

## A Visit of a Representative of the WCO Asia-Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building to the WCO RTC (Khmelnyskyi, Ukraine)



Within the framework of the development of cooperation between RTCs / ROCBs of the European Region and the Asia-Pacific Region of WCO, on July 3, 2019, a representative of the WCO Asia-Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building Dr. Tong Hua visited the WCO Regional Training Centre (Khmelnyskyi, Ukraine).

During the visit, Dr. Tong Hua, who is also a CCF/CHINA Fund Operational Manager & Program Manager (Pacific Islands), was briefed on the infrastructure and main activities of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine, on the basis of which the WCO RTC and WCO RDTCC (Khmelnyskyi, Ukraine) function, as well as on the activities and perspectives of the development of both WCO regional training centres.



In the course of the meeting Dr. Tong Hua presented the activities of the WCO ROCB A/P, in particular, the number of member states of the region, a strategic plan of the region, and paid particular attention to the use of the WCO e-learning platform CLiKC!. in the system of training and advanced training of customs officers.

Besides, Dr. Tong Hua informed the staff of the Department about the main areas of training of customs officers of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the content and duration of the induction training and advanced training of the managers of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China. At the end of the meeting, there was a presentation of the WCO tools that could be used to assess special and specialized training of the SFS customs officials.



The parties expressed their will to continue cooperation.

## **Development of Cooperation with the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic**

The cooperation of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine with the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic is growing year by year and gaining new prospects.

On September 05-06, 2019 the representatives of the General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic visited the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine (the Department) on the basis of which WCO Regional Training Centre (WCO RTC) and WCO Regional Dog Training Centre (WCO RDTC) function.



During this visit the Czech colleagues were acquainted with the main tasks, functions and directions of the activities of the Department, material and technical facilities, electronic resources, system of special and specialized training of personnel, functioning of the WCO RTC and WCO RDTC, prospects for further development of these centres and of the Department.

The main attention was focused on canine issues of the SFS. The guests were acquainted with the procedure of selection of dog inspectors to the customs houses of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine, selection and purchase of service dogs; directions and terms of special training of canine teams; procedure for storage and use of drugs, weapons, explosives, tobacco products, CITES items for educational purposes; training methods of service dogs; procedure for feeding, transportation, provision of special equipment, veterinary service for dogs; procedure for the use of dog inspectors with service dogs at checkpoints during customs control; algorithm of work of a mobile canine group in customs houses of the State Fiscal Service. The representatives of the Czech delegation were shown a training ground, places for practical training. places for keeping dogs; the work of canine teams was demonstrated as well.

The representatives of the Department told their colleagues about the peculiarities of training of operators of scanning systems, including mobile non-intrusive inspection systems; use of Renful Premier Technologies software: Pre-M - X-ray Operator Testing System, SimFox - X-ray training simulation platform; as well

as joint use of scanning systems and canine teams to identify the risks of movement of prohibited items.



The experts of the General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic, in their turn, shared their practical experience, made a presentation about the structure and directions of the General Directorate of Customs of the Czech Republic, special functions of mobile surveillance units,

use and training of service dogs.

During the meeting the parties discussed a number of issues of cooperation and expressed their hope for further fruitful collaboration.



## Workshop for the Officials of Port Control Units of Kyrgyzstan



Under the auspices of the Embassy of Japan in the Kyrgyz Republic and the Export and Border Security Program (EXBS) of the US Embassy in the Kyrgyz Republic a workshop on Strategic Trade and Export Control for the officials of port control units of Kyrgyzstan was held in Bishkek from September 9 to 13, 2019.

This training event took place in the framework of UNODC-WCO Global Container Control Programme and was aimed at raising the awareness of customs officers about identification and control of the movement of military and dual-use goods subject to export control.

The workshop was conducted by a UNODC expert together with a representative of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine - an official of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the SFS, an accredited WCO expert trainer in Strategic Trade Control Enforcement (STCE).

The main purpose of the workshop was to present WCO tools in the STCE area, to improve knowledge and skills of customs officials involved in the control of movement of goods subject to export control.

The standards of international instruments governing the transfer of dual-use and military goods were considered; practical exercises aimed at fixing the results of customs inspections of controlled items, including identification of their distinguishing features were done; potential threats of controlled items were considered and the ways to minimize them for health and life of the officials inspecting such goods, were discussed.



Drills on the selection of risky container transportations based on the results of the analysis of marking and appearance of the container and study of shipping

documents were carried out in the field conditions – in the customs control area in Bishkek.

The representative of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine tested the knowledge of the participants with the use of modern Internet technologies and further discussed its results which facilitated the consolidation of knowledge.

At the end of the event the participants received certificates.

