



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Climate Change Service
Legal Affairs Service

FROM : **The OIC Director**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **5th ROUND OF ASEAN-CHINA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
(ACFTA) 3.0 UPGRADE NEGOTIATIONS WORKING GROUP
ON GREEN ECONOMY**

DATE : **22 JAN 2024**

This refers to the letter dated 15 January 202 from the Director Marie Sherylyn D. Aquia of the of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) regarding the conduct of the Fifth Round of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) 3.0 Upgrade Negotiations and Related Meetings to be held on 29 January – 02 February 2024 at the Zhejiang Xizi Hotel, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province of China.

Background

Following the launch of the FTA negotiations in November 2022, ASEAN and China have been committed to work closely together to deepen trade and investment relations, enhance regional economic integration, and boost ASEAN-China economic cooperation.

Through the upgrade negotiations, both Parties have acknowledged the importance of enhancing the ACFTA by focusing on trade opportunities in the areas of digital economy and green economy, promotion of investment, tourism flows, e-commerce, consumer protection, development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and financial services, among others. As such, the topic on Green Economy is a key agreed element to further Parties' existing commitments and help ensure that the ACFTA remains relevant to our businesses, future-ready, and responsive to global challenges.

The 5th Round of the ACFTA 3.0 Upgrade Negotiations and Related Meetings will be conducted in China, and the ACFTA Joint Committee (JC) will meet in parallel with the Working Groups (WG) on Trade in Goods (TIG), Investments, Digital Economy (DE), **Green Economy (GE)**, Competition and Consumer Protection (CC), Economic and Technical Cooperation (ETC), and the Sub-Committee on Sanitary and

Phyto-Sanitary Measures (SC-SPS). The schedule and venue of meetings are indicated in the attached Programme of Activities.

Hereunder is the meeting details for Working Group on Green Economy:

Working Group	Date	Relevant Agencies
WG-GE	29 January – 02 February 2024	Department of Finance (DOF) Board of Investments (BOI) Department of Energy (DOE) Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) NEDA-Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment Staff (ANRES)

Action requested

In preparation for the said negotiation, the DTI is seeking the Department's comments on the China's draft text for the Green Economy Chapter. In this regard, we would like to request your inputs and comments on the said draft Green Economy Chapter proposed by China. We would also like to reiterate our call for nomination of focal persons (at least a senior technical level staff) who will join the DENR pool of experts for ACFTA relative to Green Economy Chapter. To date, only the nominations from the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) and the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) have been received by our Office.

In view of the above, we would like to reiterate our previous communication requesting your **nominated focal person/s** for the ACFTA following the prescribed format (*Name, Position, Office, Contact Number and Email Address*). We would also appreciate receiving your **feedback on the draft Green Economy Chapter** of ACFTA by **24 January 2024** (send to psddivision@gmail.com). You may also access the Green Economy texts (*as of December 2023*) using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/mft73hka>.

Attached are the copy of the letter from DTI, administrative note, programme of activities, and the copy of China's proposal for Green Economy Chapter, for your ready reference.

For your information and appropriate action, please.


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Note:

- China text proposals are in blue.
- ASEAN text proposals text in purple.
- Clean text agreed by both Parties are in black.

Chapter xx: Green Economy

[CN: Section I. General Principles and Objectives]

[ASEAN to delete: [CN: Article 1- Context]

~~1. [1] Recalling the Stockholm Declaration on the Human Environment of 1972, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development of 1992, Agenda 21 on Environment and Development of 1992, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation on Sustainable Development of 2002, the Rio+20 Outcome Document "The Future We Want" of 2012 and the Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of 2015, the Parties recognize that economic development, social development and environmental protection are interdependent and mutually supportive components of sustainable development, and underline the benefit of their cooperation on environmental issues as part of a global approach to sustainable development.~~

Commented [PPU1]: (WG GE 4)

China suggested to divided the Chapter into 4 Section. For ASEAN's consideration.

Commented [PPU2]: (WGGE 4)

ASEAN suggested to include Para 1 under Article 4 on General Principles/ Article 3 on Basic Principles. For China's consideration.

China to retain Para 1 under Article 1 on Context. China also may consider alternative proposal to include it under other Article, subject to China's consideration

~~2. [The Parties recall the important documents adopted in recent years, including the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030, the Joint Statement of the ASEAN-China Special Summit to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations, the ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Cooperation in Support of the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (ACRF), and the ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Enhancing Green and Sustainable Development Cooperation. The Parties also recall the statements and visions put forward by ASEAN and China to promote sustainable development in the region, including ASEAN Community Vision 2025, the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP), Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Global Development Initiative (GDI).]~~

Commented [PPU3]: (WGGE 4)

ASEAN suggested to put Para 2 under Preamble of the ACFTA Upgraded Agreement considering the details documents to be referred, in which it is not only related to Green Economy, but also to overall structure.

China to retain Para 2 under Article 1 on Context. China also may consider alternative proposal.

[CN: Article 2] [ASEAN: Article 1:] Objectives]

1. Promote a green and [ASEAN: low-carbon-economy climate resilience], cultivate new growth engines such as clean and renewable energy and green industry, innovation, best available techniques, and focus on promoting high-quality development that will contribute towards low carbon, resource efficiency and climate resilient development.

Commented [PPU4]: ASEAN suggest to put Para 2 under Preamble/General .

China to retain Para 1 and 2 under Article 1. WG GE, and may consider the alternative proposal.

Commented [PPU5]: (WG GE 4)

For confirmation by China on ASEAN proposed amendments on Objectives for Para 1 - 4.

Commented [M6]: 202401 CN: can accept.

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2. Intensify cooperation on areas of mutual interests [ASEAN: 202401 CN: that strengthened cooperation] on green economy] such as green trade, green investment and green finance to support regional low carbon and [ASEAN: climate resilience] sustainable development, [ASEAN: and build a prosperous and beautiful home together. To achieve common prosperity]

Commented [M7]: 202401 CN: duplicate with the beginning of the paragraph ("intensify cooperation")

2.3. Promote dialogue [ASEAN: and sharing of knowledge, best practices, expertise and information] on climate [ASEAN: response action and environmental protection], increase policy communication and experience sharing, [ASEAN: as well as identifying common] [ASEAN: and synergize] [202401 CN: as well as identifying common align] plans [ASEAN: and strategies] for sustainable development.

Commented [PPU8]: (WG GE 4)
China requested further clarification from ASEAN on how to identify common plans and strategies.

3.4. Jointly promote a regional energy transition and enhance technology sharing in energy efficiencies, clean and renewable energies.

