Seminar on
Streamlining and Simplification of Trade-Related Regulations and Procedures

The Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs (CMEA) of the Republic of Indonesia and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) are co-organizing the “Seminar on Streamlining and Simplification of Trade-Related Regulations and Procedures” on May 16th, 2013 in Jakarta. This seminar aims to share the recommendations compiled through the “Project for Capacity Development for Trade-Related Administration in Indonesia,” a technical cooperation project between the two institutions, on streamlining and simplification of Indonesian trade-related regulations and procedures, especially of trade licensing before customs clearance.

The project, which started in March 2010 and will end in June this year, aims to contribute to the trade facilitation in Indonesia so that the trade-related administration becomes more efficient and effective. During the implementation of the Project, a full-range review has been conducted on the trade-related laws and regulations as well as procedures, followed by making the recommendations for their streamlining and simplification. In the process of formulating the recommendations, the project has conducted hearings with traders, such as suppliers, and made comparisons of trade and industrial policies as well as trade procedures among the ones of Japan, the United States, and the European Union. In order to be able to respond accurately to Indonesia’s specific concerns, the recommendations are made as a drastic yet flexible improvement plan for short-, medium-, and long-terms, covering both exports and imports. Moreover, by taking reference from Japan’s Export and Import Trade Control Orders, the recommendations call for centralizing the trade-related regulations and ensuring the transparency and predictability of trade procedures, thereby reducing various costs to the traders.

In the first half of the seminar, Mr. Edy Putra Irawady, Deputy Minister for Commerce and Entrepreneurship Affairs of CMEA, will introduce the recommendations. Panelists representing Indonesia’s trade-related ministries and agencies will then discuss “Streamlining and simplification of Indonesian trade-related regulations and procedures.” In the second half, Dr. Edwin Vermulst, an attorney, will make a presentation on “Trade Policy and Defense of Domestic Industry.” The Seminar will also feature an introduction to the “EKON Knowledge Base,” a database that compiles some 1,500 of Indonesia’s trade-related laws and regulations (including Government, Presidential, Minister’s Regulations, and Director-General’s Circulation Letters) covering customs law, trade licensing, customs & customs bond procedures, quarantine, and so on, in Indonesian and English translation. The database can be accessed from CMEA’s website (http://rulebook-iica.ekon.go.id). Various domestic and foreign government agencies, international organizations and corporates use the website with the number of access exceeding 13,000 hits per month.
This seminar expects more than 200 participants from government agencies and trading community.

1. Date: May 16th, 2013 (Thu) 09:00 –16:00 hours

2. Place: Hotel Aryaduta Jakarta (Tugu Tani) - 1F Ballroom
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3. Agenda: See Attachment

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