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# PREFACE

商务英语函电在国际贸易中起着至关重要的作用,因此,外贸从业人员不仅应掌握商务英语函 电的写作方法,具备参与国际商务活动的综合能力,还应熟悉国际贸易的系统流程,具备跨文化交 际的能力。

近年来,随着跨境电子商务的迅猛发展和《国际贸易术语解释通则®2020》的正式实施,为顺应我国外贸行业发展新趋势和国际商务人才培养新需求,也为帮助商务英语、国际商务、国际经济与贸易等专业的学生和外贸从业人员快速熟悉并掌握国际贸易业务流程中的商务函电写作技能,我们精心编写了这本《商务英语函电》教材。

本教材以党的二十大精神为指引,以国际贸易业务流程为主线,以"实用"和"适用"为编写原则,以国际商会(International Chamber of Commerce, ICC)颁布的《国际贸易术语解释通则®2020》为参考,将国际商务基础知识、国际贸易流程和商务函电用语等方面的内容有机结合起来,详细讲解国际商务函电的结构与写作要点。教材共10个单元,涵盖商务函电写作基础知识,建立业务关系,询盘及回复,报盘与还盘,订单确认与合同,支付,保险,装运,投诉、索赔与解决,代理等环节的商务英语函电写作。每个单元由5部分构成:任务情境、知识链接、例文参考、函电妙句和分级练习。通过学习本教材,学生能够了解和掌握国际商务英语函电写作的基本原则和技巧,以及国际贸易磋商和达成交易的方法与技巧。

#### 本教材的特色主要体现在以下三个方面。

- 1. 体现时代性。编者紧跟国际贸易发展变化的最新形势,以《国际贸易术语解释通则 ®2020 》 为依据进行编写。
- 2. 强化操作性。以国际贸易业务流程为主线,引入外贸案例,即通过深圳艾菲尼迪科技有限公司(Shenzhen Affinity Technology Company)与美国 KINK 贸易有限公司(KINK Trading Co., Ltd.)、中国优信贸易有限公司(Yoshine Trading Co., Ltd.)与美国波士顿贸易有限公司(Boston Trading

Co., Ltd.)、中国绿源贸易有限公司 (China Green Source Trading Co., Ltd.) 与 Jeff & Sons 有限公司 (Jeff & Sons Co., Ltd.)之间的贸易往来,强化学生对整个外贸流程的理解。

3. 突出针对性。从学生的学情出发,在高度仿真的外贸情境中通过反复的写作练习,强化学生 的商务函电写作能力。

本教材建议教学时数为72个学时,实际教学时可依据教学时间及教学对象进行灵活调整。具体 单元的建议学时如下:

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本书在编写过程中参考了同类教材以及亿学商务英语函电实训系统的研究成果, 在此谨对相关 人员表示感谢。由于时间仓促,加之编者水平有限,书中难免存在疏漏与不妥之处,恳请读者批评 指正。