[ASEAN: Article 32: Definition and Terminology]

[ASEAN: For the purposes of this Chapter, unless otherwise provided in this Chapter:

Example: (need to be refined intersessionally)

[CN can accept (a) New energy means energy that is systematically developed and utilized on the basis of new technologies. Its scope will change with technological progress.

(b) Clean energy means energy with zero or low emissions of greenhouse gases and pollutants during its [ASEAN: production and] consumption process. It refers to both primary energy sources and secondary energy sources processed and converted from them.]

Commented [PPU9]: ASEAN to provide further inputs on this. To be placed as Placeholder.

Commented [M10]: 202401 CN: will response after receiving the complete proposal from ASEAN.

[CN:Article 4. General Principles] [ASEAN: Article 3. Basic Principles]

[ASEAN to delete: [CN: - Staying committed to development as a priority. The Parties commit to prioritize development, strengthen policy coordination, and ensure policy continuity, consistency and sustainability. The Parties strive to foster global development partnerships that are more equal and balanced, forge greater synergy among multilateral development cooperation processes, and speed up the implementation of the UN-2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- Staying committed to benefits for all. The Parties should care about the special needs of countries at different stages of development. The Parties may employ various means to

Commented [PPU11]: (WG GE 4)
ASEAN proposed to delete the whole insertion from China and suggested new paragraphs below. For China's consideration.

China proposed to retain the whole insertion, with consideration of some amendments on the proposed paragraph. For ASEAN's consideration to incorporate China's proposed paragraph to Article 4/3 on Basic/General Principles.

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support developing countries in developing green and low-carbon energy, with emphasis on addressing unbalanced development of green economy among countries.

~~– Staying committed to innovation-driven development. The Parties commit to seize the opportunities created by the latest round of green technological revolution and green industrial transformation, and foster an open, fair, equitable and non-discriminatory environment for the development of green economy.~~

~~– Staying committed to harmony between man and nature. The Parties commit to improve regional environmental governance, actively respond to climate change, protect biological diversity and create a community of life for man and nature. The Parties commit to accelerate transition to a green and low-carbon economy and strive to peak carbon dioxide emissions and achieve carbon neutrality.~~

~~– Staying committed to results-oriented actions. The Parties commit to increase input in development, advance cooperation on climate change and green development, among other areas, and accelerate implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, so as to build a global community of development with a shared future.]~~

[ASEAN]:

1. The Parties reaffirm commitment to uphold [202401 CN: obligations-principles set by the Stockholm Declaration] on the Human Environment of 1972, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development of 1992, Agenda 21 on Environment and Development of 1992, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation on Sustainable Development of 2002, the Rio+20 Outcome Document "The Future We Want" of 2012, Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of 2015, [202401 CN: as well as obligations under] the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and [202401 CN: the its] Paris Agreement, and other related Multilateral Environmental Agreements that China and ASEAN are [202401 CN: Party Parties] to.

[202401 CN: 1 bis. The Parties recall the statements and visions put forward by ASEAN and China to promote sustainable development in the region, including ASEAN Community Vision 2025, the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP), Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Global Development Initiative (GDI).]

Commented [PPU12]: (WG GE 4)

For China's consideration on ASEAN's proposed paragraph 1 - 5.

Commented [M13]: 202401 CN: can withdraw the original Article 1. Context if para 1bis is accommodated here.

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[202401 CN: 1 ter. The Parties recognize the importance of upholding development as a priority, benefits for all, innovation-driven development, harmony between man and nature, as well as results-oriented actions.]

Commented [M14]: 202401 CN: can withdraw the original text under Article 4. General Principles if para 1ter is accommodated here.

4.2. The Parties recognize the sovereign rights of each Party to develop, set, administer enforce and modify laws and policies relevant to trade and environment, and climate change accordingly.]

Commented [M15]: 202401 CN: can accept.

2.3. The Parties recognize that it is inappropriate to use environmental standards as a disguised means of trade protectionism. The Parties also recognize that weakening or reducing levels of protection in the environmental standards to encourage trade or investment is inappropriate.]

Commented [M16]: 202401 CN: can accept.

3.4. The Parties recognize the importance of taking action on climate change [ASEAN: and environmental protection] in a manner that promotes and not restrict trade and investment, and achieve mutually beneficial outcomes particularly in green supply chains, [202401 CN: green standard.] sustainable agriculture, clean energy, green finance[202401 CN:.] green technology and the circular economy[202401 CN:., etc].

4.5. The Parties recognize the importance of cooperation in sustainable infrastructure to support individual and collective efforts [ASEAN: on to address] climate change and promote environmental sustainability and green growth:]

Commented [M17]: 202401 CN: can accept.

5. [~~The Parties acknowledge the vital role of the ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance in promoting transition to low-carbon practices, i.e., climate change mitigation and adaptation. [China] as well as importance of advancing comparability and interoperability of taxonomies in supporting more efficient, lower cost cross-border green capital flows. The Parties], and will pursue cooperation among development banks, including the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), and the financial sector towards this end.]~~

Commented [PPU18]: (WG GE 4)
China to provide further additional inputs on the paragraph.

Commented [LAL19]: Moved to article on green finance

Commented [M20]: 202401 CN: agree to move para 6 to the Article 8 Green Finance, and has provided further inputs there.

[ASEAN: Article 5: Environmental Goods and Services]

[Placeholder for collaboration in identifying goods and services relevant to green technology to demonstrate the seriousness and resolve of both sides to mainstream

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sustainable development and work towards a green economy under the ACFTA. Possible collaboration could be in the areas of study on trade facilitation; harmonization of standards for environmentally-friendly products; promoting the use of more efficient, cleaner or renewable energy sources for the production of manufactured goods; etc.]

Article 6: Cooperation and Capacity Building

Commented [PPU21]: (WG GE 4) Clean

1. The Parties are committed to strengthening cooperation in education, joint research, and development projects in priority areas, as well as to fostering demand for green products and services to stimulate innovation, competitiveness, and long-term sustainable development.
2. The Parties are committed to working together to build capacity and share knowledge, best practices, expertise, information exchange, technical assistance, and other forms of cooperation to promote a better understanding of the challenges of transitioning to economies, to assist in implementing the agreement and enhancing its benefits, with the intention of accelerating economic growth towards a green economy.

[CN: Section II. Priority Areas of Cooperation] [ASEAN: Article 7: Co-operation]

Commented [PPU22]: (WG GE 4)

[CN: Recognizing the importance of green economy in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the Parties may strive to strengthen collaboration, including through the sharing of knowledge, best practices and technology, on the following priority areas in order to promote the just transition of energy, upgrading of industrial structures, green and sustainable recovery as well as high-quality development.]

