

# **Welcome Remarks by Wang Jinzhen, Vice Chairman of CCPIT, at the Opening Ceremony of the World Export Development Forum 2010**

Distinguished Mr. Bo Xilai, Party Secretary General of Chongqing,  
Distinguished Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of WTO,  
Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD,  
Ms. Patricia, Executive Director of ITC  
Distinguished Mr. Huang Qifan, Mayor of Chongqing Municipal Government of China,  
Distinguished Vice-Minister Mr. Yixiaozhun  
Ladies and Gentleman, Good Afternoon.

Today marked the opening of the World Export Development Forum in Chongqing, a very important city in western China. On behalf of CCPIT, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Chongqing for its full support and I would also like to give a warm welcome to all participants coming from afar.

As the most important annual event of International Trade Centre, the World Export Development Forum is dedicated to the discussion of issues related to international competitiveness. Its aim is to provide advice and assistance for setting up effective export development strategies for various economic systems. This year's forum and its being hosted by Chongqing is especially meaningful. Chongqing, being an important base in western China development and an economic centre in the upstream region of the Yangtze River, has a solid foundation for developing foreign trade and economic cooperation. It has contributed significantly to China's sustainable development and narrowed the gap between central and western regions.

Now after experiencing the financial crisis, global economy has since recovered and rebounded for a period of time, but the steps of recovery have slowed down and the foundation for recovery is still unstable. During this process, China's economy and its foreign trade and economic cooperation has experienced severe challenges. Although it is currently moving in the right direction, there are still a lot of difficulties to overcome. To hold this forum under this background, we hope that it will help all participants to timely understand the global trade development trend and the international market demand by in-depth analysis and exchange of ideas on global trade pattern and export measures in the post-crisis era. It helps the manufacturing transition and product improvement as well as enhancing international communications and cooperation.

After three decades of hard work, China has made great achievements in foreign trade and economic cooperation. Although it has become big, it is still not a strong trade power. We are now

making adjustments in our economic structure, improving export structure, trying to establish more export brands and actively creating conditions for medium and small enterprises to participate in international trade so as to guarantee the long-term sustainable development of our country's economy. Meanwhile, as our country's economy continues to grow and people's livelihood constantly improving, our country's domestic demand is continually expanding which in turn creates enormous opportunities for enlarging imports. For the last three years, our country's import has exceeded one trillion U.S. dollars each year. China has become the second largest importing country which brings unlimited opportunities to the world. Speaking in this sense, I sincerely hope that all participants will make use of this opportunity fully to enhance mutual understanding and to explore mutually beneficial cooperation.

The China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) is the largest trade investment institution in China. It is committed to promote China's foreign trade, to attract foreign investment, to internationalize China enterprises' operations and promote economic and technology exchanges in various forms. Over the past many years, CCPIT has maintained friendly cooperation with your trade promotion organisations and a close working relationship with UN International Trade Centre. We not only participated in the World Trade Promotion Institutions Summits organised by International Trade Centre (ITC), we also hosted the fourth Summit in 2002 and jointly developed many programs including "International Enterprises Operations Management Training program", "International Trade Advisor Program (CTAP)", "Tibet carpet export" program which supports the development of Tibet, Information Exchange, etc. All these have obtained satisfactory results. We will strengthen our cooperation with you and the International Trade Centre as always for the advancement of China's foreign economic and trade communications and cooperation.

Finally, on behalf of CCPIT, I would like to express my gratitude to the International Trade Centre of the United Nations once again for your selection on China and your guidance to the forum. I express my gratitude to the Commerce Department of China, WTO, and UNCTAD for your great support and especially, I also would like to express my gratitude to the People's Government of Chongqing for their wonderful planning and vigorous inputs to this forum. All these support will ensure the success of this forum. Thank you very much!