3RD JOINT TRAINING PROGRAM

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR THE BELT AND ROAD (B&R) COUNTRIES

OCTOBER 11TH, 2021
ABOUT THE BTBU-ECOSF JOINT TRAINING CENTER

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a massive global initiative aimed at connecting international trading partners in the east and the west. The BRI offers a tremendous potential to spur a new era of trade, economic and industrial growth for the countries in the Asia and beyond. In order to maximize the benefits of BRI, the participating countries require to develop adequate technological workforce and engage in an alliance for promotion of cross-border cooperation in the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) sectors.

Appreciating this need for skill development and capacity building in key economic sectors, the Beijing Technological and Business University (BTBU) in collaboration with Economic Cooperation Organization - Science Foundation (ECOSF) launched a BTBU-ECOSF Joint Training Center on Scientific, Technological and Economic Cooperation under Belt and Road Initiative in September 2020. The Center has won the financial support of China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) Program of International Collaboration Platform for Science and Technology Organizations in Belt and Road Countries.

BTBU is renowned as a one of the leading high-level research universities in Beijing. Having long been committed to promoting substantive exchanges and exchanges with overseas first-class universities and academic institutions, BTBU has achieved meaningful results in international exchanges and cooperation, personnel training, academic research, etc.

ECOSF is the specialized agency of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), an intergovernmental organization for scientific and technological cooperation, with its 10-member states (Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan). ECOSF has an extensive exchange and cooperation network with international scientific and technological organizations in Europe, Asia, Africa and other regions, as well as other international organizations.

BTBU-ECOSF Joint Training Center aims to promote the sustainable economic and social development of BRI countries through training in the fields of technology application, industrial economics, S&T standards and science communication.
THEME OF TRAINING

As Chinese President Xi Jinping pointed out in his speech at the Belt and Road Forum (BRF) for International Cooperation in May 2017, “we should be dedicated to the establishment of the 21st century ‘Digital Silk Road’ by adhering to innovation-driven development, strengthening cooperation in the frontier areas such as digital economy, AI, nanotechnology and quantum computers, and promoting the development of big data, cloud computing and smart cities. The "Digital Silk Road" initiative has promoted the interconnection of countries worldwide and provided development momentum for sustainable development in the world.

Countries around the world also wish to learn from China’s experience in digital economy development and look forward to cooperating with China to promote their own digital development transformation. Given that, the Joint Training Centre organizes this international training program themed at Digital Transformation for BRI countries, which aims to share China’s practice in digital technology application in agriculture, tourism and business for experts, scholars and enterprises from the BRI countries.

WHAT IS DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION?

Digital transformation is the process of adapting existing practices to new digital methods to increase efficiency and keep up with rapidly-changing market demands. This means integrating new technologies—big data, cloud computing, artificial intelligence, machine learning, the Internet of Things—into every area of the conventional business.

It’s imperative to not just implement new technology for the sake of innovation, but to fundamentally change the culture and increase operational efficiency by using agile digital and modern business tools and techniques. This training on Digital Transformation would provide an overview of digital tools that benefits everyone at government, business and individual level.
AGENDA OF THE TRAINING

The 3\textsuperscript{rd} Joint Training Program
Theme: Digital Transformation for BRI Countries

I. Time/Date

02:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Beijing Time – GMT +8), October 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2021

II. Organizational structure

Hosted by
- Beijing Technology and Business University (BTBU)
- Economic Cooperation Organization Science Foundation (ECOSF)

Organized by
- BTBU-ECOSF Joint Training Center on Scientific, Technological and Economic Cooperation under Belt and Road Initiative
- School of International Economics and Management, BTBU
- Pakistan Study Centre of Science & Technology and Economy, BTBU

Co-organized by
- Zhejiang Digital Economy Society (ZDES)
- CP-WELLWAY Institute of Smart Agriculture

Registration

Interested participant can register http://ecosf.org/training.aspx. Once registered, you will receive further information with login and password to access the training sessions.

Target audience/participants

We welcome the participation of relevant government officials, policy makers, business executives, entrepreneurs, ICT professionals, digital transformation enterprises, technologists and specialists, and policy research institutes.
## TRAINING PROGRAM

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