China preferred to retain the structure by putting Section II and to retain the structure of Article instead of alphabetical numbering. For ASEAN's consideration.

Commented [PPU23]: (WG GE 4)

ASEAN to provide inputs and confirmation on the Chapeau para of Section II. Priority Areas of Cooperation.

[CN: Article 4. Area 1: Green Trade] [ASEAN: (a) Green Trade]

Commented [PPU24]: (WG GE 4)

[1. The Parties recognize that international trade is an engine for inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction and contributes to the promotion of sustainable development. The Parties further recognize that green trade is central to green economy, which can promote and strengthen the development of green industries, sectors and markets through the delivery of environmental goods and services, and support the transition to sustainable economic growth.

ASEAN to provide further inputs or confirmation on Green Trade for Para 1 - 3.
ASEAN to provide further inputs or confirmation on the structure of Green Trade to be Article 4. Area 1, as proposed by China.

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2. The Parties reaffirm their commitments to promote the development of international trade in such a way as to contribute to the objective of sustainable development and to ensure that this objective is integrated and reflected in the Parties' trade relationship.

3. The Parties agree that the provisions of this Chapter shall not be applied in a manner that would constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or as a disguised restriction on trade between the Parties.]

4. ~~[ASEAN to delete:] APEC members among the Parties reaffirm their commitment to the List of Environmental Goods and Reference List of Environmental and Environmentally Related Services endorsed by APEC. The Parties commit to, through implementing obligations and schedules of commitment in chapters on Trade in Goods, Trade in Services, SPS and STRACAP, etc., of this Agreement, strive to improve access to environmental goods and services, address tariff and non-tariff measures, and establish a sound policy environment for the development of green trade.]~~

Commented [PPU25]: (WG GE 4)

China to seek ASEAN's consideration to retain the paragraph. China to propose amendment on the Para for ASEAN's consideration.

Commented [PPU26]: (WG GE 4)

ASEAN to seek China's consideration as not all AMS are APEC member.

[202401 CN: 4 alt. The Parties commit to, through implementing obligations and schedules of commitment in chapters on Trade in Goods, Trade in Services, SPS and STRACAP, etc., of this Agreement, strive to improve access to environmental goods and services, address tariff and non-tariff measures, and establish a sound policy environment for the development of green trade.]

5. The Parties are encouraged to utilise various promotional activities such as exhibitions to collaborate and to build platforms for the development of green trade, and vigorously promote trade of green products with high quality and high added value.]

Commented [PPU27]: (WG GE 4)

ASEAN to seek China's consideration for not listing the name of exhibitions in the articles, considering the long list of exhibitions conducted by both ASEAN and China. ASEAN proposed to put it under "exhibitions" as general.

[CN: Article 5. Area 2: Green Investment] [ASEAN: (b) Green Investment]

[CN: 1. The Parties recognize that investment is a major driver of productivity, inclusive economic growth and job creation, and can play an important role in promoting sustainable development in all its dimensions.

Commented [M28]: 202401 CN: can accept.

2. The Parties agree to strengthen green investment cooperation, encourage investment in industries such as energy conservation and environmental protection, ecological environment, ecological agriculture, and green services, and improve the sustainable development level of investment cooperation projects.]

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[ASEAN: 3. The Parties agree to strengthen promotion of investment in low-carbon technologies to contribute to Parties' efforts to transition to green economies, circular economy, and green skills development]

[CN: 4. The Parties may enhance mutual understanding of green investment strategies and policies through holding meetings, seminars and forums.

5. The Parties may promote green investment cooperation in the existing national and city level cooperation projects between China and ASEAN member states.

6. The Parties may encourage stakeholders, such as local government, government agencies, industry associations, chambers of commerce, financial institutions and enterprises, to strengthen contact, explore new cooperation opportunities in green investment, and ensure that their cooperation continues to be improved and more forward-looking.]

[CN: Article 6. Area 3: Sustainable Consumption and Production] [ASEAN: (C) Sustainable Consumption and Production]

[CN: 1. The Parties recognize sustainable consumption and production as one of the SDGs in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Parties should encourage green consumption and promote green and low-carbon ways of production and life.

2. The Parties may strengthen experience sharing, communication and cooperation in the following aspects, including but not limited to,

(1) promotion of simple and moderate, green and low-carbon ways of life, construction of green shopping malls, development of green transportation, promotion of green product sales, and expansion of green product consumption.

(2) promotion of sustainable agricultural production, such as farmland protection and stewardship, improvement of water use efficiency in agriculture, agricultural bioresource protection, agricultural nonpoint source pollution abatement and control, conservation and rehabilitation of agricultural ecosystems, development of green and low-carbon agricultural value chains, improvement of green technology innovation systems, and transformation towards green lifestyle in rural areas.]

[CN: Article 7. Area 4: Circular Economy/Green Circulation] [ASEAN: (d) Circular Economy]

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[CN: 1. The Parties recognize the important role of circular economy /green circulation in promoting sustainable development. The Parties should encourage conservation and efficient use of resources of all types, and endeavor to put in place a system for recycling waste and used materials.

2. The Parties may strengthen experience sharing, communication and cooperation in the following aspects, including but not limited to,

(1) plastic pollution control, green distribution, green warehousing, and green transformation of express packaging.

(2) Green and low-carbon transport of agricultural products, rebuilding and upgrade of agricultural wholesale markets, green business models of agricultural e-commerce.]

[CN: Article 8. Area 5: Green Finance] [ASEAN: (e) Green Finance]

[CN: 1. The Parties recognize that the establishment and improvement of a green financial system can help bring into play the role of capital market in optimizing resource allocation and serving the real economy, and supporting and promoting sustainable economic development.

2. The Parties may strengthen experience sharing, communication and cooperation in the following aspects, including but not limited to, green credit, green bonds, green insurance, green funds, green trusts, and other multi-level green financial products and market systems, green finance policies and standard systems, transition finance standards, and the construction of local pilot zones for green finance reform and innovation, etc.

3. The Parties should promote the convergence of international standards for green finance, two-way opening up of green financial markets in an orderly manner and capacity-building in green finance, leverage green investment in private sector through regional cooperation mechanisms such as China-ASEAN cooperation, and promote regional cooperation in green finance.

4. The Parties should encourage credit rating agencies to specifically evaluate the environmental-friendliness of fund-raising and investment projects, the impact of environmental costs on the credit rating of bond issuers and their bonds, and separately disclose such information in credit rating reports.]

