



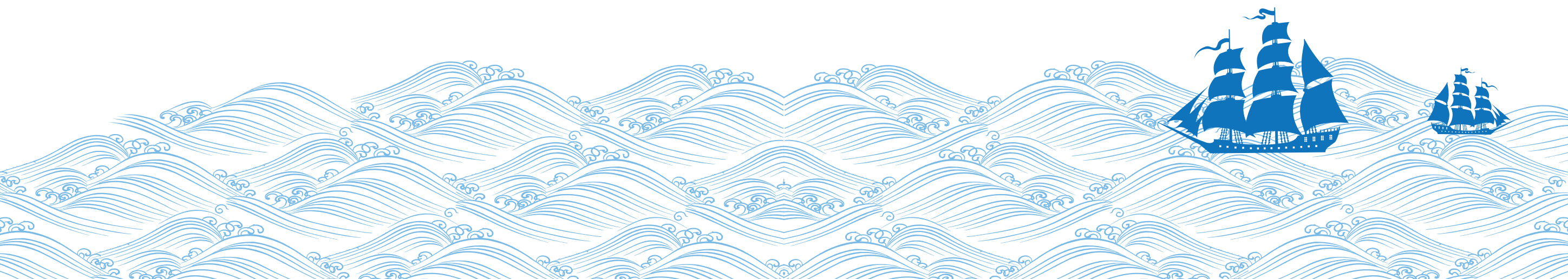
海丝港口国际合作论坛推介暨
宁波-欧洲(安特卫普)国际物流合作交流会

Seminar on Maritime Silk Road Port International Cooperation
Forum & Ningbo-Europe(Antwerp) International
Logistics Cooperation



邀请函
INVITATION

November 28, 2018 | Antwerp, Belgium





Agenda

1. Time: 09:30-12:00, Wednesday, November 28, 2018

2. Venue: Antwerp Port Authority, 6F Havenhuis Zaha Hadidplein 1,
2030 Antwerp, Belgium

3. Hosted by: Ningbo Municipal People's Government, Antwerp City Government

Supported by: Ningbo Zhoushan Port Group, Antwerp Port Authority

Dear Madam/Sir,

It's our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the Seminar on Maritime Silk Road Port International Cooperation Forum & Ningbo-Europe(Antwerp) International Logistics Cooperation to be held in Antwerp Port Authority of Belgium on the morning of Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

The overarching theme of the event is port and international logistics cooperation. The participants will share views, experience and requirements with respect to deepening exchanges and cooperation between the port and logistics enterprises of Ningbo and European countries especially Belgium.

Ningbo is a renowned city of port with strong manufacturing industry, long history and rich culture. It has established a modern industrial system pillared by port industry, equipment manufacturing, textiles and apparel and high-technology. It has been described by President Xi as a living monument to these past interactions along the ancient silk routes. In the year of 2017, the cargo throughput of Ningbo Zhoushan Port was 1.01 billion tons, ranking the first globally. Its container throughput was more than 24.6 million TEU, ranking the fourth globally. At present, Ningbo is dedicated to increasing its global economic and culture recognition, developing the Belt and Road Comprehensive Pilot Zone and the Free Trade Port. We believe that this event will generate more cooperation opportunities and win-win results.

We look forward to welcoming you in Antwerp.

Ningbo Municipal People's Government
Ningbo Zhoushan Port Group
Antwerp Port Authority

09:00-09:30 Registration

09:30-09:35 Introduction of VIP

09:35-10:00 Opening Speech

10:00-11:30 Presentations

1. An Introduction to the 2019 Maritime Silk Road Port International Cooperation Forum
——Mr. Xiang Jiangang, Vice General Manager of Ningbo Zhoushan Port Group
2. The Business of Ningbo Zhoushan Port Group
——Mr. Hong Qihu, Head of Ningbo Zhoushan Port Group Business Department
3. Presentation by A Representative of Antwerp Port Authority
4. Presentation by An International Shipping Company
5. Presentation by An International Logistics Company

