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State subsidies distorting trade; how to address them?

In December 2017, the European Union, the United States and Japan agreed to cooperate to promote a more level playing field globally for the businesses. They share a concern on unfair competition conditions caused by large market-distorting subsidies and cooperate in view of eliminating them.

A seminar held on Wednesday 27 March 2019 will throw light on the trilateral cooperation and on why information is important in the work for a more level playing field in the global markets. The seminar is organized by the Confederation of Finnish Industries (EK), the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The first part of the programme is held in English (until 10:30) and the rest in Finnish.

Programme

Time: Wednesday 27 March 2019 starting at 9.00 a.m.

Venue: The House of the Estates (Säätytalo), Room 3, Snellmaninkatu 9-11, Helsinki

Mr. **Ilkka Saarinen**, Deputy Director General at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will chair the seminar.

9:00 – 9:30	Morning coffee
9:30 – 9.40	Opening Mr. Petri Peltonen , Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment
9:40 – 10:10	Trade-distorting subsidies by third states: what can we do about it? Mr. Eddy de Smijter , Head of Unit European Commission, Directorate General for Competition
10:10 – 10:30	Questions and answers
10:30 – 10:45	Perspective from maritime sector Mr. Tom Degerman , Head of Project Management, Meyer Turku Oy
10:45 – 11:00	Is China's trade policy changing, and in which direction? Mr. Kimmo Järvinen , Director, Federation of Finnish Technology Industries
11:00 – 11:10	Information gathering in practice Ms. Mary-Anne Nojonen , Commercial Counsellor, Ministry for Foreign Affairs
11:10 – 11:20	Questions and answers
11:20 – 11:25	Conclusion Mr. Ilkka Saarinen , Deputy Director General, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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