drawn from developing countries. The seminars and trainings focused on entry-exit commodity inspection, import-export trade procedures, inspection and quarantine procedures as well as on a range of other development issues with the aim of partly in cognizant with the transparency principle of the SPS agreement of the WTO to all member states and partly to help strengthen development endeavors in

developing countries in the aforementioned areas and upscale the relation to a higher level. One such seminar was undertaken from 07 - 27 July, 2015 in Changzhou, Jiangsu province of the Peoples Republic of China.

## **Introduction**

The relation between China and African countries is getting strength year after year. China is becoming one of the crucial trade partners with African countries. China is generously sharing its experience in its development journey with developing countries to create unconditional, sustained and mutual benefiting relation.

Every year China has been providing short term trainings and seminars on various aspects for developing countries between months July and November. As part of the annual program a 21 days seminar for inspection and quarantine officials of English speaking African countries was held recently from 07 - 27 July, 2015. This seminar was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of the Peoples' Republic of China and organized by the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ). The seminar was facilitated by the Jiangsu Inspection and Quarantine Institute of Quality (JSIQ). Such kinds of seminars and workshops deepen the relation and trade ties of Peoples Republic of China with other developing countries.

JSIQ is an affiliate of the Jiangsu Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau as an independent legal entity, and also the International Communication and Co-operation Base directly under General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ). It is a comprehensive scientific research institution which integrates international communication, quality research, comprehensive training, administration and consultation.

JSIQ started to facilitate the human resource foreign aid training programs of the Ministry of Commerce since September 2006, and had successfully undertaken 62 foreign aid training programs concerning quality inspection by 2014. The medium of communications that were used in class included English, French and Mandarin. According to the JSIQ, totally 1500 officials

and technicians from 125 countries of 5 continents have participated in such foreign aid training programs.

## **Objectives**

The general purpose of the seminar was to enhance an acquaintance with African countries, establishing a cooperation stage between other developing countries, promoting the economy and trade cooperation with developing countries. The specific objectives of the training were to:-

- Aware participants about the strict regulatory procedures concerning inspection and quarantine for imports in to PRC
- Highlight China's import and export commodity inspection and quarantine system
- Introduce participants with Chinese import-export inspection and supervision procedures for light industrial products
- Describe food safety control and food contact materials regulations of China
- Discuss on quality issues of Chinese industrial products and help participants understand China's crackdown to control counterfeit products
- Make participants understand about Chinese culture and history

## **Seminar organization and participants**

The seminar was entitled "**Seminar for Inspection and Quarantine Officials of African Countries**", and lasted from July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The language used in class was English. It was sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC and organized by General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of PRC (AQSIQ) and is undertaken by Jiangsu Inspection and Quarantine Institute of Quality (JSIQ). Jinling Mingdu Hotel provided accommodation and other daily services for the participants in Changzhou city during the seminar.

For this seminar twenty five (25) inspection and quarantine officials were drawn from ten (10) English speaking African countries, (Annex II). Two Ethiopian delegates from the Ministry of Agriculture participated in this round of seminar. With just only a week difference in the

program, another round of seminar for Entry-Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine officials for developing countries had been held practically with same itinerary. In that same seminar three Ethiopian participants from the Ministry of Agriculture were present. Hence this report also reflects the activities and participation of our colleagues who participated in the other round. The names of the Ethiopian delegates from the Ministry of Agriculture who participated in the two seminars are listed down:-

No.	Name	Sector	Directorate
<b>Seminar for Inspection and Quarantine officials of English speaking African countries</b>			
1	.Teshager Abebaw,	Agricultural Resources Development	Extension Directorate
2	Elias Walelign, Dr.	Livestock Resources Development	Veterinary Services Directorate
<b>Seminar for Entry-Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine officials for developing countries</b>			
3	Dinberu Wuri,	Agricultural Resources Development	Plant Health Regulatory General Directorate
4	Meseret Bekele, Dr.	Livestock Resources Development	Veterinary Services Directorate
5	Lemlem Tesfaye, Dr.	Livestock Resources Development	Veterinary Services Directorate

### **Thematic presentation topics at the seminar**

The seminar covered a wide range of activities including special subject lectures, symposium and discussions, field trips, investigation and practice. During the seminar for inspection and quarantine officials of African countries various papers were presented by high level government officials and scholars from AQSIQ, JSIQ and CIQ. The presenters introduced participants with policies and measures involved in China's social and economic development and other information related to the themes of the seminar courses. Most of the presenters used the Mandarin language hence participants had to use the services of translators from the JSIQ. The seminar was successfully executed based on the program itinerary (Annex I). The topics covered were:-

