The 25th Anniversary of China's Accession to the WTO: Openness, Integration and Development

Date: 15:00-17:00, November 5, 2026

Venue: 4.2 Hall A2, National Exhibition and Convention Center, Shanghai

Hosted by: Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China

Organized by: Shanghai University of International Business and Economics

Introduction:

The year 2026 marks the 25th anniversary of China's accession to the WTO. Over the past 25 years, China has fully implemented its WTO accession commitments, actively integrated into the global trading system, and deeply embedded itself in global value chains. In this process, China has not only accelerated its own development but also made important contributions to global development.

This parallel session will bring together representatives from government, business, and academia to discuss "Universally Beneficial and Inclusive Economic Globalization: China's Practice and Its Global Impact" and "The WTO: Shared Vision and Innovative Development". The discussions will review China's valuable experience in opening-up and international cooperation over the 25 years since its WTO accession, share opportunities arising from China's integration into global value chains for global development, examine the important role of the WTO and its rules in global economic governance, identify the challenges it faces and explore the direction of reform.

Program:

Moderator：	Mr. HAN Yong	Director General, Department of WTO Affairs, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (Opening Remark & Keynote Speech)
	Ms. TIAN Wei	Anchor, CGTN (Panel Discussions)

Agenda	Timeslot	Honored Guests	Title & Organization
Opening Remark	15:00-15:10	LI Chenggang	China International Trade Representative (full minister rank) and Vice Minister of Commerce
Keynote Speech	15:10-15:15	Maika Oshikawa	Director of the Accessions Division, representing the Director-General of the WTO
Panel Discussion 1	15:15-16:05	**Universally Beneficial and Inclusive Economic Globalization: China's Practice and Its Global Impact**	
		Zhao Zhongxiu	Former President of the University of International Business and Economics
		Carlo D'Andrea	National Vice President of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China and Shanghai Chapter Chair, Founder and Managing Partner of D' Andrea & Partners Legal Counsel
		Han Liyu	Professor of the Renmin University of China
		Guo Jun	Founder and Chairman of the Sinosky Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd
Panel Discussion 2	16:05-16:55	**The WTO: Shared Vision and Innovative Development**	
		Yi Xiaozhun	Former Deputy Director-General of the WTO
		Clemens Boonekamp	Former Director of Trade Policies Review Division and Agriculture and Commodities Division of the WTO
		Liu Liya	President of Shanghai University of International Business and Economics
		Lu Xiankun	Founder and CEO of the Friends of Multilateralism Group
Conclusion	16:55-17:00		