



President's Reflection (2014-2018)

Mr. Jemal Inaishvili

**Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers
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Reflections on Jemal Inaishvili's CACCI Presidency (2014-2018)

Mr. Jemal Inaishvili was first elected as President of the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) during the 28th CACCI Conference held on September 17, 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, making him the 25th CACCI President since the Confederation was established in 1966. He was at that time Board Member of the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Prior to his election to the CACCI presidency, Mr. Inaishvili served as CACCI Vice President beginning from 2006.

Two years later, during the 30th CACCI Conference held on November 23, 2016 in Taipei, Taiwan – which also marked the 50th Anniversary of the Confederation – Mr. Inaishvili was re-elected for another two-year term, from 2016 to 2018.

During the 32nd CACCI Conference held on November 23, 2018 in Istanbul, Conference – marking the end of his second term as CACCI President – Mr. Inaishvili was presented a Distinguished Service Award by the general membership in recognition of “his outstanding accomplishments in serving the interest of the Confederation, its members, and the Asia-Pacific business community as a whole during his term as CACCI President from 2014 to 2018.”

In his Valedictory Address, Mr. Inaishvili said: “As I leave the Presidency of CACCI, I wish to express my sincerest appreciation to all who have helped me in performing my duties and responsibilities. My thanks go to the members of the Advisory Board, all the CACCI officers, and members of the CACCI Council for all the valuable suggestions and recommendations you have provided. I am also deeply grateful to the general membership for your kind cooperation and support for the projects and programs that my administration has undertaken over the past four years.

“My words of appreciation also go to the CACCI Secretariat for the support and assistance that they have provided me during my term, thereby making my job easier. All your cooperative endeavors - which have been the hallmark of CACCI - have certainly made my task as President more enjoyable, and provided me with a very memorable four-year tenure. Without your collaboration, the various programs that we set out to do at the start of my term would not have been achieved.”

Among the activities, programs and initiatives that Mr. Inaishvili implemented during his four-year term were the following:

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Presidential Visits

Over the four years of his incumbency, Mr. Inaishvili led Presidential visits to 12 countries, both within Asia-Pacific and outside the region, the last one being in Mongolia in early September 2018. The visits were designed to gather first-hand information on the business situation in the host country; further build up the image of CACCI by making courtesy calls on heads of states, economic ministers, and other high-ranking government officials; and meet with local business leaders.

The visits succeeded in generating huge awareness about CACCI, its importance, and its activities, among the highest level of government, senior government officials, media, business sector and among the general public of the host countries. Oftentimes, the delegation's various meetings were widely covered in the local media, which introduced CACCI to the general public as well as business community. The visits also resulted in the recruitment of additional CACCI members from the host countries.

New Members

During Mr. Inaishvili's presidency, CACCI was able to recruit a total of 36 Lifetime Special Members from 12 countries, namely, Bangladesh, Australia, Georgia, Hong Kong, Iran, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, the Philippines, Russia and Sri Lanka – thanks to the very strong support from friends and associates in CACCI member chambers in these countries.

In addition to new Lifetime Special Members, two new Primary Members were also admitted during his term – The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of

Timor Leste, and the Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In addition, CACCI gained three more Affiliate Members – the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Northern Territory from Darwin, Australia; the Hong Kong Children, Babies, Maternity Industries Association from Hong Kong, and the Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei.

CACCI Summit Meeting

Mr. Inaishvili convened a CACCI Summit Meeting in November 2016 as part of the activities to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of our Confederation. Held in Taipei, where CACCI was formally organized in May 1966, the Summit Meeting provided CACCI officers and members the opportunity to (a) review the accomplishments of the Confederation over the 50 years since its founding; (b) re-visit its vision and mission as well as its goals and objectives in light of the current conditions and recent developments in the regional and global market environment; and (c) prepare a road-map of its future direction.

A CACCI Summit Declaration was issued after the Summit Meeting. In the Declaration, the Summit Meeting participants pointed out that Asian countries are expected to lead global economic expansion in the years ahead amidst current economic slowdown and uncertainties in major economies, but need to cooperate and partner with each other to help accelerate economic growth. CACCI members also stressed the need for economic empowerment of women to ensure equal access to quality education and economic resources.

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Policy Statements

CACCI issued a number of policy statements during the past four years. These statements covered topics on Trade Facilitation and Liberalization, The Rules of Origin, and Promoting Economic Empowerment of Women, among others.

During the 32nd CACCI Conference held in November 2018 in Istanbul, CACCI members considered proposals on policy issues for future policy advocacy work of CACCI; member assignments of policy issue responsibilities; follow-up mechanism for implementation of policy recommendations, engagement with APEC, ASEAN and other regional organizations on policy recommendations, and working with other organizations or think-tanks in addressing relevant policy issues.

Training Programs

Mr. Inaishvili continued to lead efforts to make training and professional development programs a regular activity of the Confederation. Through these training programs, CACCI aimed to heighten the level of awareness among its members about the importance of training and continuing education in making them ready and equipped to cope with the many changes in the market. In particular, CACCI conducted training courses for members on Short-Term Trade Finance, International Contract of Sale, E-Commerce, SME financing, the UCP 600, and the ATA Carnet.

Participation in Various International Conferences

CACCI continued to establish linkage and undertake collaborative efforts with other regional organizations. In particular, the Confederation further strengthened ties with the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum through the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC), as well as with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) through the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN BAC), by providing inputs and recommendations on regional cooperation as well as on issues of concern to the private sector in general. CACCI likewise kept in contact with the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation through the SAARC CCI.

CACCI also linked up with the World Chambers Federation of the International Chamber of Commerce particularly through CACCI's role as Permanent Member in its General Council, with the Eurochambres and its Global Chamber platform; with the G-20 through its participation in the Trade and Investment Working Group of the B20 Forum.

CACCI also kept itself updated on the developments in the Belt and Road Initiative of China through its active participation in the various meetings and forums organized by the Silk Road International Chamber of Commerce and Industry, of which Mr. Inaishvili served as Honorary Chairman, as well as by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

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Mr. Inaishvili was also invited to participate in the business forums hosted by other organizations outside the Asian region, including those in Ukraine, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ireland, Macedonia, the EU Eastern Partnership Summit, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

CACCI Awards

During his four-year term, Mr. Inaishvili continued CACCI's program of recognizing the achievements of members by presenting them with various Awards. These included the Local Chamber Awards and the Asia-Pacific Young Entrepreneurs Award, which were started in 2004 and 2006, respectively.

Two additional awards were launched under his incumbency – namely the Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award and the Asia-Pacific Woman Entrepreneur Award, which were first presented in 2015 and 2016, respectively.

Initiated by the CACCI Women Entrepreneurs Council (CWEC), which is under the chairmanship of India, the Asia-Pacific Woman Entrepreneur Award cites excellent women entrepreneurs in the region who are successful in their business and promote corporate social responsibility

Initiated by the CACCI Asian Council on Water, Energy and Environment (ACWEE) which is under the chairmanship of Nepal, the Asia-Pacific Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award is presented by CACCI in recognition of the person or institution that has contributed significantly to the sustainable promotion, support and development of hydropower and clean energy in the Asia Pacific region.