- About china: Brief introduction to Chinese culture
- An Overview on China Inspection and Quarantine (CIQ) system
- An overview of China's import and export commodity inspection and quarantine

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- Introduction to Inspection and Supervision on Chinese Import-Export Textile & other light industry Products
- Introduction on inspection business based on inter-governmental agreements
- Introduction to Inspection and Supervision on Import & Export Mechanical and Electrical Products
- Introduction to Laws and Regulations on Chinese Import & Export Animal (Plant) and Animal (Plant) Products Inspection
- Introduction on Entry–exit Health Quarantine in China
- Testing of Food Packaging and Food Contact Material
- Food safety control in China
- Introduction on China's foreign quality inspection cooperation

## **Country reports**

The seminar also created a platform for advanced experience sharing in inspection and quarantine fields for all participating countries. Delegates delivered country specific presentations to introduce their inspection and quarantine work as well as briefed about the economical, cultural and historical realities of their countries. The presentation from Ethiopia was organized and delivered by Ato Teshager Abebaw and Dr. Elias Walelign both from Ministry of Agriculture. The content of the Ethiopian country report was entitled "An Overview of the Entry-Exit Agricultural Products Inspection and Quarantine Situation of the FDR Ethiopia". The report included two themes.

- ✓ **Brief Introduction: Ethiopia the land of wonders, the past and the present! (By Teshager Abebaw)**

This part of the presentation discussed about the nation's history, politics, people, economy, culture, tradition, values, various development initiatives and other features of the country to create awareness on the represented country delegates and Chinese colleagues.

✓ **An overview of the Entry-Exit commodities inspection and quarantine Situation of the FDR Ethiopia (By Elias Walelign)**

This part of the presentation discussed about the organizational structure of the animal and/or plant regulatory authorities, legal basis of inspection and quarantine, overview of current animal and plant inspection and quarantine systems, agricultural products Import/export from/to PRC, Concerns on Chinese Imported commodities.

The content of the presentation is available from the Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Services Directorate and Crop Development Directorate shared folders.

**Participants from Ethiopia while presenting their country Report**



On the photo: From Left to right (Mr. QUARSHIE Robert Yemokwei from Ghana chairing the Presentation, Ato Teshager Abebaw, Dr. Elias Walelign presenting country report on behalf of Ethiopia).



## Places visited

Besides class presentations and symposium discussions, the organizers took the participants to some related provinces, institutions and enterprises to help delegates get real image of developing China. The places of visiting and investigation includes Changzhou, Nanjing, Xi'an and Shanghai. Hence, participants were able to have chance to sit with local officials and provide them with information about the economic situation, trade policies and cooperation intent of their respective countries. Participants were also able to test the diverse and delicious Chinese cuisine, experience its culture and wander some of its historical places monuments. The cities, institutions and places visited are:

### 1- Changzhou City, Jiangsu province, China

#### Changzhou Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau



#### Visit Changzhou Museum and Urban Planning Exhibition Hall

Changzhou Museum and urban planning Exhibition hall is found at the heart of Changzhou city. It contains collections from the past, the present and it indicates where the city is heading in the future. It preserves the history and aspires the future so that the future generation will know its historic root.



## Tianning Temple

The Tianning Temple, located in Changzhou City, Jiangsu Province, China, is noted for its giant wooden pagoda, the Tianning Pagoda. With 13 stories and a height of 153.79 meters (505 ft), this wooden pagoda is now the tallest pagoda in the world. Although the existing pagoda was built by April 2007, the temple grounds and the pagoda have a history of construction and destruction for the past 1,350 years, since the time of the Tang Dynasty (618–907).

