

**Minutes of the 8th Trilateral Meeting of Contact Points
among the Customs of China, Lao PDR and Thailand
along Kunming-Bangkok Highway and the
Lancang-Mekong River**

**3-5 December, 2019
Dali, Yunnan, China**

The 8th Trilateral Meeting of Contact Points among the Customs of China, Lao PDR and Thailand (herein after referred to as "the three parties") along Kunming-Bangkok Highway and the Lancang-Mekong River was held from 3rd-5th December, 2019, in Dali, Yunnan, China. (See Annex I : Name List of Participants).

The representatives of the three parties reviewed and evaluated the progress made in their cooperation since the 7th Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, and updated each other about the reforms carried out in their respective customs administration. They had extensive exchanges and discussions on joint actions to fight against smuggling of solid wastes and endangered wild species, strengthen IPR protection and promote cross-border trade facilitation. In addition, Kunming Customs shared information on the issue of China's general quarantine access requirements for importation of food and agro-products. Finally, they updated each other the renewed contact points (Annex II).

Bearing in mind the need to further contribute to regional economic development, they reached consensus on the following:

It is believed that the annual meeting mechanism is an important platform towards strengthened trilateral cooperation, and that the trilateral relations have been substantially enhanced.

Cooperation should be further strengthened in trilateral assistance in

investigating cases, fighting against violation of customs laws and combating cross-border smuggling, especially that of narcotic drugs, solid wastes and endangered wild species.

It is necessary to establish more effective border customs liaison mechanism for timely exchange of information, especially that regarding the adjustment and change of customs policy.

On the basis of introduction to targeted policy on fake and counterfeit products and measures on law enforcement procedures, it is believed that the exchange of information in this respect should be further strengthened.

After the introduction to China's inspection and quarantine requirements involving the import of foreign agricultural products for the first time and China's encouragement policies on import of agricultural products, the three parties exchanged opinions on how to carry out facilitation measures and improve clearance efficiency, especially expedited clearance of fresh and perishable agricultural products.

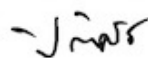
The three parties agreed that the 9th Trilateral Meeting of Contact Points among Customs of China, Laos PDR and Thailand will be held by Lao Customs in Vientiane in September, 2020. The schedule of the meeting will be circulated to contact points in due time.



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