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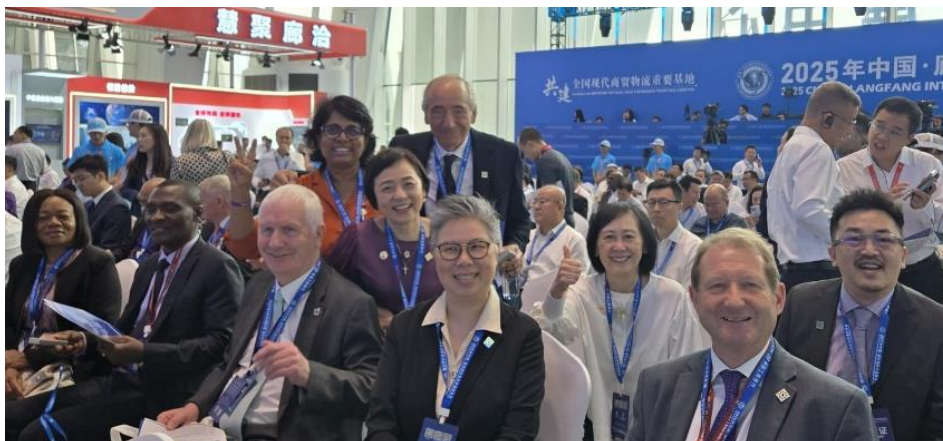
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CILT 2025 Global Logistics Trends and Innovation Conference in Langfang, China (16-18 June 2025)

This marks the second year that CILT International and CILT China organized the conference alongside the China-Langfang International Economic and Trade Fair. Langfang is strategically located in the heart of the “Golden Triangle of Beijing, Tianjin, and the Xiong’an New Area”. Within an hour’s drive, the city offers access to three major aviation hubs — Beijing Daxing International Airport, Beijing Capital International Airport, and Tianjin Binhai International Airport — as well as Tianjin Port, a key hub for container and cargo transport.



The theme of the 2025 Conference is: “Digital-Intelligent Integration Drives Industry Change; Cost Reduction and Efficiency Enhancement Achieve High-Quality Development.”



Chief Teete Owusu-Nortey, President of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, delivered his global perspective on changes that are brought about by AI and how our industries would need to adapt to the ever-changing global landscape.



Mr HU Yadong, President of the China Communications and Transportation Association, who was a former Deputy Minister of Railways, called for an open and collaborative global logistics network, to deepen the innovative applications of digital intelligence and to promote a green and sustainable development.



The Vice Governor of Hebei Province introduced Hebei's opportunities to the world, from a "thoroughfare" to a "logistics highland". Hebei is showing the surging momentum of upgrading the trade and logistics industry with attention on cost efficiency.



Speakers from the Department of Transportation Services of the Ministry of Transport, China elaborated on progress made in reducing costs and improving the quality and efficiency of transportation and logistics through measures such as investing in infrastructure and enforcing new productivity indicators.



On freight movements, the opening of the China-Europe train corridors produced stronger channel capabilities with China-Europe trains highlighting the quality of freight movements, per presentation by Mr. GAO Bo, Deputy Director, Ministry of Transport, China.



Ms. Nancy QIAN, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Lukai (Greater China) Holdings Company Limited and Executive Vice President of CHEP Logistics Equipment (China) Company Limited, delivered a keynote speech on “The Value of Recycled Pallets and Packaging in Cross-border Trade”. Ms. Qian is a member of WiLAT in China.



Mr. Yurkov Dmitry Vasilyevich, Deputy Governor of the Arkhangelsk Region of Russia and Representative for Arctic Affairs, delivered a keynote speech on “The Role of the Arkhangelsk Region in the Development of the Northern Sea Route”. The strategic value of the northern route of Russia's Arkhangelsk region was highlighted with features on cost reduction practice, circular economy, cross-border e-commerce logistics and dry ports.



Mr. GONG Jianyong, President of Dawei Trade and Transportation International, delivered a keynote speech on “Cross-border E-commerce Logistics Innovation Path under the Reconstruction of Global Supply Chain”.



Ms. Berna AKYILDIZ, President of TGL Global Logistics Group of Turkey, delivered a keynote speech on “Strategic Plan for Cost Reduction and Efficiency Increase in Turkey's Logistics Industry” with the engagement of female drivers in supporting the industry. Ms. Berna serves as Global WiLAT GVC on Middle East and Europe and her participation in the conference impressed the audience on the commitment to promote female participation.



Ms. Angie YANG, representative of Georgian MyWay Airlines in China, delivered a speech illustrating "Caspian Sea Passage, a New Hub Connecting Europe and Asia".



Mr. LI Yongqiang, Deputy County Mayor of the People's Government of Gaoyi County, Hebei Province, delivered a speech on "Shijiazhuang International Dry Port - Cargo through the World and Hong Kong to the World".



Mr. QIAO Xiaolin, President of Hebei Federation of Logistics and Purchasing, presented the phased achievements of Hebei Province's social logistics cost reduction with detail data, and shared the specific practice of Hebei Logistics Group in reducing costs and increasing efficiency.



Ms. ZHANG Yu, Assistant Director of the Intelligent Logistics and Supply Chain System Research Centre of Tsinghua University and academician of the International Society of Logistics and Transportation, illustrated through case studies the results of sustainable development and the pathway towards such goals.



Chartered Fellows

Two CILT fellowships were awarded by Chief Teete Owusu-Nortey and Ensen Wang to two renowned experts who have contributed significantly to CILT development. They are: LIU Jin Xin 劉金鑫 and Vivian YANG 楊曉雯.