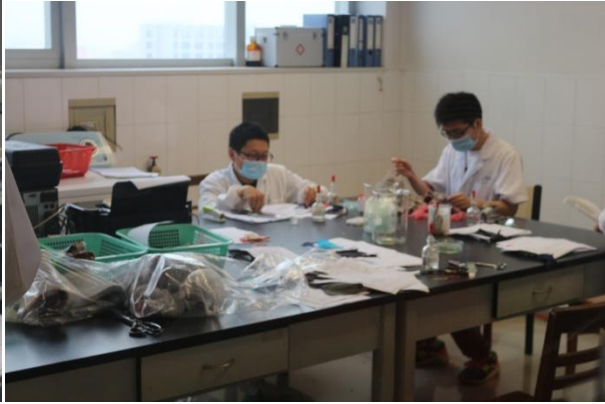


Tianning Temple, Changzhou, China

## 2- Nanjing city, Jiangsu province capital, China:

### Field Trip to Industrial Product Testing Center and Animal and Plant Testing Center of CIQ

#### Jiangsu



### Cultural visits and experience sharing



### 3. Tour in Xi'an, historical city

#### The Tang Dynasty and the terracotta warriors

The story of ancient Tang dynasty and the famous Terracotta warriors are found in a small district just outside the Xi'an city. It is a tourist attraction and is a major tourist hub in China. There are more than 3 museums in the city which display the art and civilization of ancient china dating back to 5000 years BC.



#### 4. Cultural experience: Tour and Field Trip to Shanghai

Shanghai is a fast growing metropolis; is a commercial hub of modern day china. It hosts several international financial institutes. It is also the heart of fascinating Chinese construction art. The city has both the old and the new day's features.



#### Lessons learned

Upon successful completion of the seminar, the following lessons were learnt:

- The participants learned about the actual situation of Chinese inspection and quarantine and it also helped Chinese authorities about the inspection and quarantine situation of African countries
- Participants also were able to understand the working procedures, laws and regulations, as well as the inspection of textile products, electrical and mechanical products of China.
- Also, the entry-exit animal and plant quarantine, entry-exit health quarantine, food safety control systems of China have been understood

- Above all, that to facilitate trade, all countries must continuously improve on the capacity for inspection and quarantine procedures for imports and export to protect the health and safety of humans, protect plant and animal life as well as the environment
- In addition to the lectures, the tours and cultural experiences gave participants real image of the developing China and glimpse of its cities landscapes, people, culture and tradition.

### Closing remarks

The seminar for Inspection and Quarantine officials of African countries came to an end after 21 days of class presentation and field trips . During the closing ceremony, final vote of thanks was presented by the officials of inspection and quarantine agencies of African countries consequently representatives from the organizing institutions of AQSIQ and JSIQ made closing remarks. Finally, participants received certificates for successful completion of the seminar and the seminar was closed up.



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## Annexes

### Annex I. Schedule of Seminar for Inspection and Quarantine Officials of African Countries

Date	Day	Time	Activity	Name of Speaker	Unit of Speaker	Place	Remark
July 7	Tuesday	All day	Arrival of Participants and Rest	Sang Lingqing	JSIQ	Changzhou	
July 8	Wednesday	Morning	Opening Ceremony/Briefing of the Seminar	Zheng Anming/Lu Zhongjie	JSIQ	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
		Afternoon	An overview of China's import and export commodity inspection and quarantine	Robin Wei	CIQ Jiangsu Bureau	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
July 9	Thursday	Morning	An overview of China's import and export commodity inspection and quarantine	Robin Wei	CIQ Jiangsu Bureau	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
		Afternoon	General Review of China	Shen Yilin	Changzhou Government	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
July 10	Friday	All day	Rest		JSIQ	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
July 11	Saturday	Morning	Introduction to Inspection and Supervision on Chinese Import-Export Textile & other light industry Products	Fei Yue	CIQ Jiangsu Bureau	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
		Afternoon	Introduction on inspection business based on inter governmental agreements				
July 12	Sunday	All day	Rest		JSIQ	Changzhou	
July 13	Monday	Morning	Introduction to Inspection and Supervision on Import & Export Mechanical and Electrical Products	Li Chen	CIQ Jiangsu Bureau	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
		Afternoon	Introduction to Laws and Regulations on Chinese Import & Export Animal (Plant)	Li Chaomei	CIQ Nanjing Bureau	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	



