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To,

All Members of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs  
All Pr. Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners of Customs/Central Tax  
All Pr. Directors General/Directors General  
All Joint Secretaries/Commissioners working in the Board

Subject: The 2021-2022 WCO BACUDA Scholarship (Data Analytics) Programme at SungKyunKwan University (SKKU), Seoul, Republic of Korea under WCO Scholarship -reg.

Madam/Sir,

The World Customs Organization has invited nominations for the first BACUDA Scholarship Programme (BAnd of CUstoms Data Analysts), intended for working-level officials of developing countries, which will be held from 24 January to 18 February 2022 (Online - first stage) under the sponsorship of the Customs Cooperation Fund of Korea (CCF-Korea). The programme consists of one month of online courses and four months of offline courses/activities. The programme will cover all costs for the selected participants, including the tuition fee (both online and offline), air tickets, etc., and the necessary support for the stay in Korea (should the face-to-face segment of the programme take place).

2. The Scholarship Programme is aimed to be delivered in a blended learning format, combining an online segment and an offline one. The scheduling of an offline segment lasting four months will be determined later for those who have completed the online segment. The aim of this programme is to enhance the capacity of Customs officials in the area of data analysis. Data analysis is a tool used by companies and governments for years, in their business, to drive priority-setting, decision-making, performance measurement, budget planning and forecasting, and operations. Customs has a substantial amount of data at its disposal, beginning with data submitted for the Customs clearance process.

3. The first segment of this Programme will be held online for twelve (12) selected Customs officials from Member countries whose qualifications meet the criteria proposed. Each country can nominate a maximum of two (2) candidates. Selected candidates will be informed via e-mail by 31 December 2021. An interview may also be arranged during the selection process.

4. The eligibility criteria/condition of candidacy and selection, application process etc. for the scholarship have been laid down in the Annexure-I, II & III some of which are as under:

Qualifications for application:

1. The minimum (mandatory) qualifications for applicants include:

- Being a working level official aged between 25 and 45
- Certification of completion of the Data Analytics - Beginner Course on WCO CLiKC!
- At least two years’ experience of working on Customs Data Analytics in the area of risk management, cargo selectivity, post-audit and others
- Official documentation showing proof of English proficiency (both speaking and listening)
5. Preferred qualifications for applicants include:

- Bachelor's degree or other advanced degree in Mathematics, Statistics or Computer Science
- Certification of completion of the Data Analytics - Intermediate Course
- Experience with one or more programming languages (Python, Java, R, etc.) and database languages (e.g., SQL)
- Ability to manage a good self-study pace and work effectively with other colleagues in a cross-cultural learning environment

6. It is requested to forward application of the willing and suitable officers, who fulfill the criteria specified by the WCO, along with the vigilance clearance and APAR grading for the last 5 years in the attached proforma by e-mail to indiawco-cbec@nic.in. The forwarding office must ensure that the applicant is free from vigilance angle. The nominations should be sent on or before 10th December, 2021. Also enclosed, Nomination Form, Application Form and proforma need to be filled and submitted along-with the application. Incomplete applications and those received after the stipulated date will not be entertained.

7. It is requested that the officers may be advised not to send their applications / nominations to WCO directly. Further, they should not enter into any correspondence with WCO in this regard. The nominations of suitable officers will be sent to WCO after approval of the Board.

Yours faithfully,

[Vivek Kumar]
Deputy Commissioner,
WCO Cell

Enclosures:

i. Annexure-I (General Presentation)
ii. Annexure-II (Administrative provision)
iii. Annexure-III (Nomination and Application Form)
iv. Proforma

Copy to: The Web Manager, CBIC with the request to upload it on CBIC website.