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5. [ASEAN: The Parties acknowledge the vital role of the ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance and [202401 CN: China's taxonomies for respective Parties sustainable finance taxonomy] in promoting and supporting transition to low-carbon and climate resilient development, i.e., climate change mitigation and adaptation. [202401 CN: as well as the importance of advancing comparability and interoperability of taxonomies in supporting more efficient, lower-cost cross-border green capital flows. The Parties and] will pursue cooperation among [202401 CN: multilateral] development banks, including the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), and the financial sector towards this end.]

[CN: Article 9. Area 6: Green Technology] [ASEAN:(f) Green Technology¹]

[CN: 1. The parties recognize that green technology is an engine for green and low-carbon development and response to climate change, which can provide important support for the development of green economy.

2. The parties are committed to building a closer partnership on science, technology and innovation, including [ASEAN: low-carbon technologies, sustainable and green infrastructure, environmental industry, green industry] through jointly implementing the ASEAN-China Plan of Action on a Closer Partnership of Science, Technology and Innovation for Future (2021-2025), and the launching of the ASEAN-China Science, Technology and Innovation Enhancing Programme, to further enhance exchanges on innovative development of science and technology of both sides and foster new impetus for cooperation.

3. The Parties may strengthen experience sharing, communication and cooperation in the following aspects, including but not limited to, innovation and integration of green technology, research and development of green agricultural equipment, development of agricultural green technology research institutions, commercialization of green technology research findings, trial and pilot extension of green technology, support to smallholders in adopting green technology, and capacity building for green development.]

¹ For the purpose of this Chapter, green technology refers to technology intended to be used to mitigate or reverse the effects of human activities on the environment. [<https://www.igi-global.com › dictionary › green-technology>]

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[CN: Article 10. Area 7: Green Standard] [ASEAN: (g) Green Standard]

[CN: 1. The parties recognize that standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures increase compatibility and interoperability of systems and processes and reduce barriers to trade which support a well-functioning green economy. The parties also recognize that information exchange and transparency with regard to the preparation, adoption and application of standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures on green economy are important for international cooperation.

2. The Parties may strengthen experience sharing, communication and cooperation in the following aspects, including but not limited to,

(1) encouraging, where appropriate, the adoption and development of international standards relating to green economy; exploring the development of standards in areas that are of mutual interest to the Parties, including but not limited to international standards.

(2) promoting dialogue and cooperation on standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures related to green economy, in particular policy alignment on standards, technical regulations, and conformity assessment procedures for new energy products such as new energy batteries, new energy vehicles and related components and parts, encouraging policy coherence and mutual recognition, in order to reduce trade barriers, and promote the development of green trade and investment.

(3) Improving the green agricultural product standards system, promoting fine breeds and seeds with better quality while strengthening brands and standardized production, putting in place a criteria system for evaluating the quality of agricultural products, creating a structure of agricultural brands, and building a criteria system for green agricultural development across the value chain.

3. The Parties may strengthen exchanges on mutual recognition of conformity assessment results related to green economy, in order to reduce duplicate evaluations, and promote trade facilitation.

4. The Parties may encourage coordination in setting up such international standards as the Codex Alimentarius standards and increase coherence among standards.]

[CN: Article 11. Area 8: Sustainable Energy] [ASEAN: (h) Sustainable Energy]

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[CN: 1. The Parties recognize the importance of accelerating the construction of a new energy system, increasing the proportion of clean energy consumption, and promoting the green and low-carbon transition of the energy structure.]

~~[ASEAN: 2. The Parties recognize the importance for energy transition to consider the timely decommissioning of coal-fired power plants, it can be valuable means of transitioning to more sustainable sources of energy.]~~ **【202401CN to delete】**

[CN: 3. The Parties may promote knowledge sharing in renewable energy technologies and advance energy transition in the region, including through establishing an ASEAN-China Clean Energy Cooperation Center, to contribute to achieve low-carbon economic development as well as green and sustainable growth.

4. The Parties agree to strengthen cooperation in the sustainable energy industries in the fields including wind power, hydropower, photovoltaic, hydrogen fuel cells, smart energy solutions, energy storage systems, electric vehicles, etc. and promote trade and investment liberalization and facilitation of products and services related to sustainable energy between the Parties.

5. The Parties may strengthen experience sharing, communication and cooperation in the following aspects, including but not limited to, fostering the industries that convert livestock manure into energy sources, taking progressive steps to produce biomass fuel from straw and improve energy mix in rural areas, demonstrating alternative energy sources that help with emission reduction and carbon sequestration, and building more clean energy facilities.]

[CN: Article 12. Area 9: Coordinated Transformation for Digital and Green Development

1. The Parties recognize the importance of promoting energy efficiency improvement in emerging fields, deep integration of digital technology and green and low-carbon industries, and application of digital energy-saving and carbon reduction technologies.

2. The Parties may strengthen experience sharing, communication and cooperation in the following aspects, including but not limited to,

(1) promoting green and low-carbon development of digital industries such as data centers and 5G, enabling the green transformation of traditional industries through digital technology, research and development (R&D) and extension of common digital and green

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technologies, expansion of digital and green integration application scenarios, and formulation of collaborative standards for digital and green development.

(2) applying digital, smart and green technology in agricultural production, assembling and integrating green technologies to meet the needs of different crops and regions, bolstering digital development in rural areas including efforts to advance R&D and extension related to digital application scenarios, accelerating the use of big data in agriculture and rural areas, and promoting smart agriculture.]

[ASEAN: (j) Other areas of cooperation

The Parties agree to strengthen cooperation [202401 CN: in] mutually agreed by both sides that supports low-carbon and sustainable economy including eco products, eco-design, eco-label, ecological conservation, environmental protection, water efficiency and conservation, as they relate to trade. The Parties may also consider development of nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approach to capitalize on the region's natural capital, and development of market-based solutions to achieve economically efficient emission reductions and enhancing trade and investment.]

[ASEAN: 2. Cooperation shall be undertaken through ways and means considered appropriate by the Joint Committee.

3. All economic cooperation activities under this Chapter are subject to the availability of funds and human and other resources, and to the applicable laws and regulations of the Parties. Where implementation of this Chapter is inhibited by capacity constraints, the Parties may provide cooperation through the [to be identified] to assist ASEAN Member States with such implementation.

4. Cooperation is subject to green economy policy-related needs being identified and the availability of resources, having regards to respective Parties' laws and regulations.]

[CN: Section III. Trade and Environment]

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[CN: Article 13. Right to Regulate and Levels of Protection

1. The Parties reaffirm the sovereign right of each Party to establish its own levels of environmental protection and its own environmental priorities, and to adopt or modify its relevant laws, policies and practices accordingly.