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	Unit	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3
1	Basic Knowledge of Business Letters	Envelope Addressing	Writing Principles of Business Letters Structure of Business Letters	Fax and E-mail
2	Establishing Business	The Importer's Self-introduction	A Garment Exporter's Self- introduction	The Exporter's Self-introduction
	Relations	Reply to the Importer		Reply to the Exporter
3	Inquiry and Reply	A General Inquiry About 3D Printers	A Specific Inquiry About T-shirts	A Specific Inquiry About Canned Mushrooms
		Reply to the General Inquiry About 3D Printers	Reply to the Specific Inquiry About T-shirts	Reply to the Specific Inquiry About Canned Mushrooms
/	Offer and	Making an Offer About 3D Printers	Asking for an Offer About T-shirts	Making an Offer About Canned Mushrooms
	Counteroffer	Making a Counteroffer About 3D Printers	Making an Offer About T-shirts	Making a Counteroffer About Canned Mushrooms
	Order	An Order E-mail of 3D Printers	An Order E-mail of T-shirts	Asking for Sales Confirmation
5	Confirmation and Contract		Reply to the Order E-mail of T-shirts	Signing a Contract
6	Payment	Urging the Opening of L/C	Urging the Establishment of L/C	Making Amendments to L/C
		Reply to the E-mail About L/C	Reply to the E-mail About L/C	Reply to the E-mail About Amendments
7	Insurance	Insurance Request About 3D Printers	Insurance Request About T-shirts	Urging Insurance
		Reply to the Insurance Request About 3D Printers	Reply to the Insurance Request About T-shirts	Application for Insurance
8	Shipment	Shipment Inquiry  Reply to Shipment Inquiry	New Shipping Arrangement Shipping Recommendation	Shipping Advice
		A Complaint About 3D Printers	A Complaint About the Wrong	A Claim for Inferior Quality
9	Complaint, Claim and Settlement	·	Delivery	·
		Settlement of Damaged 3D Printers	Settlement of the Wrong Delivery	Reply to the Claim
		Request for General Agency	Request for Sole Agency	Seeking for Sales Agency
10	Agency	Reply to Request for General Agency	Reply to Request for Sole Agency	Accepting as the Sales Agency



#### **Aims to Obtain**

#### Upon completion of this unit, you will:

- know the channel to approach your new customers;
- know how to write letters or e-mails to establish business relations;
- $\odot$  be able to introduce your company to foreign clients;
- be able to promote products with the words and expressions.

#### Task 1

#### **Situation** 1

#### The Importer's Self-introduction

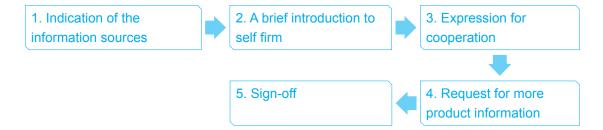
美国 KINK 贸易有限公司(KINK Trading Co., Ltd.) 采购经理 Kim Edison 从中国制造网上看到 深圳艾菲尼迪科技有限公司(Shenzhen Affinity Technology Company)的产品介绍后,对该公司的产 品非常感兴趣,准备致函该公司,试图与之建立业务关系。

请以 Kim Edison 的名义给深圳艾菲尼迪科技有限公司(Shenzhen Affinity Technology Company) 销售经理 Tina Liang 写一封开发邮件。邮件中应包含以下内容:

- 1. 告知信息来源;
- 2. 说明己方公司的情况;
- 3. 表达与对方公司合作的意向;
- 4. 希望对方公司提供更多产品信息;
- 5. 期盼对方早日回复。

#### Knowledge Link

I. Refer to the following mind map for writing tips.



#### II. Learn the following key words and expressions.

1. Made-in-China 中国制造网

2. leading 主要的

3. specialise in... 专门经营……

4. hi-tech products 高科技产品

久享盛誉 5. a long-standing and high reputation

冒昧做…… 6. take the liberty to...

与……建立业务关系 7. establish business relations with...

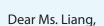
#### Sample Answer

*To: Tinaliang@affinity.com.cn* 

From: kimedison@kink.com.us

Date: March 5, 2023

Subject: Self-introduction



Having learned your name and address from the website Made-in-China, we understand that you are one of the **leading** manufacturers and exporters of IT products in China.

We specialise in importing hi-tech products for many years and have a long-standing and high reputation in America. We find your advertising products on the website so attractive that we take the liberty to write to you in the hope of establishing business relations with you.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide more information about your company and products for us.

We are looking forward to your early reply.