MOU Signing

Over the past four years, CACCI had the opportunity to establish and strengthen relations with other regional organizations, through the signing of MOUs outlining possible areas of cooperation with them. These organizations included: (a) Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, (b) Investelligence Group Pte. Ltd., and (c) ClimatePreneur.

CACCI Website

Mr. Inaishvili initiated a further upgrade of the CACCI website to make it even more useful and effective in helping our members meet their need for timely and relevant information on business opportunities in the region and to network with potential partners in other Asian countries.

CACCI Facebook and CACCI LinkedIn

In addition to the CACCI website upgrade, Mr. Inaishvili encouraged the setting up of an official Facebook Page, as well as an official LinkedIn Page, to serve as additional platforms to communicate with CACCI members and the public in general, as well as enable members to cross-post and news materials on or promote their activities and events.

CACCI Brochure Update

An updated version of the CACCI brochure was issued as promotional material to further raise the profile of CACCI in the region and internationally as well.

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CACCI Foundation Grant

The CACCI Foundation awarded a grant to the Barisal Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Bangladesh for its project aimed at assisting in the entrepreneurial development of women, especially the less fortunate ones.

In concluding his Valedictory Address, Mr. Inaishvili told members: "Given the rapid changes taking place in the economic and business environment not only in the region but globally as well, the role of CACCI as a regional organization and the voice of the business sector will become increasingly important. I, therefore, call on all members to give our incoming President and officers our continued support in the next two years."



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Presidential Visits



Presidential Visit

Bangladesh (February 2-3, 2015)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili led a nine-member delegation to Dhaka, Bangladesh for a two-day visit on February 2-3, 2015. The Bangladesh trip was a milestone on two counts. It was Mr. Inaishvili's first Presidential visit since he took the helm of CACCI in September 2014. It was also the first-ever CACCI Presidential visit to Bangladesh.



Organized and hosted by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), the two-day program allowed the CACCI delegation to meet with various government officials (from the Board of Investments, Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Agriculture) to exchange views on trade and investment issues as well as identify areas where Bangladesh and CACCI member countries may strengthen their economic relations.

The delegation also had the opportunity to network with FBCCI officers, members and other local businessmen; visit a leading pharmaceutical company (Beximco Pharmaceuticals); and experience some of the tourist attractions and places of interest in Bangladesh.



Presidential Visit

Belarus (September 22-23, 2015)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili led an eight-member delegation to Minsk, Belarus on September 22-23, 2015. The visit was made upon the invitation of the Chairman of the Belarusian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BelCCI), Mr. Mikhail Miatlikov to Mr. Inaishvili.



During the two-day visit, the CACCI delegation met with: (a) key officers and members of the BelCCI; (b) the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus Mr. Valentin Rybakov; (c) representative of the National Agency of Investment and Privatization; (d) marketing and sales representatives of the Belarusian Potash Company; (e) key officers of the Great Stone Industrial Park in Belarus; and (f) head of marketing department of the High-Tech Park Administration.



Presidential Visit

Australia (November 25-27, 2015)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili made a highly successful visit on November 25-27, 2015 to Australia where he and his 14-member delegation were warmly received by the officers and members of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) and the New South Wales Business Chamber (NSWBC), called on key government officials, and visited a number of companies representing important industry sectors of the country.

The three-day itinerary of the CACCI delegation from six countries brought them to Canberra, where they were hosted by the ACCI on November 25 and 26, and to Sydney where a full-day program was arranged for them by the NSWBC on November 27.



Presidential Visit

Sri Lanka (March 8-10, 2016)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili successfully led a six-member delegation from five countries on a Presidential visit to Colombo, Sri Lanka from March 8 to March 10, 2016. The CACCI visitors were received by the officers and members of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and participated in meetings and activities arranged and organized by the Chamber.

During the three-day visit, the delegation observed the Colombo tea auction in session; attended a briefing about the Young Members Forum established under the Chamber umbrella; had a fruitful dialogue with key officers of the Board of Investments; visited the Colombo Stock Exchange; and participated in the full-day program of the Sri Lanka Investment and Business Conclave organized by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with trade and investment agencies of Sri Lanka.

They also joined the other Conclave delegates on a visit to the Port of Colombo where they were given briefings by the three major companies operating in the port.



Presidential Visit

Georgia (May 23-24, 2016)

An eight-member CACCI delegation visited Tbilisi, Georgia on May 23-24, 2016 to gather first-hand information on the current economic and business conditions in Georgia and explore possible areas for foreign trade and investments in the country. The delegation was welcomed by officers and members of the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) led by GCCI President Mrs. Nino Chikovani.



Following the Business Forum, the CACCI delegation was given a tour of the Georgia Tech Park. The group then proceeded to the Partnership Fund, which is a state owned investment fund established in 2011 to promote investment in Georgia. The delegation also visited two Georgian companies. These were the Zedazeni, a beer and beverage factory, and Tegeta Motors, which offer a full range of auto products and services to Corporate and retail customers.



The two-day program arranged by GCCI enabled the visitors to participate in a Business Forum and discussion on the investment climate in Georgia and opportunities for foreign investors.



Presidential Visit

Nepal (November 20-23, 2017)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili led a 30-member delegation to Nepal for a successful three-day visit on November 20-23, 2017. The CACCI delegation was composed of key chamber officers and leading businessmen from Australia, Bangladesh, Georgia, Hong Kong, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Taiwan.



Hosted by the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the three-day program allowed the CACCI delegation to meet with FNCCI officers and members as well as with various government officials – including the President and the Commerce Secretary of Nepal - to exchange views on trade and investment issues as well as identify areas where Nepal and CACCI member countries may strengthen their economic relations.



Presidential Visit

Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos (April 19-25, 2018)

CACCI President Mr. Inaishvili led a delegation of CACCI officers and members to Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos for Presidential visits on April 19-20 in Phnom Penh, April 23 in Hanoi, and April 25 in Vientiane.

The three-country trip was a milestone on two counts. It was the first-ever CACCI Presidential visit covering three countries in one trip. It was also the first-ever Presidential visit undertaken by Mr. Inaishvili to Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos since he took over as CACCI President in 2014.

Cambodia (April 19)

The CACCI delegation on April 19 met with officers and members of the Cambodia Chamber of Commerce; visited two Taiwanese-owned garments and wearing apparel manufacturing companies; and toured the § Phnom Penh Special Economic Zone.



Presidential Visit

Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos (April 19-25, 2018)

Vietnam (April 23)

The CACCI visitors on April 23 were welcomed by the officers and members of the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) and the chamber's headquarters where a business meeting between the two sides were held. They then proceeded to meet with officials of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.



Presidential Visit

Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos (April 19-25, 2018)

Laos (April 25)

The CACCI delegation had a business meeting with the President of the Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI). This was followed by a one-on-one session with several officers and members of the LNCCI. They then proceeded to visit the Vientiane Saysettha Development Zone, designed to be a model of industrial zones in the country.



Presidential Visit

Vladivostok (June 14-15, 2018)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili led a delegation of CACCI officers and members to Vladivostok in Russia on June 13-14, 2018, the first-ever Presidential visit to the port city located around the Golden Horn Bay, not far from Russia's borders with China and North Korea.