2. The Parties shall strive to ensure that its laws, policies and practices provide for and encourage high levels of environmental protection consistent with standards, principles and agreements referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 15 [Multilateral Environmental Agreements and International Environmental Governance] and paragraph 1 of Article 1 [Context] and to further improve their respective levels of protection provided for in those laws, policies and practices.

3. When preparing and implementing measures related to the environment that affect trade or investment between them, the Parties shall take account of available scientific, technical and other information, and relevant international guidelines and recommendations.]

[CN: Article 14. Upholding Levels of Protection in the Application and Enforcement of Laws and Regulations

1. No Party shall fail to effectively enforce its environmental laws and regulations through a sustained or recurring course of action or inaction in a manner affecting trade or investment between the Parties.

2. No Party shall weaken or reduce the level of environmental protection provided by its laws and regulations, in order to encourage trade or investment.

3. No Party shall waive or otherwise derogate from, or offer to waive or otherwise derogate from, such laws, regulations and policies in order to encourage trade or investment between the Parties.

4. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to empower a Party's authorities to undertake environmental law enforcement activities in the territory of the other Party.]

[CN: Article 15. Multilateral Environmental Agreements and International Environmental Governance

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1. The Parties recognize that multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) play an important role, globally and domestically, in protecting the environment and stress the need to enhance the mutual supportiveness between trade and environmental policies. The Parties further recognize that this Chapter can contribute to realizing the goals of such agreements.
2. The Parties reaffirm their commitment to the effective implementation in their laws and practices of the multilateral environmental agreements to which they are a party as well as their adherence to environmental principles reflected in the international instruments referred to in Article 1 [Context].
3. The Parties strive to consult and cooperate as appropriate with respect to MEAs to which both Parties are party, on trade-related environmental issues of mutual interest.]

[CN: Article 16. Sustainable Forest Management and Associated Trade

1. The Parties recognize the importance of ensuring conservation and sustainable management of forests and related ecosystems with the objective to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and biodiversity loss resulting from deforestation and degradation of forests.

2. Accordingly, the Parties commit to:

- (a) ensure effective forest law enforcement and governance;
- (b) promote trade in products that derive from sustainably managed forests and related ecosystems;
- (c) implement measures to combat illegal logging and promote the development and use of timber legality assurance instruments with the aim to ensure that timber and timber products traded between the Parties are legally sourced;
- (d) promote the effective use of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) with particular regard to timber species; and
- (e) cooperate on issues pertaining to conservation and sustainable management of forests, mangroves and peatlands where relevant through existing bilateral arrangements if applicable and in the relevant multilateral fora in which they participate as encouraged by the Paris Agreement.]

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[CN: Article 17. Trade and Climate Change

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1. The Parties take note of the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies adopted at the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference on 17 June 2022.

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2. The Parties recognize the importance of ensuring the conservation and sustainable management of living marine resources and marine ecosystems and the role of trade in pursuing these objectives. They may cooperate in areas of mutual interests concerning trade and sustainable management of fisheries and aquaculture.]

[CN: Section IV. Implementation Mechanism]

Article 20. Contact Points

1. [CN: Each Party] [ASEAN: The Parties] shall designate contact point(s) to facilitate communication between the Parties for the implementation of this Chapter.]

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4. A Party shall notify the other Party of any change of its contact point or the details of the relevant officials.

Article 21. [CN: Implementation and Consultations]/ [ASEAN: Non-Application of Dispute Settlement]

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[CN:

1. No Party shall have recourse to the Agreement on Dispute Settlement Mechanism of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the People's Republic Of China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for any matter arising under this Chapter.]

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~~2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, a Party may request consultations with the other Party, under the ACFTA-JC, regarding any matter arising under this Chapter. The Parties shall make every effort to arrive at a mutually satisfactory resolution to the matter.]~~

[CN: Article 22. Review

This Chapter shall be subject to periodic review within the framework of the ACFTA-JC. The Parties shall discuss progress achieved in pursuing the objectives set out in this Chapter and consider relevant international developments in order to identify areas where further action could promote these objectives.]

Note from WGGE 3:

To revisit the article on Review with due consideration to the similar provision in the overall upgraded ACFTA.

[CN: Annex. Relevant Cooperation Implementation Mechanisms]

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4	Green Finance	Green Investment Principle (GIP) for the Belt and Road Initiative; Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS); ASEAN Plus Three Transition Finance General Principles.
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6	Trade and Sustainable Management of Fisheries and Aquaculture	China-Philippines Joint Committee on Fisheries; China-Malaysia Technical Working Group on Fisheries; China-Myanmar Working Group on Fisheries; China-Vietnam Joint Committee on Fisheries in Beibu Gulf.
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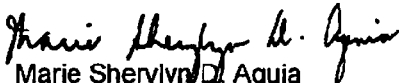
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Thank you and we look forward to your participation.

Very truly yours,


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Kindly confirm by accomplishing the registration form provided by China, (<https://forms.office.com/r/5m6etSZEUy>) by **19 January 2024**. Should you have any clarifications, please coordinate directly with Mr. Cha Gyu Lim (ChaGyuLim@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you and we look forward to your participation.

Best regards,
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As of Jan. 8, 2024



**THE FIFTH ROUND OF ASEAN-CHINA FREE TRADE AREA
(ACFTA) 3.0 UPGRADE NEGOTIATIONS**

GENERAL INFORMATION

**JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 2, 2024 HANGZHOU, CHINA
THE FIFTH ROUND OF THE ASEAN-CHINA FREE TRADE AREA (ACFTA)
3.0 UPGRADE NEGOTIATIONS**

January 29- February 2, 2024
Zhejiang Xizi Hotel, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China

