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Message by Acting Minister of MoCI

I am pleased that MoCI as a policy maker, market regulator and facilitator of necessary equipments was able to increase trade and investment in the country through establishment of better basis and has also implemented its commitments by achieving positive achievements.

To provide necessary facilitations for businesspeople and representatives of private sector who are, in fact, a machine of development and promotion of a community, we were able to establish Afghanistan Central Business Registry in Kabul in September 2008 and then respectively in Jalalabad, Mazar-e-Sharif and Heraat.

By establishment of ACBR in Kabul and other mentioned cities, at present, the whole business process is registered in less than two hours and in one-stop-shop which was previously implemented by commercial court, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Information and Culture in several days and for costly expenditures.

Whereas one of the fundamental objectives of MoCI is to provide facilitation for entrepreneurs, producers, representatives of private sector and business people; MoCI , therefore, makes effort to provide business and investment facilitation for business people and investors according to trade policy and operative laws of the country.

To achieve these goals, MoCI has implemented programs so far such as capacity building, provision of basis for sound competition, fighting against corruption, service delivery to business people and entrepreneurs of private sector, exemption from tax and custom duties on export item on permanent basis, marketing for domestic products in international markets, regulating market, streamlining issuance of business license by utilizing the new technology, drafting trade and tariff policy framework, working on industrial policy, working on policy of small and medium enterprises, holding fairs on national, regional and international level, drafting regulations and procedures for businesses, taking strict measures to prevent extortions on highways, creation of industrial parks with international standards, signing trade and transit agreements with neighboring and regional countries so that Afghan products find their way to foreign markets and tens of other programs and it intends to continue this process in the future.

MoCI will establish ACBR agencies in Kandahar and Kunduz in the near future to act upon its pledges and provide business facilitation and formalize economy for entrepreneurs of private sector and business community.

At last, taking advantage of the opportunity I once again insist on development and promotion of private sector and domestic industries of Afghanistan according to Afghan constitution.

With Regards,

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