The forty-second Commercial Policy Course organized by GATT opened on 2 August 1976. The course, for French-speaking officials from developing countries, will run until 15 December. There are twenty participants, drawn from nineteen countries.

Each year since 1955 the GATT secretariat organizes in Geneva two trade policy courses: one in English from February to June, and the other in French from August to December. The courses are open to officials from developing countries, whether or not members of GATT, who have, or may in future have, responsibilities in the formulation and conduct of foreign trade policy in their countries.

The courses, which have a practical orientation, aim at giving the participants greater understanding of trade policy matters and full knowledge of the work being done by GATT. It is hoped in this way to make them better prepared for the tasks awaiting them in their own administrations. Lectures are also given on the work done by other international organizations in the field of trade policy. As in all recent courses, special attention will be paid to the trade negotiations initiated at Tokyo in September 1973.

Fellowships for these courses are provided by the United Nations Development Programme. This year a number of GATT member governments have also contributed on a voluntary basis to the financing of the course.

Since the programme was set up, 544 officials from ninety-seven countries and two regional organizations have participated in the commercial policy courses. In addition to GATT secretariat officials, many guest lecturers are invited to contribute, including senior officials of government delegations and international organizations, university professors, etc.
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