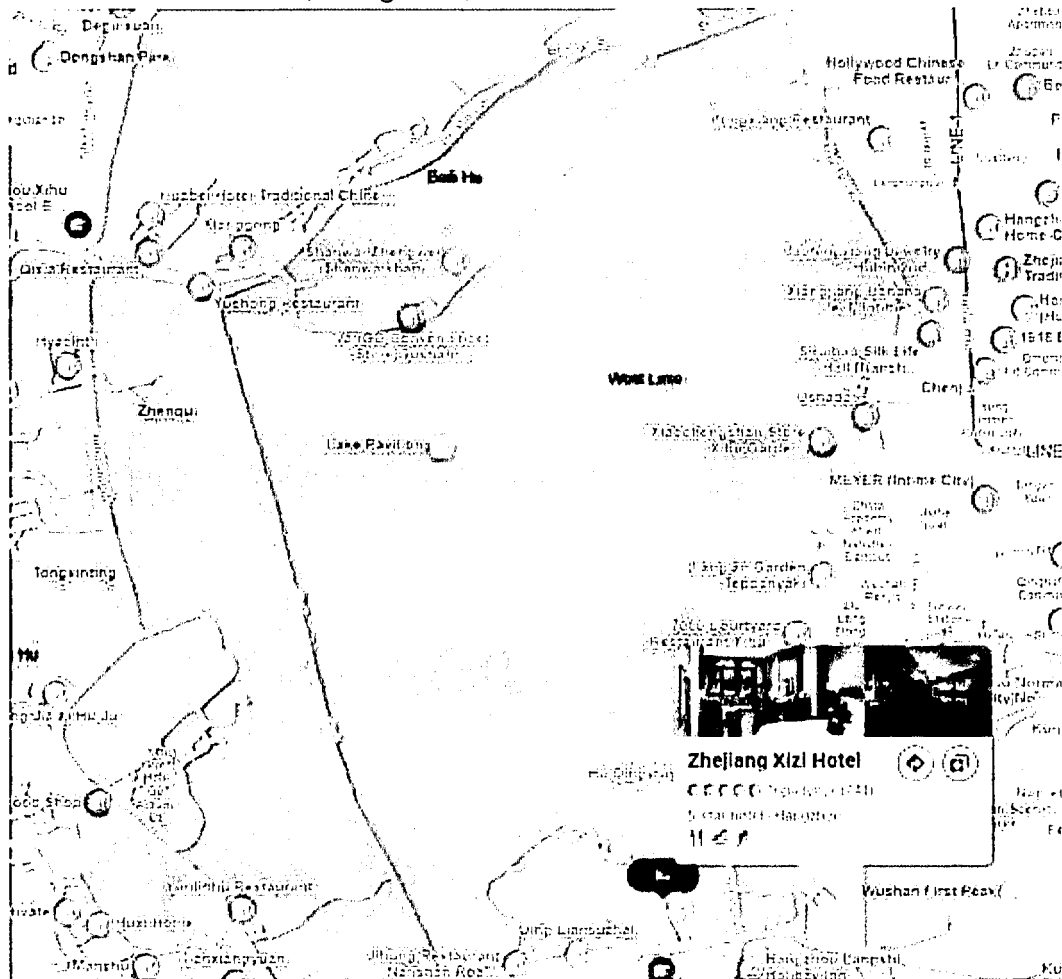
1. Date and Venue

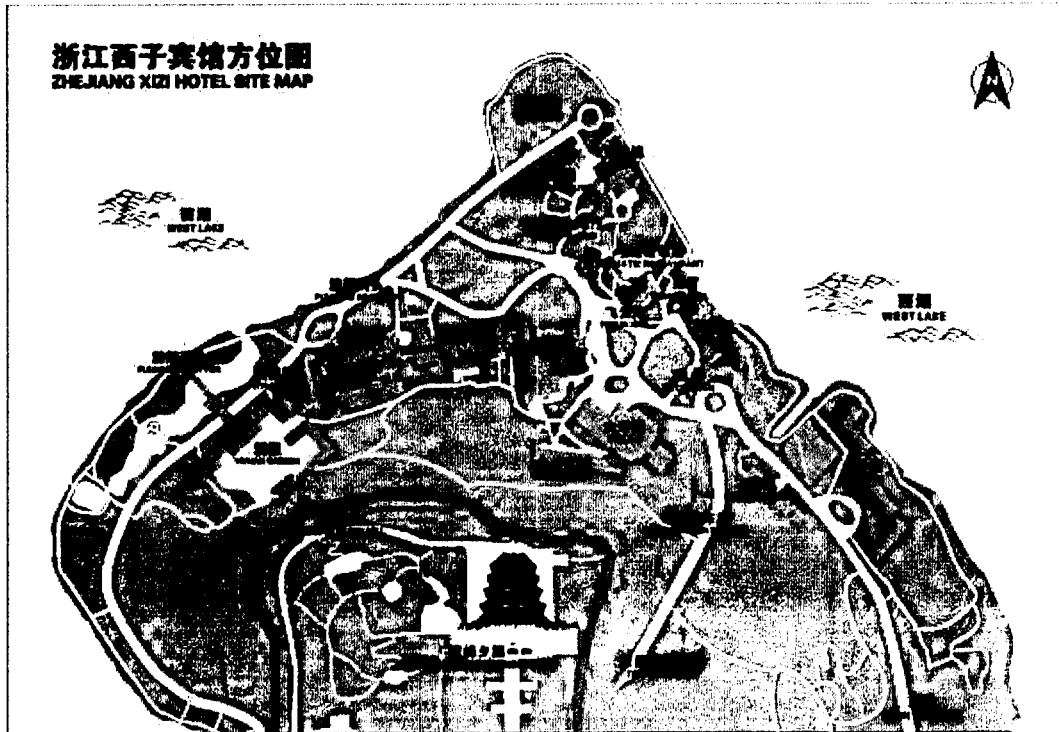
1.1 Date

The Fifth Round of the ASEAN-China FTA 3.0 (ACFTA 3.0) Upgrade Negotiations and Related Meetings will be hosted by the Ministry of Commerce, the People's Republic of China on Jan. 29- Feb. 2, 2024 in Hangzhou, China.

1.2 Venue

The Meetings will be held at Zhejiang Xizi Hotel (浙江西子宾馆). Address: No. 37 Nanshan Road, Hangzhou, China





1.3 Meetings

The detailed Program of Activities (PoA) appears as **Annex I**, covering the following meetings and related activities:

No.	Event/Meeting	Date	Meeting Room
1.	Opening Ceremony & ASEAN JC Caucus	Jan. 31	Xizi Hall
2.	Special Joint Committee (JC)	Feb. 1-2	Feiyun Hall
3.	WG TIG	Jan. 31-Feb. 2	Yunying Hall
4.	WGI	Jan. 31-Feb. 2	Xihu Hall
5.	WG DE	Jan. 31-Feb. 2	Fenghui Hall
6.	WG GE	Jan. 31-Feb. 2	Meigui Hall
7.	WG STRACAP	Jan. 31-Feb. 2	Yijing Hall
8.	WG CPTF	Jan. 31-Feb. 2	Yulan Hall
9.	WG CC	Jan. 31-Feb. 2	Chayuan Hall
10.	WGLII	Jan. 31	Yueying Hall
11.	WG ROO	Feb. 1 (tbd)	TBD

NOTE:

A. All working group meetings will be preceded by ASEAN caucus meeting during Jan. 29-30 in the same meeting room respectively, unless otherwise advised.