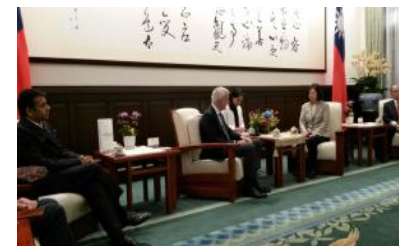
The CACCI visitors had the opportunity to meet with key officers of important organizations - such as the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Primorsky Krai Administration, and the Duma of Vladivostok City - to exchange views with them on matters of common interest. They also visited local companies – including the European Diamond Centre Co. Ltd., the Aviapolis Yankovsky Co. Ltd., the Techno Holding Sumotiru Co. Ltd, and the Marine Experimental Center – and learned first-hand about their activities and the areas in which they are open for investments.



Presidential Visit

Taipei (September 3-4, 2018)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili and CACCI Senior Vice President Mr. Samir Modi visited Taipei on September 3-4, 2018 to meet with officers of CACCI Primary Members in Taiwan – namely, the Chinese International Economic Association (CIECA) and the Chinese National Association of Industry and Commerce (CNAIC) – as well as make courtesy calls on key government officials and other business organizations involved in promoting trade and investment cooperation between Taiwan and other countries. Mr. Inaishvili and Mr. Modi also visited local business enterprises to explore possible areas of business cooperation.



The government officials, trade organizations, and business enterprises visited included the following: ROC President H. E. Tsai Ing-Wen, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the ROC. Amb. Jose Maria Lou, Taiwan External Trade Development Council, Importers and Exporters Association of Taipei, I-Mei Foods, and Taiwan Family Mart Co. Ltd.

Presidential Visit

Mongolia (September 6-8, 2018)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili led a Presidential visit to Mongolia on September 6-8, 2018, accompanied by 30 other delegates from Georgia, India, China and Taiwan.



During the visit, the CACCI delegation made courtesy calls on Mongolian President Khaltmagiin Battulga and the Foreign Minister of Mongolia Damdin Tsogtbaatar. As part of the Presidential visit program, the MNCCI organized a Conference entitled “Discover Business Opportunities Through CACCI” which gave an opportunity for CACCI delegates to obtain information on the trade and investment environment in Mongolia.

The CACCI delegates also attended the Women's Entrepreneurship Day program at the MNCCI headquarters. The Mongolia visit also took place at the same time as the Ulaanbaatar Partnership 2018, the country's largest international trade fair that brought together international and domestic companies from the food, textile, light industry, and agricultural sectors of several countries.



CACCI Conferences



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29th CACCI Conference (October 29-30, 2015, Hong Kong)



The first CACCI Conference held after Mr. Jemal Inaishvili took over the Presidency in 2014 was the 29th CACCI Conference which took place in Hong Kong on October 29-30, 2015. Hosted by the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce under its Chairman Mr. Conrad Lee, the highly successful Conference was attended by some 400 delegates composed largely businessmen from 22 Asia-Pacific countries. It was the first time CACCI members gathered in Hong Kong for the annual Conference.



Focusing on the theme “Asia Beyond Limits”, the two-day event provided delegates the opportunity to share their views on measures that the business sector and governments in the region can undertake to take full advantage of the current market opportunities, thereby enabling them to grow beyond the domestic borders and into the global market. The Keynote Speaker at the Opening Ceremony was Mr. Godfrey Leung King-kwo, Undersecretary for Commerce and Economic Development of Hong Kong, who underscored the importance of cooperation and complementarity among businessmen in the region to enable them to achieve their objective of going beyond their limits.



The Conference also saw: (a) the admission of one Primary Member from Azerbaijan, and 20 new Lifetime Special Members from six countries – 12 from Bangladesh, two each from Hong Kong, Georgia, and Nepal, and one each from the Philippines and Singapore; (b) the issuance of the CACCI Policy Statement on Rules of Origin; (c) the signing of an MOU between CACCI and the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and (d) the presentation of the 1st CACCI Hydropower and Clean Energy Award to ESNA Power (Pvt) Ltd. from Sri Lanka.

CACCI Conferences

30th CACCI Conference (November 23-25, 2016, Taipei, Taiwan)



President Inaishvili once again led the successful organization of the 30th CACCI Conference in Taipei, Taiwan on November 23-25, 2016, with the participation of some 450 delegates. Co-hosted by the Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA) and the Chinese National Association of Industry and Commerce (CNAIC), the Taipei Conference – which focused on the theme “The Rise of Asia: Taking a Bigger Role in the Global Economy” - also marked the 50th Anniversary of the Confederation.



The Opening Ceremony featured **H. E. Tsai Ing-Wen**, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as Special Guest of Honor. In her Address to the delegates, President Tsai underscored the relevance of the Conference theme, noting that Asia has certainly become the most important force driving the global economy. She said that her administration intends work hard to build stronger links with countries in ASEAN and South Asia, as well as Australia and New Zealand, especially in the areas of economics, trade, talent exchange, education, tourism and culture.



Special activities were lined up to help commemorate the 50th Anniversary of CACCI, including the CACCI Summit Meeting, which gathered together the presidents, chairmen and CEOs of all CACCI Primary Members primarily to prepare a road-map of its future direction. A CACCI Summit Declaration was issued calling on Asian countries to cooperate with each other in leading global economic expansion in the years ahead amidst current economic slowdown and uncertainties in major economies. As part of the commemoration, CACCI presented the Illustrious Distinguished Service Award to all members who had served as CACCI President.



The Taipei Conference also saw: (a) the re-election of Mr. Jemal Inaishvili as CACCI President for a second two-year term (2016-2018); (b) the admission of the **Chamber of Commerce and Industry Timor Leste** as the newest Primary Member, the first chamber from the Pacific Islands to join the Confederation, and eight new Lifetime Special members from Hong Kong, Bangladesh, Georgia, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka; (c) the announcement of winners of the 7th Local Chamber Awards, the 6th Asia-Pacific Young Entrepreneur Award, the 1st Asia-Pacific Woman Entrepreneur Award, and the 2nd Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award ; and (d) the issuance of a policy paper entitled “Promoting Economic Empowerment of Women.”

CACCI Conferences

31st CACCI Conference (September 18-21, 2017, Sydney, Australia)



The 31st CACCI Conference was successfully held in Sydney, Australia in conjunction – for the first time - with the 10th World Chambers Congress jointly organized by the ICC World Chambers Federation (ICC WCF) and the Sydney Business Chamber (SBC) on September 18-21, 2017.

The 10th World Chambers Congress addressed the most pressing issues facing chambers and the private sector - from leadership, sustainability, access to finance, global mobility, diversity in the workplace, infrastructure, the future of origin, and many more topics.

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili was one of the speakers at the Opening Ceremony of the Congress. In his Welcome Remarks, Mr. Inaishvili said that the joint event manifests the mutual understanding and great partnership between and among CACCI, the ICC WCF and the SBC, and was certainly good for their respective members. The CACCI President added that as a Strategic Regional Partner of this year's 10th World Chambers Congress, the Confederation has been placed in an important position to connect its members with the other Congress delegates and explore business opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.



The Congress also hosted the World Chambers Competition, which recognised the best projects developed by chambers of commerce around the world. CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili and CACCI SME Development Council Chairman Mr. George Abraham accepted the invitation to take part in the judging process of the 2017 World Chambers Competition. Two other CACCI officers - CACCI President Emeritus Mr. K. K. Modi and CACCI Vice President Mr. Peter McMullin - were invited to present the Awards to the winners of two categories at the Gala Dinner on September 21.



