The fifty-second Commercial Policy Course organized by GATT opened today. The course, for French-speaking officials from developing countries, will run until 3 December. There are twenty participants, drawn from eighteen countries and from two regional organizations.

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 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.

The courses give ample scope for practical work in the form of seminars, group discussions, simulated negotiations, attendance at official meetings, etc. During their stay in GATT, each participant drafts a study on a topic of particular interest to him or her, selected from the matters dealt with during the course. Towards the end of each course, the participants take part in a short study tour abroad to gain first-hand knowledge of the trade policy of the countries concerned and to visit industrial and commercial centres.
Since the programme was set up, 752 officials from 106 countries and four 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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