B. Report of Working Groups to the Special JC will be arranged accordingly.

C. The allocation of meeting rooms is subject to change. Delegates are advised to check their emails from the ASEAN Secretariat at all hours for the latest information of their meeting room.

D. Free WIFI access is available in all meeting rooms (username and password will be provided prior to the meeting).

1.4 Functional Rooms and Facilities

Functional rooms and facilities are allocated as following:

Date	Time	Room Designation	Venue
Jan. 29Feb. 2	08:00-17:30	Registration and Information Desk	Villa 5
	08:00-19:00	Bilateral Meeting Room	Qiantang Hall
	08:00-19:00	Bilateral Meeting Room	Hushan Hall
	08:00-18:00	Common Delegation Office	2118
	08:00-18:00	Prayer Room (Female)	2125
	08:00-18:00	Prayer Room (Male)	2105
	12:00-14:00	Lunch	Yiyuan Café

2. Contact Information

2.1 Host Country Coordinator

The Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Commerce, China and China International Electronic Commerce Center will be responsible for the administrative and logistical arrangements of the meetings.

HOST COUNTRY COORDINATOR	
China International Electronic Commerce Center (Logistics)	
Name	Mr. Li Wei
Telephone	+86-10-67800147
E-mail	guazifu@ec.com.cn
Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs, MOFCOM (Policy)	
Name	Mr. Wang Chunyang
Telephone	+86-10-65197217
E-mail	wangchunyang@mofcom.gov.cn, cafta@mofcom.gov.cn

2.2 ASEAN Secretariat

The ASEAN Secretariat will be responsible for the circulation of documents and ASEAN and relevant administrative matters.

ASEAN SECRETARIAT	
Ms. Purwaning Putri	Officer, External Economic Relations Division Tel: +62 812 1286 9808 Email: purwaning.putri@asean.org; eerd@asean.org

3. Registration

3.1 Pre-Registration

All delegates are requested to pre-register online through the link <https://forms.office.com/r/5m6etSZEUy> before **Jan. 12 (FRI), 2024**.

3.2 Delegate Access & Pick-up of badges

Access to meeting venues will be limited to delegates with meeting badges.

Prior to attending meetings, all delegates are required to confirm and register their attendance and to collect their meeting badge at the Registration and Information Desk which is located at the Villa 5 of Zhejiang Xizi Hotel. The Registration and Information Desk will be open at the following time: 08:00-17:30, Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, 2024.

It is highly recommended that all delegates visibly display their badges at all time in the meeting venue.

4. Accommodation

4.1 Delegates are requested to make their own accommodation arrangements, and are encouraged to do so as early as possible (best before **Jan. 17, 2024**) given high demand during the season. A listing of hotel options are as follows:

No.	Hotel	Contact Information	Distance from Zhejiang Xizi Hotel
1.	Zhejiang Xizi Hotel	Contact person: Ma Xiao Tel: +86-13705715070 +86-571-87021888 Email: rsvn@xizihotel.com Add: 37th Nanshan Road, Hangzhou Website: http://xizihotel.com Booking code: ACFTA MEETING (Detailed room and special rates information are attached separately)	--

2.	Shangri-La, Hangzhou	Tel: +86-571-8797 7951 Email: hangzhou@shangri-la.com Add: No. 78 Beishan Road, Hangzhou 310007 China Website: https://www.shangri-la.com/cn/hangzhou/shangrila/	5.6KM
3.	Wyndham Grand Plaza Royale Hangzhou	Tel: +86-571-87616888 Add: No. 555 Fengqi, Hangzhou Website: http://www.wyndhamhangzhou.com/	4.9KM
4.	Midtown Shangri-La, Hangzhou	Tel: +86-571-8733 8888 Email: shhz@shangri-la.com Add: No. 6 Changshou Road, Kerry Centre, Yan'an Road, Hangzhou 310006 China Website: https://www.shangri-la.com/hangzhou/midtownshangrila/	4.4KM

4.2 Unless arranged otherwise, all delegates will bear the cost of their own accommodation, including cancellation charges and other hotel services.

Maps of the above hotels are attached in **Annex III**.

5. Transportation

All delegates should make their transport arrangements in Hangzhou and bear the costs on their own. Delegates could use public transportation, taxi and online car-hailing App services such as DiDi. All licensed taxis charge passengers by meters.

Credit card and foreign currency are not accepted in most transport services, therefore delegates are strongly recommended to change enough cash in RMB before using a transport service. WeChat Pay and Alipay are also generally accepted.

Hangzhou International Airport (IATA:HGH) is approximately 31km or around 48 minutes' drive to the meeting venue. Taxi fare is around 66RMB to 100RMB depending on traffic situation.

6. Dress code

Dress code will be business attire.

7. Documentation

Printing facilities will be available at the Common Delegation Office at Room 2118 at Zhejiang Xizi Hotel from Jan. 29 to Feb. 2. Delegates are strongly advised to print their own sets of documents prior to related meetings.

8. Meeting Venue Services & Activities

8.1. Bilateral Meeting Room

Two bilateral meeting rooms will be available to accommodate bilateral or plurilateral meeting request. A room should be booked minimum one day before the bilateral meeting for duration up to 1.5 hour. The reservations for the bilateral meeting rooms will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

To reserve the bilateral meeting room, please complete the form as attached as **Annex II** and email it to cafta@mofcom.gov.cn. A confirmation e-mail will be sent in due course.

9. Other Information

9.1. Visa Requirements

For the List of Agreements on Mutual Visa Exemption between the People's Republic of China and Foreign Countries, please refer to the Mutual Visa Exemption List located on the right column of the following website: <http://cs.mfa.gov.cn/wgrlh/>.

All other delegates will need valid visas to enter China and are strongly advised to apply early from the Embassy, Consulate or other visa-issuing authorities of the People's Republic of China accredited to or stationed in their respective country.

9.2. Currency, Credit Cards and ATMs

The official currency of China is RMB (CNY). Retailers in Hangzhou generally do not accept other currencies, so it is highly recommended to change foreign currency to RMB in advance in order to make cash payments.

Union Pay, Visa and MasterCard are accepted at most establishments and can be used to retrieve cash from ATMs throughout the city, although some small shops and restaurants may only accept cash payments.

Exchange rates are published daily in the web site below:

<http://www.boc.cn/sourcedb/whpj/enindex.html>

9.3. Weather and Temperature

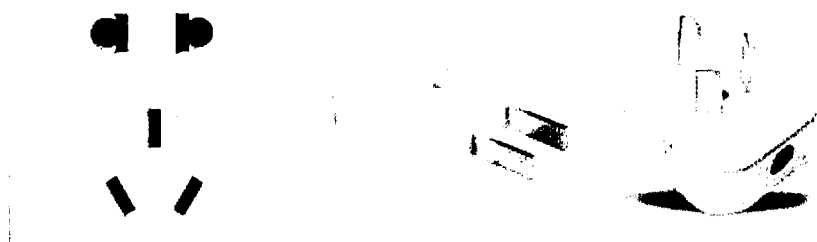
Hangzhou has a mild climate with average temperature in late January and early February around 10 degrees Celsius.