CACCI Conferences

32nd CACCI Conference (November 23-24, 2018, Istanbul, Turkey)



Under the leadership of Mr. Jemal Inaishvili, CACCI successfully held its 32nd CACCI Conference in Istanbul, Turkey on November 23-24, 2018, with the participation of some 450 delegates. Held at the Ciragan Palace Kempinski, the 2018 Conference was co-hosted by CACCI with the TOBB, the umbrella organization of the business community of Turkey representing 1.5 million member companies. It was organized under the patronage of H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Turkey.



Focusing on the theme “Asia: Expanding Boundaries”, the two-day event feature Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay and Turkish Trade Minister Ruhsar Pekcan as Special Guests of Honor, and Mr. Yi Xiaozhun, Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization as Keynote Speaker.

The CACCI Council elected the office bearers for the term 2018-2020. Mr. Samir Modi, Member of Executive Committee, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), and Executive Director of K.K. Modi Group, was elected CACCI President, replacing Mr. Jemal Inaishvili.



The Conference also served as an occasion for: (a) the signing of an MOU between the TOBB and the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry; (b) the announcement of the winners of the 8th Local Chamber Awards, the 7th Asia-Pacific Young Entrepreneur Award, the 2nd Asia-Pacific Woman Entrepreneur Award, and the 3rd Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award; and (c) the admission of two new Affiliate Members – one from Hong Kong and the other from Taiwan – and five new Lifetime Special members – two from Bangladesh, two from Mongolia, and one from Saudi Arabia.



Planning Committee Meetings



CACCI Planning Committee Meetings

- Hong Kong (February 4, 2015)

Members of the CACCI Planning Committee led by CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili met on February 4, 2015 in Hong Kong primarily to discuss preparations for the 29th CACCI Conference. Hosted by the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce (KCC), the meeting was attended by 30 representatives from 11 CACCI member-countries. The Committee agreed that the Hong Kong Conference should carry the theme **“Asia Beyond Limits”**. Aside from discussing preparations for the 2015 Conference, the Meeting also reviewed the CACCI projects and activities lined up for the rest of 2015, including training programs, Presidential visits, etc.



CACCI Planning Committee Meetings

- Taipei (March 29, 2016)

The 2016 CACCI Planning Committee Meeting was held on March 29 at the Marriott Hotel in Taipei. Co-hosted by CIECA and CNAIC, with the CTBC Bank as major sponsor, the meeting primarily: (a) discussed preparations for the 30th CACCI Conference and reviewed the progress of activities under the CACCI Work Program for 2016.

More than 40 participants from 11 CACCI member countries participated in the meeting, providing their inputs on how to make the 30th CACCI Conference in 2016, which coincided with the 50th Anniversary of the founding of CACCI, meaningful and productive. It was agreed that the Conference theme for 2016 would be “The Rise of Asia: Taking a Bigger Role in the Global Economy”.



CACCI Planning Committee Meetings

- Paris (March 2, 2017)

Members of the 2017 CACCI Planning Committee, along with key officers and staff members of the ICC World Chambers Federation (ICC WCF) and the Sydney Business Chamber (SBC), met on 2 March 2017 at the ICC Headquarters in Paris, France. Hosted by ICC WCF, the meeting discussed primarily preparations for the 31st CACCI Conference scheduled to take place in Sydney, Australia, in conjunction with 10th World Chambers Congress jointly organized by the ICC WCF and the SBC.

A total of 22 delegates from 11 countries attended the Meeting, including representatives from Australia, Bangladesh, Georgia, France, India, Iran, Japan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Russia and Taiwan.



CACCI Planning Committee Meetings

- Istanbul (February 5, 2018)

Members of the 2018 CACCI Planning Committee met on February 5, 2018 at the TOBB headquarters in Istanbul. Hosted and organized by TOBB, the meeting primarily discussed preparations for the 32nd CACCI Conference scheduled to take place in November 2018 in Istanbul. A total of 30 delegates from 9 countries attended the Meeting, including representatives from Bangladesh, Georgia, India, Iran, Japan, Pakistan, Russia, Taiwan, and Turkey. Some 15 representatives from the Turkish media were also in attendance during the opening ceremony. The Planning Committee agreed on “Asia: Expanding Boundaries” to be the theme for the 32nd CACCI Conference.



Summit Meeting



CACCI Summit Meeting

November 23, 2016, Taipei



President Jemal Inaishvili chaired the CACCI Summit Meeting held in conjunction with the 30th CACCI Conference on November 23, 2016 in Taipei as part of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Confederation.



The CACCI Summit Meeting gathered together the presidents, chairmen and CEOs of all CACCI Primary Members primarily to: (a) review the accomplishments of the Confederation over the 50 years since its founding; (b) re-visit its vision and mission as well as its goals and objectives in light of the current conditions and recent developments in the regional and global market environment; and (c) prepare a road-map of its future direction.



A CACCI Summit Declaration was issued after the Summit Meeting. In the Declaration, the Summit Meeting participants point out that Asian countries are expected to lead global economic expansion in the years ahead amidst current economic slowdown and uncertainties in major economies, but need to cooperate and partner with each other to help accelerate economic growth. However, CACCI also recognizes that the region today is facing challenging economic conditions. Given this new context, CACCI says that partnership and cooperation – both within and across national boundaries - should be one of the principal concerns of countries and of the business communities in the Asia-Pacific region. However, CACCI also maintains that growth needs to be both economically inclusive – including the economic empowerment of women - and be environmentally sustainable.

Participation in Meetings/Events of Other Regional and International Organizations



Eurochambres (October 15-16, 2014, Brussels)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili participated in the Global Chamber Platform (GCP Annual Meeting and The European Parliament of Enterprises at the Eurochambres Conference held on October 15-16, 2014 in Brussels, Mr. Inaishvili had the opportunity to meet with key officers of the chambers of commerce from Europe, America and the Asia-Pacific region, and discussed topics on business developments in these regions and possible areas of cooperation between CACCI and the other regional associations of chambers of commerce.



B20 International Business Advisory Council (April 17, 2015, Ankara, Turkey)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili joined other members of the B20 International Business Advisory Council (IBAC) at the latter's first meeting in Washington DC on April 17, 2015 and its second meeting in Ankara, Turkey on September 4, 2015. The meetings featured senior government and G20 officials and global leaders of the B20 business community and highlighted the potential for stepped up G20 outcomes from strengthened public/private dialogue.

The Council is given the mandate to provide advice in shaping of the B20 policy recommendations to the G20 member governments. The B20 is a platform that serves as an intermediary group between G20 governments and the international business community. Its primary mission is to deal with the urgent and significant global issues by developing actionable recommendations from global business leaders to the G20 Leaders.