Mr. Liu, President of Kunming South Asia and Southeast Asia International Logistics Research Institute, has been engaged in empirical research in logistics for 25 years and is a strong advocate in developing economic corridors through Kunming to Bangkok, Laos, Thailand and Cambodia.



Ms. Yang is a distinguished expert in international logistics solutions, with extensive experience across upstream and downstream enterprises in the automotive supply chain. She serves as the Deputy Chairperson of CILT China.

Prof. YUEN Tak Fai Dorothy presented the new CILT Fellows, while Jan Steenberg, President-Elect of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, delivered a congratulatory address.

WiLAT Meeting

In the evening of 15 June 2025, Vicky Koo, Global WiLAT Chairperson, hosted an in-house meeting, warmly welcoming WiLAT representatives from Sri Lanka (Gayani De Alwis), Turkey (Berna Akyildiz), and Ghana (Naa Densua Aryeetey and Mabel Kabutey). Prof. Dorothy Chan and Carmen Li from Hong Kong facilitated the presentation of the gender-sensitive transport survey. Discussions also covered the 'ELEVATE' program, set to launch on 18 July 2025, and key themes for the WiLAT meeting during the International Convention Meeting and Conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 14 September to 16 September 2025. WiLAT members are encouraged to attend the conference to engage with peers and connect with 'ELEVATE' programme graduates.



There was an interview by the press and Vicky spoke of green logistics and how we can use artificial intelligence to optimize delivery routes and to minimize packaging waste.

CILT Representative Office

A visit was made to the CILT representative office in Langfang. The new office, located within the Innovation Complex, aims to foster more direct dialogue for future collaboration projects.



Relaxing moments at conference in Langfeng

The Langfang Trade Fair brought along other festive activities. The evenings for delegation were full of fun including a beer festival and a fun park which food, playout area with chairs to relax in the open area and the highlight is a drone performance with 2,000 drones projecting images of express trains, planes and iconic features. Our Ghanaians have tailormade shirts and dresses with materials printed with CILT logos on purple background.



WiLAT Chill Chat

WiLAT Hong Kong introduced “WiLAT Chill Chat” which was a new series of lunch time webinars and had the first session in January 2025.

Embrace Your Stress

In the recent two sessions, one session was an online workshop titled "Embrace Your Stress" on 7 May 2025 that guest speaker Mr. Herman Kung guided 30 participants on transforming stress from anxiety into empowerment. Mr. Kung emphasised the significance of managing stress and its impact on individuals, referencing both acute and chronic stress. The conversation also highlighted the importance of self-compassion and the role of mindfulness in effective stress management.



Mr. Kung's online coaching included practical exercises in various de-stressing methods, such as the 4-7-8 breathing technique and box breathing relaxation. The 4-7-8 breathing technique involves inhaling for 4 seconds, holding the breath for 7 seconds, and exhaling for 8 seconds, a pattern designed to alleviate anxiety and promote sleep.

Ms. Cheris Lee, Chairperson of WiLAT Hong Kong, shared that she finds these breathing techniques highly beneficial and has incorporated them into her nightly routine to improve her health and manage stress.

Unlocking Tomorrow: Autonomous Vehicles – The Future of Mobility, Where Innovation Meets The Road

The most recent online workshop on 15 July 2025 was more technical, yet highly informative and easy to understand – "Unlocking Tomorrow: Autonomous Vehicles – The Future of Mobility, Where Innovation Meets The Road". Ir Hon Gary Zhang, Legislative Council Member of the HKSAR, shared his insights and information on the latest advancements in autonomous vehicles in Hong Kong to 50 participants.



Ir. Zhang highlighted that Level 2 (Partial Driving Automation) and Level 4 (High Driving Automation) are currently the primary focus in the autonomous vehicle industry. He also shared various road test videos of autonomous vehicles in the Mainland and the USA.

In Hong Kong, a new regulatory framework for autonomous vehicles took effect on 1 March 2024. This framework includes the Road Traffic (Autonomous Vehicles) Regulation (Cap. 374AA) and a Code of Practice for Trial and Pilot Use of Autonomous Vehicles, aiming at promoting smart mobility by facilitating the safe and orderly testing and application of autonomous vehicles. Currently, two trial licenses have been issued for trial operations of autonomous vehicle in North Lantau and the West Kowloon Cultural District.

Ir. Zhang shared that in the first vehicle registration record, 7 out of 10 new vehicles registered until the end of 2024 were electric vehicles. This high adoption rate of new electric vehicles provides a strong foundation for the potential future deployment of autonomous vehicles in Hong Kong. He also shared the strategic advantages of deploying autonomous vehicles in Hong Kong, including artificial intelligence as a key technology innovation driver, talent pool, and the potential for deploying vehicle-shaped robots. He also mentioned that Mainland automotive manufacturers could leverage Hong Kong's unique international platform to promote autonomous vehicles to overseas markets.

Ms. Jenna Wong moderated the session fostering engaging discussions between Ir. Zhang and the attendees. Online surveys were conducted at the beginning and end of the workshop to gauge confidence in autonomous vehicle deployment in Hong Kong. Interestingly, survey results indicated a significant increased audience confidence in Hong Kong's suitability for autonomous vehicle deployment after the session.

At the end of the session on autonomous vehicles, Ms. Cheris Lee expressed gratitude to Ir. Zhang for his inspiring insights and encouraged attendees to provide survey feedback on topics of interest for future WiLAT activities that support members' professional development and healthy lifestyles. WiLAT will continue to organise diverse activities that support the professional development and healthy lifestyles of its members within the Institute.

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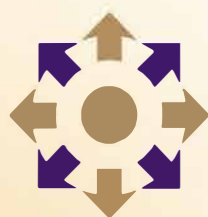
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