Yours sincerely,

Kím Edíson

Kim Edison

**Purchasing Manager** 



#### Situation 2

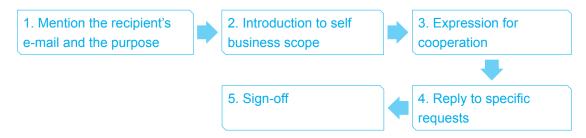
#### Reply to the Importer

针对 Situation 1 中所拟邮件的内容,请以深圳艾菲尼迪科技有限公司 (Shenzhen Affinity Technology Company)销售经理 Tina Liang 的名义拟一封回函。回函中应包含以下内容:

- 1. 告知来函收悉并致谢;
- 2. 介绍已方公司的业务范围;
- 3. 表达合作意向;
- 4. 回应对方公司的要求;
- 5. 期盼尽快回复。

#### ► Knowledge Link

I. Refer to the following mind map for writing tips.



II. Learn the following key words and expressions.

1. be interested in	对感兴趣
2. desire to	希望做
3. trade with sb.	与某人做交易
4. in this line	在这个行业
5. catalogue	产品目录
6. price list	价目表

#### Sample Answer

To: kimedison@kink.com.us

*From: Tinaliang@affinity.com.cn* 

Date: March 6, 2023

Subject: Reply to the Self-introduction



Dear Mr. Edison,

Thank you for your e-mail of March 5. We are glad to know that you are interested in our products and desire to enter into business relations with us.

As you know, we are a leading exporter of IT products and it's our pleasure to trade with you in this line. As requested, we attach a catalogue together with a price list and hope that you will contact us if any item is of interest to you or if you have any requirements.

We look forward to receiving your inquiries soon.

Yours faithfully,

Tina Liang

Tina Liang

Sales Manager

#### Task 2

#### Situation

#### A Garment Exporter's Self-introduction

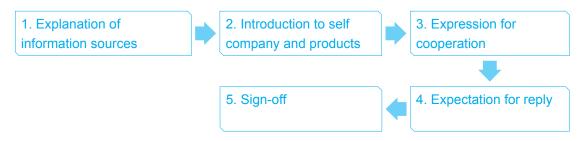
中国优信贸易有限公司(Yoshine Trading Co., Ltd.)是一家合资企业,专营男女服装的进出口业 务,其产品因设计独特、质量卓越而广受消费者欢迎。经过多年的发展,该公司已与国内众多服装 经销商建立了广泛的业务联系。为扩大产品销量,该公司决定开拓海外市场并从阿里巴巴网站上了 解到美国波士顿贸易有限公司(Boston Trading Co., Ltd.)对进口成衣感兴趣。

请以中国优信贸易有限公司(Yoshine Trading Co., Ltd.)销售经理 Li Jing 的名义撰写一封开发信,并发给美国波士顿贸易有限公司(Boston Trading Co., Ltd.)。邮件中应包含以下内容:

- 1. 说明得知对方公司信息的来源;
- 2. 介绍已方公司及产品;
- 3. 表达合作意向;
- 4. 期盼对方回复。

#### Knowledge Link

I. Refer to the following mind map for writing tips.



#### II. Learn the following key words and expressions.

1. be in the market for... 有意购买······

2. be of high quality and beautiful design 质量上乘、设计精美

3. visit our online company introduction 访问我们的线上公司介绍

4. be of interest to sb. 某人对……感兴趣

5. give sb. a quotation 为某人提供报价

#### Sample Answer

To: markdpt@bostontrading.com.us

From: yoshinexport@yoshine.com.cn

Date: April 25, 2023

Subject: Self-introduction



Dear Sirs/Madams,

We learnt from your information posted on Alibaba that you are in the market for garments. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our company and products, with the hope that we may work with you in the future.

In effect, we are a joint venture specialising in designing and producing various traditional and fashionable men's and women's garments. We have developed and marketed a series of products such as sweaters, shirts, T-shirts, etc. All the items are of high quality and beautiful design.

We have enclosed our catalogue, which introduces our company in detail and covers the main products we supply at present. You may also visit our online company introduction at http:// www.alibaba.com, which includes our latest product lines.

Should any of these items be of interest to you, please let us know. We will be glad to give you a quotation upon receipt of your detailed requirements.

We look forward to receiving your early reply.

Yours sincerely,

Lí Jing

Li Jing

Sales Manager