B20 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
G20 Recommendations

DEVELOP COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIES

US\$15-20 trillion
Gap in economic infrastructure
forecast to reach over
the next 15 years

**“ The number of people
living in cities is expected
to double by 2030.
The scale of infrastructure
financing requires solutions
that go beyond the means
of the public sector.”**

John Danilovich
Secretary General, ICC
United Nations, 8 April 2015

The United Nations has
also recognized industry,
innovation and infrastructure
as a key component of the
2030 development agenda

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Meeting with the Irish Chambers of Commerce (May 2015)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili met with Mr. Ian Talbot, Chief Executive of Chambers Ireland and with Mr. Conor Healy, Chief Executive of Cork Chamber during his visit to Dublin, Ireland in early May 2015.

Mr. Inaishvili exchanged ideas with Mr. Talbot and Mr. Healy on possible areas of cooperation between CACCI and their respective chambers. Chambers Ireland is Ireland's largest business organisation with a network of Chambers of Commerce in every major town and region in the country. Cork Chamber is the leading business organisation for the promotion and development of economic and commercial activity in Cork, the capital of the South of Ireland and the Republic of Ireland's second largest City region.



4th World Business Leaders Conference and Import Expo (May 20, 2015)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili led a twelve-member delegation to Kunshan, Jiangsu Province in China, to participate in the 4th World Business Leaders Conference hosted by the China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC) and the International Chamber of Commerce China (ICC China) on May 20, 2015.

Mr. Inaishvili was a panelist in the session on China's Economic Reform Outlook and Global Business Opportunities during which he shared his views on the prospects of China's economic reform and what the new round of reform means for Asian businesses and how they can seize opportunities brought by such reform.

On May 21, members of the CACCI delegation led by President Inaishvili visited the 4th China Import Expo Kunshan (CIE 2015), which was held from May 20 to 23. The Expo attracted 681 companies from 43 countries and trade promotion institutions and industrial associations from 20 countries.



9th World Chambers Congress (June 11, 2015)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili served as Judge in the 2015 edition of the World Chambers Competition under the Best Job Creation and Business Development Project category.

CACCI President Mr. Inaishvili participated as speaker in the Network Sessions held on June 11, 2015 as part of the program of the 9th World Chambers Congress in Torino, Italy. Mr. Inaishvili made a presentation on CACCI's Product and Service Councils which were organized to promote greater business interaction among CACCI members who are in the same product or service line.

CACCI President Mr. Inaishvili participated in the Roundtable on “Women Mean Business: Supporting Women's Economic Empowerment Across the Indian Ocean Rim” held on the morning of June 10 as part of the program of the 9th World Chambers Congress. Mr. Inaishvili made a presentation about the CACCI Women Entrepreneurs Council and its activities to promote women entrepreneurship in CACCI member countries.



Asia Matters (July 10, 2015)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili was invited as a Speaker at the Seventh EU Asia Economic Roundtable held on July 10, 2015 in Dublin, Ireland. Held under the theme “A New Era in EU-Asia Economic Partnership, the Roundtable was organized by Asia Matters, an educational think tank that works in close partnership with government, business and academic stakeholders in Ireland, the EU and across Asia. Mr. Inaishvili was requested to share his perspectives as CACCI President on “The view from Asia: where Europe fits in Asian Trade Priorities”.

AsiaMatters



B20 Conference (September 3-5, 2015)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili and CACCI Director-General Amb. Victor C. Y. Tseng attended the B20 Conference held on September 3-5, 2015 in Ankara, Turkey. The B20, which was chaired in 2015 by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB), has been the business community's primary platform for recommending policies to G20 leaders on issues that concern the global economic agenda. The Conference in Ankara brought together the B20 community to discuss B20's recommendations, and deliver them to G20 governments.

The Conference sessions focused on topics such as SME development, infrastructure, financial markets, fighting corruption, digital economy, empowering women, and global economic outlook – all of which are highly relevant to the business community in general and to CACCI members in particular. The Conference also offered opportunities for Mr. Inaishvili and Amb. Tseng to interact with G20 finance ministers, employment ministers, central bank governors, and finance deputies who were present for their official meetings in Ankara.



World Chambers Federation (October 1, 2015, Slovakia)

CACCI President attended the 2015 meeting of the WCF General Council held in Bratislava, Slovakia on 1 October 2015. The General Council is the governing body of WCF, of which CACCI as a transnational chamber organization, represented by Mr. Inaishvili, is a Permanent Member.



Philippine Business Conference of the Philippine CCI (October 26-27, 2015)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili was invited to attend in the 41st Philippine Business Conference and Expo organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) on October 26-27, 2015 in Manila, Philippines. Mr. Inaishvili was Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker in the special session on “Building Competitive Partnerships”. He spoke on 'The Role of Chambers of Commerce in Promoting Regional Cooperation.’’



The B20 Forum in Antalya, Turkey (November 14-15, 2015)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili represented CACCI at the B20 Summit held on November 14-15, 2015 in Antalya, Turkey, which was hosted by the B20 Turkey chaired by the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) and attended by 560 business leaders from 41 countries

The business leaders, drawn from across the G20 economies, appealed for new commitments to kick-start the global economy for the benefit of all—against a backdrop of sluggish GDP growth and falling trade flows. They called for action to support trade, investment, and employment and SME growth— drawing on a series of recommendations developed by the global business community under the 2015 Turkish B20 presidency.



Launching of the Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce (December 9-10, 2015, Hong Kong)

CACCI President Jemal Inaishvili attended the Silk Road International Investment Forum held in Hong Kong on 9-10 December 2015. The Forum served as the occasion to launch the new Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce (SRCIC), to which Mr. Inaishvili was offered the role of Honorary Chairman to help guide the development of the Chamber and exchange experience.

During the Forum, Mr. Inaishvili also served as one of the Panelists in Session One which focused on the topic “Silk Belt & Road Opportunities for International Business.”



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絲綢之路國際總商會



Meeting with Sri Lankan Ministers (January 2016)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili called on two Ministers of Sri Lanka during his visit to Colombo in early January 2016. Mr. Inaishvili met with Minister of Finance Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, who is a Member of Parliament for the Colombo District and was the former Cabinet Minister of Commerce Consumer Affairs from 2001 to 2004. He also called on Minister of Ports and Shipping Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga, who has been a Member of Parliament for Gampaha since August 2015 and was former international cricketer and cricket administrator.



WCF General Council Meeting, Mumbai, India (February 10-11, 2016)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili attended the 1st Meeting for 2016 of the General Council of the World Chambers Federation (WCF) held on February 10-11, 2016 in Mumbai, India. As a transnational chamber, CACCI is a Permanent Member of the WCF General Council and is currently represented by President Inaishvili. The WCF is a global network of 12,000 chambers that aims to help individual chambers to become more productive and strengthens links among them. The General Council is the governing body of WCF that sets the strategic direction and development of WCF's services.



FT-EBRD Central Asia Investment Forum (February 2016, Istanbul)

CACCI President Jemal Inaishvili represented CACCI in the FT-EBRD Central Asia Investment Forum: Forging Relationships for Growth, that took place on February 18, 2016 in Istanbul. Jointly organized by Financial Times (FT) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the one-day Forum focused on practicalities of doing business in the Central Asia region, the opportunities for international investors in Central Asia and how to navigate the complexities of operating in the region.



