The fifty-eighth Commercial Policy Course organized by GATT opened today. The course, for English-speaking officials from developing countries, will run until 4 December. There are twenty-five participants, drawn from twenty-four countries and one regional organization.

Each year since 1955 the GATT secretariat in Geneva has been organizing two trade policy courses. 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, of the work being done by GATT, of major current problems of international trade and of the agreements 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 economic field.

The courses give ample scope for practical work in the form of seminars, group discussions, simulated negotiations, attendance at official meetings, etc. Halfway through the programme, the participants in this course will undertake a two weeks study tour in Canada. Towards the end of the course, they will take part in a short study tour in Switzerland.

Since the programme was set up, 882 officials from 111 countries and seven 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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