			and Animal (Plant) Products Inspection				
July 14	Tuesday	Morning	Visit Changzhou Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau	Zheng Anming	JSIQ	Changzhou	
		Afternoon	Cultural experience: Visit Changzhou Museum and Urban Planning Exhibition Hall	Lu Zhongjie	JSIQ	Changzhou	
July 15	Wednesday	Morning	Cultural experience: Visit Changzhou Tianning Temple	Lu Zhongjie	JSIQ	Changzhou	
		Afternoon	Introduction on Entry-exit Health Quarantine in China	Zhang Jiazhu	CIQ Nantong	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
July 16	Thursday	Morning	Testing of Food Packaging and Food Contact Material	Shang Guiqin	CIQ Changzhou	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
		Afternoon	Food safety control in China	Jiang Yuan	JSIQ	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
July 17	Friday	Morning	Field Trip to Industrial Product Testing Center and Animal and Plant Testing Center of CIQ Jiangsu	Lu Zhongjie	JSIQ	Nanjing	
		Afternoon	Culture Experience: Tour and Shopping in Nanjing Qinhuai Scenic Spot				
July 18	Saturday	All day	Rest		JSIQ	Changzhou	
July 19	Sunday	All day	Tour in Xi'an	Lu Zhongjie	JSIQ	Xi'an	
July 20	Monday	All day	Tour in Xi'an				
July 21	Tuesday	All day	Tour in Xi'an				
July 22	Wednesday	All day	Presentations given by Participants on Introduction to their respective Inspection and Quarantine work	Monitor of the day	Presenting Countries	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
July 23	Thursday	All day	Cultural experience: Tour and Field Trip in Shanghai	Lu Zhongjie	JSIQ	Shanghai	
July 24	Friday	All day	Cultural experience: Tour and Field Trip in Shanghai				
July 25	Saturday	Morning	Introduction on China's foreign quality	Zhou	AQSIQ	Jinling Mingdu	

			inspection cooperation	Shaofeng		Hotel	
		Afternoon	Rest and official representative finish speech		JSIQ	Changzhou	
July 26	Sunday	Morning	Closing Ceremony	Zheng Anming	JSIQ	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
		Afternoon	Departure of Participants		JSIQ	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	
July 27	Monday	All day	Departure of Participants	Sang Lingqing	JSIQ	Jinling Mingdu Hotel	

## Annex II. List of Seminar participants

No.	Country	Name	Sex	Department
1	Cameroon	TOUAGAI Raymond	M	Fotokol Customs Service
2	Cameroon	DENNOU Blaise Valery	M	General Administration of Customs
3	Ethiopia	DAGNACHEW Elias Walelign	M	Ministry of Agriculture of Ethiopia
4	Ethiopia	ABAY Teshager Abebaw	M	Ministry of Agriculture of Ethiopia
5	Ghana	AGYEI Elike	F	Food and Drug Authority of Ghana
6	Ghana	SOWAH Daniel Adjetey	M	Ministry of Trade and Industry of Ghana
7	Ghana	ANIM-KWAPONG Alex	M	Ministry of Trade and Industry of Ghana
8	Ghana	SALIFU Gertrude Gillian	F	Plant Quarantine Division, Ministry of Food and Agriculture
9	Ghana	QUARSHIE Robert Yemokwei	M	Plant Protection & Regulation Service, Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Ghana
10	Ghana	MOHAMMED Sibaweih Ahamed	M	Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Ghana
11	Ghana	AGBEMENYO Wisdom	M	Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Ghana
14	Lesotho	MALEFE Nkhoana Adel	F	Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Livestock Service
15	Lesotho	MASOABI Vincent Moshoeshoe	M	Ministry of Trade and Industry
12	Liberia	DAVIS Margaret Putu	F	Bureau of Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
13	Liberia	JALLAH Flomo Massayan	M	Bureau of Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
16	Malawi	MANYINDA Symon Josasi	M	Malawi Bureau of Standards
17	Malawi	NYIRENDA Albert	M	Malawi Bureau of Standards
18	Malawi	MAPILA Francis	M	Malawi Bureau of Standards
19	Nigeria	ARUMEMI Phebean Oduaki Solomon	F	Standards Organization of Nigeria
20	Nigeria	PANKES Clement Paul	M	Standards Organization of Nigeria
21	Nigeria	SHEHU Mohammad Abubakar	M	Nigeria Customs Service
22	Nigeria	THOMPSON Peter	M	Nigeria Customs Service
23	Seychelles	DUBIGNON Riad Kenny	M	Public Health Authority of Seychelles
24	South Sudan	ORYEM Alberto Abonga Joseph	M	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment of South Sudan
25	South Sudan	YAI John Buol Anyieth	M	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment of South Sudan
26	Zimbabwe	SITHOLE Charles	M	Plant Quarantine Service Institute of Zimbabwe