The VII Congress of the CCIRF (March 1, 2016, Moscow)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili accepted the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (CCIRF) to attend its VII Congress held on March 1, 2016 at the Moscow World Trade Center. The Congress focused on the Chamber's priorities for 2016-2020 to meet the country's economic challenges, including SME support, Government industrial policy, and national legislation on business regulations, among others. Mr. Inaishvili also took the opportunity to call on CCIRF President Mr. Sergey Katyrin at the Chamber headquarters to brief him on ongoing and upcoming CACCI activities, and invited him to attend the 30th CACCI Conference to be held in November 2016 in Taipei. He also congratulated Mr. Katyrin on his re-election as CCIRF President during the Congress.



Meeting of CACCI President in New Zealand (March 23-24, 2016)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili met with Mr. Michael Barnett, Chief Executive Officer of the Auckland Regional Chamber of Commerce on March 23. Mr. Inaishvili thanked Mr. Barnett for the continued strong support that the Chamber has extended to CACCI over the past years. He expressed his hopes that the Chamber will remain actively involved in CACCI, and invited Mr. Barnett and his Chamber colleagues to participate in the 30th CACCI to be held in Taipei on November 23-25, 2016.



SRCIC Roadshow in Georgia (April 5, 2016)

Mr. Jemal Inaishvili received key members of the delegation that joined the successful Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce (SRCIC) roadshow on April 5, 2016 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The first roadshow of the SRCIC was cited as a very important step toward further development of co-operation between China and Georgia both in the framework of the One Road, One Belt project and bilaterally.



Crans Montana Forum in Vienna (June 29 – July 2, 2016)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili participated in the Crans Montana Forum on Central to Far Eastern Europe that took place on June 29 - July 2, 2016 at the Niederösterreich Palace, in Vienna. The Forum aimed to put together all countries and key actors from Atlantic Ocean to Pacific Ocean to resume and strengthen their links. It also presented opportunities for Businesses and Government Officials to implement their strategies, strengthen relationships with partners and create new ones, and build cooperation opportunities.



Meeting with Bulgarian Ministers (July 21, 2016)

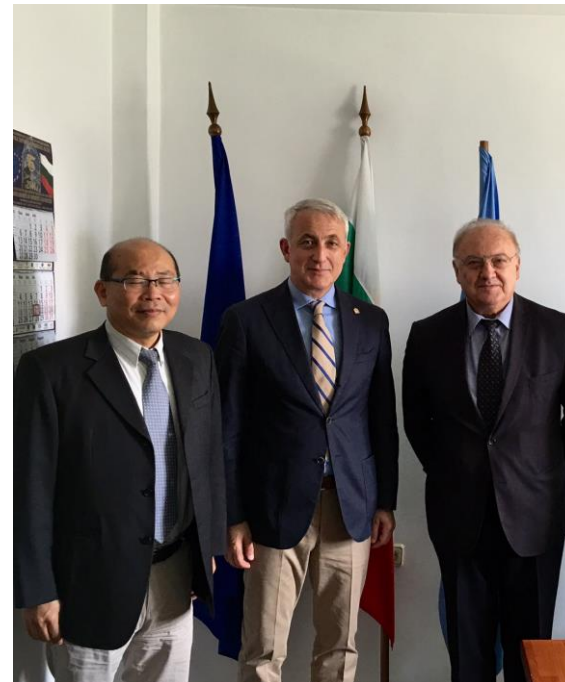
CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili called on two Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria during his visit to Sofia on July 21. He met with Mrs. Lilyana Pavlova, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, and with Mr. Ivaylo Moskovski, Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications.



Meeting with Bulgarian CCI Vice President (July 21, 2016)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili called on the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Vice President Mr. Georgi Stoev during his visit to Sofia, Bulgaria. The meeting took place on July 21 at the Chamber's premises.

Mr. Inaishvili and Mr. Stoev discussed and exchanged views on several issues, including CACCI-related matters, activities of the Silk Road Chamber for International Commerce (SRCIC), activities of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and possible areas of cooperation between CACCI and the Chamber. Mr. Inaishvili also took the opportunity to invite Mr. Stoev and his Chamber colleagues to attend the 30th CACCI Conference on November 23-25, 2016 in Taipei.



B20 Summit 2016 in Hanzhou, China (September 3-4, 2016)

CACCI President Jemal Inaishvili was invited to attend the Business 20 (B20) Summit held in Hangzhou, China on 3-4 September. Coinciding with the G20 Summit in Hangzhou, the B20 Summit 2016 gathered G20 leaders, CEOs and leading thinkers to deliberate on key issues facing the global economic development by sharing views on "Innovation-Driven Growth", "More Efficient Global Economic and Financial Governance," "Robust Trade and Investment" and "Inclusive and Connective Development". B20 provides a significant platform for the international business community to participate in global economic governance, international economic and trade regulation.



The SRCIC Summit in Xi'an, China (September 6-8, 2016)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili attended the 2016 Silk Road Business Leadership Summit and the Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce (SRCIC) Annual Conference held on September 6-8 in Xi'an, China. Mr. Inaishvili is Honorary Chairman of SRCIC. The Summit and Conference brought together the heads and key leaders of chambers of commerce from over 40 countries, as well as global leaders from the public and private sectors to exchange views on how business and governments can work together to foster international trade.



Global Chamber Platform Meeting of the Eurochambres in Brussels (October 12-14, 2016)

CACCI President Jemal Inaishvili attended the gathering of the Global Chamber Platform (GCP) organized by the Eurochambres on October 13 in Brussels, Belgium. The 2016 meeting of the GCP, of which CACCI is a member, discussed the outcomes of its annual Global Economic Survey. GCP members were also invited as special guests at the Eurochambres Parliament of Enterprises attended by over 750 business people and political leaders of the European Union.



2nd Meeting of the WCF General Council in Madrid, Spain (November 4, 2016)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili attended the 2nd Meeting for 2016 of the General Council of the World Chambers Federation (WCF) held on November 4, 2016 in Madrid, Spain.



2016 Global Diaspora Business Summit in Singapore (November 28-29, 2016)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili was invited as one of the speakers at the 2016 Global Diaspora Business Summit (GDBS) held on November 28-29, 2016 in Singapore. The GDBS is designed to provide a platform for successful diaspora global entrepreneurs to meet and discuss mutually beneficial business opportunities available in the region.

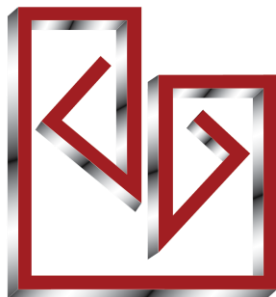
The theme of GDBS 2016 was "One Belt One Road". Invited speakers shared insights on opportunities brought about by the One Belt and One Road Initiative and the impact on the economies of China, ASEAN and India. CACCI was one of the Supporting Organizations of the 2016 Summit.



Roundtable Organized by Economic Chamber of Macedonia (February 17, 2017, Skopje)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili participated as Speaker at the Roundtable organized by the Economic Chamber of Macedonia in Skopje on February 17, 2017 marking 95 years of Macedonia's successful system of commercial chambers.

Entitled "Position of Small Countries in the International Economy: Advantages and Disadvantages," the Roundtable was attended by renowned representatives of the business, science and business associations, former prime ministers and presidents from the region and beyond who work or come from small countries.



