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UNCTAD XII pre-event Lessons learned from South-South trade in Asia and the role of regional trade agreements

Geneva, 2 April 2008
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Palais des Nations, E building, Room XXI

Keynote address:

Tomoharu Washio, Executive Vice President, JETRO

Opening statement:

Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Session 1: Dynamic trends in South-South trade and rapidly evolving regional trade agreements in Asia

Panellists:

Miho Shirotori, DITC, UNCTAD

Dynamic trends in South-South trade

Ichiro Araki, Professor, Yokohama University

Rapidly evolving regional trade agreements in Asia

Minako Morita, DITC, UNCTAD

Comparative analysis of scope and coverage of South-South regional trade agreements in Asia

Amb. Datuk M. Supperamaniam, Adviser, WTO/FTA negotiations, Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers

-Discussion-

Session 2: South-South regional trade agreements in Asia and their impacts on trade

Panellists:

Marco Fugazza, DITC, UNCTAD
Impacts of regional trade agreements on trade

Hiratsuka, Daisuke, Director-General, Development Studies Center, Institute of Developing Economies (IDE), JETRO
ASEAN-related regional trade agreements and their economic impacts

Sudip Basu, DITC, UNCTAD
India and South-South regional trade agreements

Pierre Sauv , Deputy Managing Director and Director of Studies, World Trade Institute
South-South preferential trade agreements -Is there evidence of capacity-building and regulatory strengthening externalities?

-Discussion-

Session 3: Policy lessons and implications for developing-country Governments in other regions

Panellists:

Prof. Pierre Sauv , Deputy Managing Director and Director of Studies, World Trade Institute

Amb. Datuk M. Supperamaniam, Adviser, WTO/FTA negotiations, Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers

Toshiki Takahashi, Director, International Economic Research Division, Overseas Research Department, JETRO
Regional trade agreements and business strategy: What can developing countries learn from it?

Victor Ognivtsev, DITC, UNCTAD

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