TWENTY-FIFTH GATT TRAINING COURSE OPENS IN GENEVA

At the beginning of February 1968, a group of officials from less-developed countries started a course of advanced training in international trade and commercial policy at the GATT headquarters in Geneva. This is the twenty-fifth of such courses held regularly since 1955. The officials hold fellowships under the United Nations Development Programme.

The GATT course, of five months' duration, will cover such main fields as the principles of commercial policy in relation to the problems of developing countries, export promotion, the work of the GATT, trade in agricultural products, tariffs and trade negotiations, and trade and development.

Attending the present course are officials from twenty-one countries, as listed below.

The purpose of the GATT training programme is to train technical and policy-making government officials. The participants are officials who have or will have responsibilities in the framing and administration of commercial, tariff or development policies of their governments. So far some 215 officials from some seventy countries have completed this training. With the benefit of the GATT training course they are now contributing to the efforts of their countries to expand their trade and develop their economies.

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