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WCF General Council Meeting (March 1, 2017, Paris)

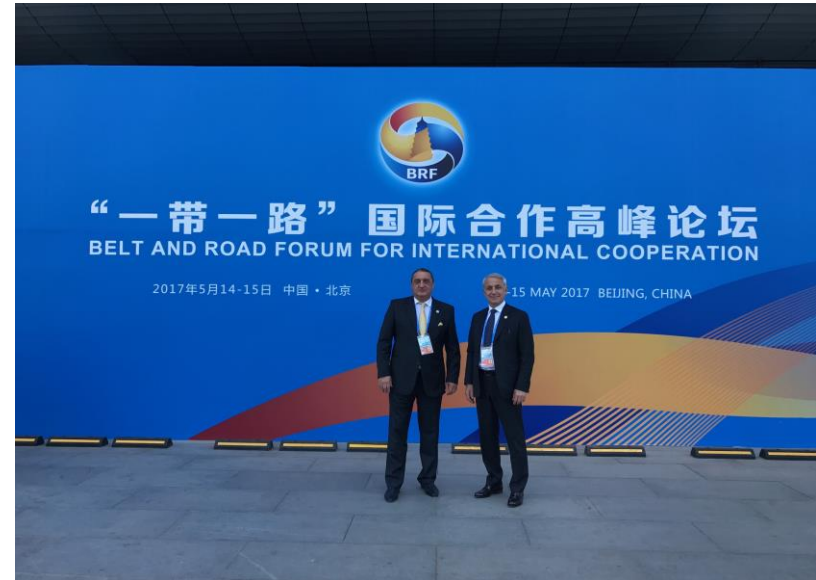
CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili attended the 1st Meeting for 2017 of the General Council of the World Chambers Federation (WCF) held on March 1, 2017 in Paris, France, along with seven other CACCI member representatives who were recently elected to the WCF General Council. As a transnational chamber, CACCI is a Permanent Member of the WCF General Council and is currently represented by President Inaishvili.

President Inaishvili was accompanied at the meeting by representatives of CACCI member chambers from Australia, Georgia, Japan, Iran, Mongolia, Russia and Turkey.



One Belt, One Road Summit (March 14-15, 2017, Beijing)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili attended the One-Belt, One-Road Summit held in Beijing on May 14-15, 2017. At the Summit, Chinese President Xi Jinping urged multilateral institutions to join the One-Belt, One-Road Initiative, stressing the importance of rejecting protectionism in seeking global economic growth. President Xi pledged US\$124 billion for the new Silk Road which aims to bolster China's global leadership ambitions by expanding links between Asia, Africa, Europe and beyond. Leaders from 29 countries attended the Belt and Road forum, as well as the heads of the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, and World Bank.



AIIB Board of Governors Meeting in Jeju, Korea (June 16-17, 2017)

President Inaishvili attended the second annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) held on June 16-18, 2017 in South Korea's Jeju Island.

The 2017 annual meeting brought together about 2,000 participants, including delegations of both 57 founding members and 20 new members, international organizations and academia as well as businessmen, financiers and journalists. The attendees included over 20 finance ministers of the 77 approved AIIB members.

The second meeting was held under the theme of "Sustainable Infrastructure," seeking strategic directions of the international infrastructure bank and making major decisions on the bank's management.



Invitations and Meetings of CACCI President (2017)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili attended or was invited to attend several events, including the following: (a) 4th Eastern Partnership Business Forum held on October 26-27, 2017 in Tallinn, Estonia; (b) EU-Eurasia-China Business Summit in Athens held on October 9-10, 2017 in Athens; and (c) the 45th Anniversary celebration of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UCCI) held on December 14-16, 2017 in Kiev.



B20 Conference and B20 Germany Task Force Meeting (December 1-2, 2017, Berlin)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili was accepted as member of the B20 Germany Task Force on Trade and Investment, and attended the first meeting of the Task Force held on December 2 in Berlin. He also participated in the B20 Conference on “Resilience, Responsibility, Responsiveness – Towards a Future-Oriented, Sustainable World Economy” on December 1. The B20 – chaired by Germany in 2017 - is a platform that serves as an intermediary group between G20 governments and the international business community. Its primary mission is to deal with the urgent and significant global issues by developing actionable recommendations from global business leaders to the G20 Leaders.



WCF General Council Meeting (April 11, 2018, Beijing)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili attended the meeting of the General Council of the **International Chamber of Commerce World Chambers Federation (ICC WCF)** on April 11, 2018 in Beijing, China. The meeting was hosted by the China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC) and held at the Guido Hotel Beijing. During the meeting, President Inaishvili had the opportunity to introduce CACCI to the meeting participants and to brief them about the ongoing and upcoming activities of CACCI.



4th ICC Asia-Pacific CEO Forum (March 8-9, 2018)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili served as one of the panel of experts during the 4th ICC Asia-Pacific CEO Forum held on March 8-9, 2018 at the Hotel New Otani in Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Inaishvili was invited by ICC Japan as Panelist during the session on “Achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Through Innovation and Entrepreneurship.” He joined Mr. Takeo Harada, CEO, Institute for International Strategy and Information Analysis, Inc, and Ms. Cherie Nursaalim, Vice President, GITI Group in the panel discussion. The session was chaired and moderated by Mr. John Danilovich, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce.



“Belt and Road Trade and Investment Forum” (April 12, 2018)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili joined other ICC-WCF General Council Members in attending the "Belt and Road Trade and Investment Forum" held on April 12, 2018 in Beijing at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse. The Forum was Organized by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC), and the ICC World Chambers Federation (ICC WCF), and supported by the Silk Road Business Council. Focusing on the theme "Unleashing Potential for Shared Future," the Forum aimed to introduce and disseminate the Belt and Road concept, strengthen the dialogue between government and business, enhance connectivity between China and foreign countries, and build consensus of cooperation. The Forum brought together about 700 business and industry delegates from more than 70 countries, including those covered by the CACCI membership. Several officers from CACCI member chambers served as panelists in the various sessions.



The Great Silk Road: Towards New Frontiers of Development

(May 2, 2018)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili was invited as one of the special guests of honor at the international forum on “The Great Silk Road: Towards New Frontiers of Development” held at the Turkmen Awaza National Tourist Zone in the Caspian Sea shore in Turkmenistan on May 2, 2018. The Forum took place in conjunction with the opening of the new International Turkmenbashi Port, which is expected to connect Asia and Europe for transferring goods and ideas and help activate the so-called Silk Road corridors. Also attending the forum was the President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov. During the forum, Mr. Inaishvili presented a special award to President Berdimuhamedov as initiator of the project of Turkmenbashi International Seaport.



B20 Summit (October 4-5, 2018, Buenos Aires)

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili was accepted as member of the B20 Task Force on Trade and Investment and attended the B20 Summit held on October 4-5, 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Summit gathered some 1,200 business leaders from around the world. The high-level representatives from business presented B20 recommendations and debate on the issues that are shaping economies today and will have substantial impact on their future.



2018 Silkroad Business Summit (October 16, 2018, ZhangJiajie)

President Inaishvili also attended the 2018 Silkroad Business Summit organized by the Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce (SRCIC) held on October 16, 2018 in the city of ZhangJiajie, central China's Hunan province. During the two-day event, some 400 representatives from 84 countries and regions (from Chinese and foreign governments, international organizations, and chambers of commerce) explored issues such as maintaining multilateral trade system, building an open world economy, creating a safe international business environment and promoting the development of traditional medicine. During the Summit, President Inaishvili was presented the SRCIC Outstanding Leadership Award.



