

# **China's Experience of WTO Services Rules Negotiations**

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## Part I Context

- China is a developing country.
- Newly Acceded Member of the WTO
  - ① Date of Accession: 11 December 2001
  - ② Extensive Services Commitments: 62.5%
  - ③ Not Status Quo, But Future Reform
- State of Play of Services Trade

## Part II Coordination

- Lead Coordinator  
  
Division of Trade in Services,  
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## Part II Coordination (continued)

### ■ Coordination of Decision-Making

- ① Beijing-Geneva Interaction
- ② Inter-agency Coordination Mechanism
- ③ Intra-ministry Coordination Mechanism
- ④ Invite Academia to Participate
- ⑤ Engage Industrial Associations
- ⑥ Publish Articles on Newspaper

## Part III Contributions

- Mainly in the area of Domestic Regulation

Awareness of domestic regulation increases significantly among government agencies.

## Part III Contributions (continued)

- Case Study 1  
Ministry of Construction
- Case Study 2  
Ministry of Justice
- Case Study 3  
All stakeholders

## Part IV Challenges

- Capacity
- Language
- Experience
- Relevance
- Resources
- Balance

## Part V Conclusion

- A proactive role rather than a reactive one will help China better understand, participate in and contribute to the rules negotiations.
- It is imperative to find effective ways to address challenges, especially capacity, language and relevance.
- Technical assistance like this seminar is of vital importance to build up experience and capacity.
- Benefits depend on domestic coordination efficiency and the subsequent capacity to negotiate in Geneva.

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