9.4. Time Zone

Hangzhou local time is UTC +8 hours. Same time zone is used all over China.

9.5. Electricity

Electricity is supplied at 220V, 50Hz in China. Two/three-pronged plugs are used, as shown in the following pictures. Please check before using an appliance. Delegates are advised to bring adapters with them.



9.6. Business Hours

Banks: 9:00 - 17:00 (Monday-Sunday)

Shopping Centers: 10:00 - 22:00 (Monday-Sunday) ATMs
(All time)

9.7. International Dialing Codes

The country code for China is **86**. The area code for Hangzhou is **571**. To make an international phone call to China, please dial **00 + 86 + area code + phone number**. The area code is omitted when dialing mobile phone numbers.

9.8. Emergency Calls

Ambulance 120

Police 110

Fire 119

9.9. Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most indoor public places unless advised otherwise. There are several smoking areas at Hangzhou Xizi Hotel.

9.10. Tipping

Tipping is not standard practice in China but is generally considered an appropriate gesture of appreciation when the level of service has exceeded expectations at hotels.

9.11. Nearest Hospital

Medical facilities are available within 4 km from Zhejiang Xizi Hotel. The suggested nearest hospital is THE FIRST AFFILIATED HOSPITAL (Zhejiang University School Of Medicine). Medical charges shall be paid directly by the delegates to the service provider. More information is available at the Information Desk at the meeting venue.

THE FIRST AFFILIATED HOSPITAL (Zhejiang University School Of Medicine)
Address: Building 17, No. 79 Qingchun Road, Shangcheng District, Hangzhou
Tel: +86-571-8723 6697.

**PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES (POA) FOR
THE FIFTH ROUND OF THE ASEAN-CHINA FREE TRADE AREA (ACFTA) 3.0 UPGRADE NEGOTIATIONS**

29 January -2 February 2024, 09.00-18.00 GMT+8/Hangzhou time, Zhejiang

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
MONDAY, 29 January 2024											
Time/Venue (GMT+8)	5th ACFTA Upgrade Negotiations	WG on Trade In Goods (WG TIG)	WG on Investment (WGI)	WG on Digital Economy (WG DE)	WG on Green Economy (WG GE)	WG on Standards, Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment Procedures (WG STRACAP)	Working Group on Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures (WG SPS)	Working Group on Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation (WG CPTF)	WG Competition & Consumer Protection (WG CC)	Working Group on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (WG MSME)	Working Group on Legal and Institutional Issues (WGLII)
							No Meeting			Report Online	
0830-0900											
	Registration [XXXX room] /Access to VC room open										
0900-1030	X	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	X	X	CAUCUS	X	X	
1030-1045											
	Coffee Break										
1045-1230	X	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	X	X	CAUCUS	X	X	
1230-1400											
	Break										
1400-1530	X	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	X	X	CAUCUS	X	X	
1530-1545											
	Coffee Break										
1545-1700	X	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	X	X	CAUCUS	X	X	
TUESDAY, 30 January 2024											
Time/Venue (GMT+8)											
0830-0900											
	Registration [XXXX room] /Access to VC room open										
0900-1030	X	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	X	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	X	CAUCUS
1030-1045											
	Coffee Break										
1045-1230	X	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	X	CAUCUS	CAUCUS	X	CAUCUS
1230-1400											
	Break										
1400-1530	SITE VISIT (Optional)	PLENARY	CAUCUS	SITE VISIT	SITE VISIT	CAUCUS	X	CAUCUS	PLENARY (Start at 15.00)	X	CAUCUS
1530-1545											
	Coffee Break										
1545-1700	SITE VISIT (Optional)	PLENARY	CAUCUS	SITE VISIT	SITE VISIT	CAUCUS	X	CAUCUS	PLENARY (End at 18.00)	X	CAUCUS
1700 - 2000	COLLECTIVE MEETING AND WELCOME DINNER OF JC LEADS										
WEDNESDAY, 31 January 2024											
Time/Venue (GMT+8)											
0830-0900											
	Registration [XXXX room] /Access to VC room open										
0900 - 0930	OPENING SESSION/PLENARY										
0930-1030	CAUCUS	REPORTING TO CAUCUS	REPORTING TO CAUCUS	CAUCUS	REPORTING TO CAUCUS	REPORTING TO CAUCUS	X	REPORTING TO CAUCUS	PLENARY	X	PLENARY
1030-1045											
	Coffee Break										
1045-1230	CAUCUS	PLENARY	PLENARY	REPORTING TO CAUCUS	PLENARY	PLENARY	X	PLENARY	PLENARY	REPORTING TO CAUCUS	PLENARY
1230-1400											
	Break										
1400-1530	CAUCUS	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	X	PLENARY	CAUCUS	X	REPORTING TO CAUCUS
1530-1545											PLENARY
	Coffee Break										

1545-1700	CAUCUS	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	X	PLENARY	REPORTING TO CAUCUS	X	PLENARY
THURSDAY, 1 February 2024											
Time/Venue (GMT+8)											
0830-0900	Registration [XXXX room] /Access to VC room open										
0900-1030	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	X	PLENARY	PLENARY	X	REPORTING TO PLENARY
1030-1045	Coffee Break										
1045-1230	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	X	PLENARY	PLENARY	X	X
1230-1400	Break										
1400-1530	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	X	PLENARY	PLENARY	REPORTING TO PLENARY	X
1530-1545	Coffee Break										
1545-1700	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	X	PLENARY	REPORTING TO PLENARY	X	X
FRIDAY, 2 February 2024											
Time/Venue (GMT+8)											
0830-0900	Registration [XXXX room] /Access to VC room open										
0900-1030	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	REPORTING TO PLENARY	REPORTING TO PLENARY	X	REPORTING TO PLENARY	X	X	X
1030-1045	Coffee Break										
1045-1230	PLENARY	REPORTING TO PLENARY	PLENARY	REPORTING TO PLENARY	x	X	X	X	X	X	X
1230-1400	Break										
1400-1530	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	x	X	X	X	X	X	X
1530-1545	Coffee Break										
1545-1700	PLENARY	PLENARY	REPORTING TO PLENARY	PLENARY	x	X	X	X	X	X	X