WCF General Council Meeting in Dubai (November 21-22, 2018)

Mr. Inaishvili attended the General Council Meeting of the ICC World Chambers Federation held on November 21-22 in Dubai. He represented CACCI, which is one of the transnational chambers of commerce that have permanent seats in the General Council, the governing body of the ICC World Chambers Federation.



Training Programs



Training Programs

Roadshow workshops on “Short-Term Trade Finance” and on “Payment and Delivery Conditions of International Contract of Sale” , Vietnam (March 21-24, 2016)

The CACCI Secretariat coordinated with the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) and Mr. Pavel Andrl, Secretary to the Banking Commission of the ICC Czech Republic, in organizing workshops on “*Short-Term Trade Finance*” and “*Payment and Delivery Conditions of International Contract of Sale*” in three cities in Vietnam during the week of March 21. Hosted and organized by the VCCI in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, and Da Nang, the one-day workshops provided participants knowledge on how to use documentary credits in day-to-day operational practice, as well as on the most important parts of a standard contract of sale.

The following year, the CACCI Secretariat once again coordinated with VCCI in co-organizing two-day workshops on International Trade and Short-Term Trade Finance in Vietnam. The first workshop was held in Hanoi on April 17-18 and the second one in Ho Chi Minh City on April 19-20, as follows:



Training Programs

Joint FICCI-ICC-CACCI Workshop on ATA Carnet System, Kolkata (April 29, 2016)

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) – West Bengal State Council - held a Workshop on “Why Should India Expand the ATA Carnet System” and “Why Should Exporters Use the ATA Carnet System” in Kolkata, India on 29 April 2016. FICCI organized the workshop with the support of the ICC WCF, CACCI and the Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO). The workshop, which was conducted by Mrs. Lee Ju Song, Executive Director of ICC Asia, was attended by more than 100 participants from India Customs, trade promotion agencies and members from FIEO.

The following year, the CACCI Secretariat once again co-organized with Mrs. Lee Ju Song, Executive Director, ICC Asia, a seminar on steps to be taken for the implementation of the ATA Carnet System in Vietnam. Held on October 31 – November 4, 2017 in Hanoi, the five-day sessions were attended by about 40 Senior Vietnam Customs and VCCI Certification Staff designated to implement the ATA Carnet System in Vietnam.



CACCI Foundation Grant for the BWCCI Project

Under the guidance of CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili, the Secretariat coordinated with the President of the Barisal Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BWCCI) and members of the CACCI Foundation Fund Management Committee on the approval of the CACCI Foundation Grant for the project proposal of the BWCCI .

The BWCCI applied for a grant from the CACCI Foundation for its project whose primary objective is to assist in the entrepreneurial development of women, especially the less fortunate ones, in Barisal, which is an old port located some 353 kilometers from Dhaka in southern Bangladesh. The beneficiary project aimed to provide capacity-building in entrepreneurship to some 160 women entrepreneurs in Barisal within a period of six months. The proposal was submitted by Mrs. Anjuman Salahuddin, Founder and President of BWCCI, following the CACCI Presidential Visit of CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili to Bangladesh on February 2-3, 2015.



CACCI Awards



During his incumbency, Mr. Jemal Inaishvili continued the tradition of giving recognition to CACCI members for their outstanding achievements in their respective fields. These awards included the Local Chamber Awards and the Asia-Pacific Young Entrepreneur Award, which were presented in 2016 and in 2018. It was also during the presidency of Mr. Inaishvili that two other awards were launched, namely, the Hydropower and Clean Energy Excellence Award and the Asia-Pacific Woman Entrepreneur Award.



Policy Advocacy



During the presidency of Mr. Inaishvili, CACCI continued its policy advocacy work as part of its efforts to make the Confederation the voice of the business sector in the region. Among the important accomplishments in this area were the following:

- CACCI submitted the policy paper entitled “Trade Liberalization and Facilitation” to the APEC Secretariat, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the SAARC-CCI Secretariat.
- CACCI submitted the Policy Statement on Rules of Origin to multilateral organizations such as the APEC Secretariat, the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC), the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC), and the SAARC CCI.
- CACCI submitted a copy of the Policy Statement on “Promoting Economic Empowerment of Women” to the APEC Secretariat, the ABAC, the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN BAC, the Eurochambres, the ICC-World Chambers Federation, and United Nations ESCAP.
- CACCI issued a *CACCI Summit Declaration* at the end of the CACCI Summit Meeting held on November 24, 2016 in conjunction with the 30th CACCI Conference in Taipei.

Upgrade of the CACCI Website

CACCI President Mr. Jemal Inaishvili took the initiative of upgrading the CACCI website. The new portal was designed to disseminate up-to-date information, PR news, communiqués, conference reports, CACCI Presidential visit reports, service and product councils' publications, specialized trainings reports and other activities undertaken by CACCI members all over the Asia Pacific region. Mr. Inaishvili said that the new website aims to enable CACCI to continue playing a valuable role in promoting cooperation among business communities in Asia Pacific. It is designed to help members meet their need for timely and relevant information on business opportunities in the region and to network with potential partners in other Asian countries.

Available on both desktop and mobile devices, the new website features a fresher look and feel, easier navigation, cleaner interface with a more user friendly design. Moreover, the new website presents better media connections and video functions that CACCI will use to show photos and videos of its many regional and international events.



Publication of the Year-End Reports

During the Presidency of Mr. Inaishvili, the CACCI Secretariat initiated issuing the Year-End Report summarizing the major activities of CACCI during the year, and took the opportunity to thank CACCI officers and members for the cooperation and assistance they have extended to the Confederation in undertaking its projects and programs the year before. To date, the Secretariat has issued four Year-End Reports – for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.



Brief Profile



Mr. Jemal Inaishvili is the Immediate Past President of the Confederation of Asia Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI). He served the position for two consecutive terms, from 2014 to 2016, and from 2016 to 2018.

During his CACCI presidency, Mr. Inaishvili was member of the ICC World Chamber Federation General Council, as well as member of the Council of the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He also served as member of the B20 International Business Advisory Council (IBAC) in 2016-2017.

Mr. Inaishvili was also named honorary chairman of the Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce (SRCIC). During the 2018 Silkroad Business Summit organized by the SRCIC on October 16, 2018 in the city of ZhangJiajie, central China's Hunan province, President Inaishvili was presented the SRCIC Outstanding Leadership Award.

Previously, Mr. Inaishvili served as president of the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as well as vice president of CACCI. He has dedicated most of his time to promoting Chamber movement and facilitating trade and investments in the region.

In business, Mr. Inaishvili has had extensive experience over the years in shipping, logistics and International trade. He is the former CEO of Poti Sea Port and former president of Black and Azov Sea Ports Association (BASPA) and at present is honorary president of this organization.

For some time, Mr. Inaishvili had been actively involved in politics. He was elected member of the Georgian Parliament from his native Batumi constituency in 2005 and in the same year was elected by parliament as deputy chairman. Mr. Inaishvili is awarded with Medal of Honor of Georgia, one of the highest civilian awards of the country.



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