



The Logistics Committee in the Silk Road Alliance

One of the cornerstones of the Conference outcomes was the initiation and formation of the Logistics Committee in the Silk Road Alliance. Twelve participants of the Conference, mainly represented by major Asian transport and logistics companies and their alliances (CIFA, COSCO Freight, WCA, CRRC, Qingdao SeaPort etc.), signed the document establishing a Logistics Committee. Algirdas Šakalys together with Peter Samuelsson (as representative of EWTCA) signed the above document and have become the founders of the above Committee. We also received a proposal to become members of the Committee Council.

The goal of the new Committee is to prepare recommendations on the development of the logistics resources along the Silk Road linking Asia with Europe. In order to achieve this goal it is envisaged, within the framework of the Logistics Committee, to bring together the outstanding transport and logistics experts which could carry out project feasibility studies and other research relevant for stakeholders.

Another document which was signed by Mr. Liu Xuede, CIFA secretary General, and Mr. Algirdas Šakalys, President of the EWTCA, was the Declaration on further cooperation; it was based on the main Conference conclusions and recommendations. It was agreed that both associations (CIFA and EWTCA) will continue cooperation in improving the interface between the logistics centres along the Silk Road (as transport link between Asia and Europe); initiate research and feasibility studies contribution to implementation of major projects; establish a joint institution aimed to solve the emerging cooperation problems between the partners of both associations; organise joint conferences, best practice exchange and pursue other relevant activities in enhancing cooperation between the partners of Europe and China.

