50th GATT TRADE POLICY COURSE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY OFFICIALS OPENS IN GENEVA

GATT's 25 year-old series of commercial policy training courses, aimed at deepening developing country officials' knowledge of trade policy issues and at improving their skills in international trade negotiations, was marked by the opening of the 50th course in Geneva today.

The course, for French-speaking officials, will run until 16 December; there are twenty-one participants, drawn from as many countries.

A total of 730 officials from 104 countries and two regional organizations have attended the series of commercial policy courses which began in 1955.

Each year since 1955 the GATT secretariat in Geneva organizes 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. Special attention is paid to the agreements on liberalizing trade and improving international trading rules which resulted from the recently-concluded Tokyo Round of multilateral negotiations in GATT. It is hoped in this way to make the participants 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.

In addition to GATT secretariat officials, many guest lecturers are invited to contribute to the courses, including senior officials of government delegations and international organizations, university professors, etc.
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