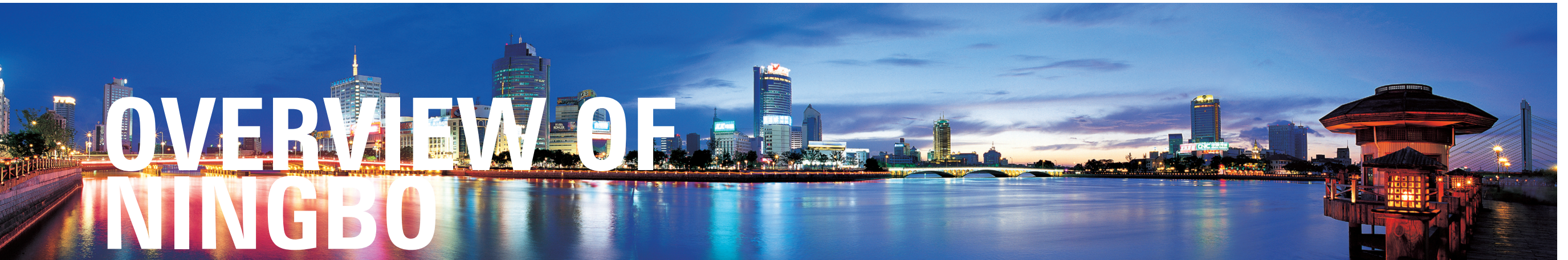
11:30-12:00 Matchmaking Meeting

12:00-13:00 Buffet Lunch



A Gateway to the World

Located at the junction of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and the Yangtze River Economic Belt, the city of Ningbo, with its port and transport hubs, is a perfect gateway from China to the rest of the world. Ningbo is the first city in Zhejiang Province and the eighth in the country whose total imports and exports have exceeded USD 100 billion. In 2017, the city's imports and exports totaled USD 112.2 billion with a year-on-year increase of 18.2%. The Ningbo-Zhoushan Port is the busiest cargo port and fourth-busiest container port in the world, with cargo throughput exceeding 1 billion tons and container throughput reaching 24.6 million TEUs in 2017.



A Land of Rich Culture

Ningbo is nationally-renowned for its rich historical and cultural heritage. It is the birthplace of the 7,000-year-old Hemudu Neolithic Culture and a key starting point of historical Maritime Silk Road. President Xi Jinping, in his keynote speech on the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, recognized Ningbo as a "living monument" to these past interactions of the Maritime Silk Road. Today the oldest existing private library in Asia, Tianyige, can still be visited in downtown Ningbo. Ningbo has a rich cultural heritage and examples of this, such as the Fenghua Dragon Dancing and Ninghai Pingdiao Opera, as well as cinnabar and gold lacquer wood carving, have been listed in China's first Intangible Cultural Heritage Catalog.

A City of Dynamism and Quality Living

Ningbo is known for having a vibrant private sector and a business-friendly, innovation-friendly environment. In 2017, a total of RMB 500.9 billion (USD 74.2 billion) was invested in fixed assets, a year-on-year increase of 3.5%, among which private investment increased by 11.9%. In an effort to upgrade the industrial structure, citywide R&D expenditures amounted to 2.52% of the city's GDP yearly.

Bordered by the East China Sea and Siming Mountains, and embraced by several major rivers, Ningbo is a city of great natural beauty, an attractive place to live and work in. In 2017, the proportion of good-air days stands at 85.2%. Ningbo is a five-time winner of the title Model City of Civility and eight-time winner of the title Model City of Citizen Wellbeing. The per capita disposable income of urban and rural residents have been growing steadily at a rate of around 8%, reaching RMB 55,656 (USD 8,245) and RMB 30,871 (USD 4,574) respectively in 2017.

Ningbo covers 9,816 km² on land and 8,355.5 km² at sea. With a population of 8 million, the city incorporates 6 districts, 2 counties, and 2 county-level cities under its jurisdiction. In 2017, Ningbo's urbanization rate reached 72.4%. Ningbo is one of the first coastal cities in China to open up to the outside world, a separate planning city of the state, and a sub-provincial level city. Ningbo is a globally-renowned port city and a major national manufacturing hub. It enjoys unique privileges as "Made in China 2025" Pilot City, National Insurance Innovation Comprehensive Pilot Zone and China (Ningbo) Cross-Border E-commerce Comprehensive Pilot Zone. In recent years, the city is dedicated to building itself into a Belt and Road Comprehensive Pilot Zone, 16+1 Trade Cooperation Demonstration Zone, and a Free Trade Port.

A Driver of Economic Growth

Ningbo is one of the 15 most competitive cities on the Chinese Mainland and an economic hub of the southern part of the Yangtze River Delta. In 2017, the city's GDP totaled RMB 984.7 billion (USD 145.9 billion) with a year-on-year increase of 7.8% and fiscal revenue reached RMB 241.6 billion (USD 35.7 billion). The per capita GDP reached USD 18,368. Ningbo is a major city for foreign investment in the Yangtze River Delta. It has attracted investment from 57 global top 500 companies with accumulated contractual foreign investment of USD 90.9 billion. Ningbo is also a pioneer city in encouraging private capital to invest overseas. By the end of 2017, 2697 Ningbo enterprises and organizations in 118 countries and regions have been approved.