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SCO EXPERT WEBINAR

Coordinated Industrial Development and Cooperation

In the New Era

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Programme

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Overview

Industrialization is one of the eight priority areas outlined by the Global Development Initiative, and also a key direction for cooperation among SCO members.

In recent years, fruitful results have laid the groundwork for further cooperation in promoting regional industrialization and technology sharing, which is evident through improved interconnectivity in fundamental infrastructures, strengthened industrial parks, and enhanced digitalization. However, the Trump administration's reciprocal tariffs disrupt the global trade, and also pose challenges to industrial and supply chains within SCO.

Against the undergoing geopolitical turbulence, SCO members are expected to develop a regional collaborative industrial system that is characterized by independence, security and efficiency, and also with enhanced anti-risk capability in regional supply chain.

Debates

1. What are the trends and challenges posed by geopolitical tensions on future cooperation in industrialization within the SCO framework?
2. How can SCO members adopt a proactive, cooperative approach to build more resilient supply chain network, navigating decoupling and disruption risks while stabilizing inter-regional economic and trade collaboration?
3. How can SCO members develop a more stable and coordinated industrial system to tackle external challenges and turbulences?

Agenda (Chinese and English with Simultaneous Interpretation)

10:00—12:00 Keynote Speech

Open Remarks: *GUO Wanda*, Executive Vice President, China Development Institute

LI Gang, Vice President of China Association of International Trade

Nevskaya Natalia Aleksandrovn, Leading Research Fellow at the Department of Economic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences

ZHANG Xiaotong, Academic Director of China and Central Asia Studies Center, Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics & Strategic Research

LI Lifan, Director of the Center for SCO Studies at Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

Joshua THOMAS, Erudite Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Public Policy Research, India

QI Menglin, Executive Partner of China Commercial Law Firm

Iftikhar Ahmad, Head of School of Economics, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

WANG Zhen, Director of Regional Planning and Development, China Development Institute

(Remark: 10 minutes speech for each speaker)

Moderator:

Kris LIU, Director of International Cooperation Department, China Development Institute

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