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The 7th Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum Held In Beijing

To celebrate the 21st International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, the 7th “Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum – Sustainable Urbanization and Poverty Reduction” hosted by the Leading Group Office on Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGP) and the U.N. System in China and co-organized by IPRCC and UNDP was held at Beijing International Convention Center on 17 October 2013. A total of 25 Chinese and foreign delegates at the ministerial level, as well as nearly 300 representatives from the Chinese and foreign government departments, international organizations, scientific research institutes, foreign embassies in China, social groups, business circles, and press and media attended the forum.

Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang, also member of the CPC Central Political Bureau and head of the State Council Leading Group of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGP), addressed the opening ceremony, and presented awards to winners of the 4th “China Award for the Eradication of Poverty” and the 2nd “YouChange Poverty Reduction Scientific Research Outcome Prize”. Wang Xiaolin, head of IPRCC’s Research Division, won the YouChange Prize for his book titled “The Measurement of Poverty: Theories and Methods” - the first of its kind in China to systematically explore the measurement methods of poverty and its actual practices.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon specially addressed a message to the forum. U.N. Under-Secretary-General and UNDP Associate Administrator Ms. Rebecca Grynspan, Tanzanian Minister for Labor and Employment Ms. Gaudentia Mugoti Kabaka, and Vice President Meck Phiriak of the Lao National Leading Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication, respectively, delivered speeches during the opening ceremony.

Professor Robert Mundell from Columbia University and also winner of the 1989 Nobel Prize in Economics, and Professor Li Yining, Honorary Dean of Peking University Guanghua School of Management and member of the CPPCC Standing Committee, also made keynote speeches at the forum.
The 7th China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction Held in Guangxi

The 7th China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction was held in Fangchenggang, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region from 21-23 August 2013. The meeting was co-hosted by LGOOP and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, co-organized by IPRCC, Poverty Alleviation Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and the People’s Government of Fangchenggang Municipality, and sponsored by the ASEAN Secretariat, UNDP, Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAIU), China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE), and Asian Development Bank (ADB). More than 120 delegates, including government officials, experts, scholars, media workers, and representatives of Chinese controlled enterprises, NGOs and international organizations from China and ten ASEAN countries, attended the meeting. This year’s forum themed on “Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development in the Urbanization Process”, advocated the elimination of social exclusiveness and institutional barriers through the promotion of equal opportunities in development and regional trade to create a more favorable environment for the development of the poverty-stricken population. At the same time, the forum also advocated for the improvement of income distribution to enable the poor to have a greater share of the benefits of economic growth and development.

The China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction has successfully been convened for seven consecutive years since 2007 in various countries including China, Vietnam and Indonesia, and has been incorporated into the Action Plan of China-ASEAN Joint Declaration on Strategic Partnership Guarded to Peace and Prosperity (2011-2015). The forum has also served as an important communication platform between China and Asean to share their experience in poverty reduction and development. In September 2013, IPRCC received an honorary certificate awarded by the China-ASEAN Expo Secretariat, in honour of the forum as a CAEXPO decentral brand forum featuring “A Decade of Support and Glories”.

Fan Xiaojian, former Deputy Head of the State Council Leading Group of Poverty Alleviation and Minister of LGOOP, Huang Ribo, Vice Chair of the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mack PHAM, AIC, Vice President of the Laos National Leading Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication, Edgar Pato, Director of Social and Cultural Cooperation Affairs at the ASEAN Secretariat, Patrick Haverman, UNDP China Deputy Country Director, and Liu Zhengdong, Fangchenggang Municipal Party Secretary attended and addressed the opening ceremony. Vice Minister Zheng Wenkai of LGOOP presided over the ceremony.

The participants also paid a visit to the relocation site of landless farmers and fishermen in Qisha Town, particularly the Guirentang Golden Camellia Industrial Base, and the Culture Square of the Beibu Gulf.
The "Seminar on Community-based Development and Poverty Reduction for Tanzanian Government Officials and Practitioners" was organized by IPRCC in Beijing on 17 December 2013. As one of the activities under the China-Tanzania Poverty Reduction Exchanges and Cooperation Program carried out by IPRCC in 2013, the seminar involved 21 Tanzanian participants, including officials at various government levels, staff from academic institutions and poverty reduction practitioners from grassroots communities. This 7-day seminar discussed and studied Tanzania’s rural development and poverty reduction status, Tanzania’s agricultural technology promotion policy and China’s experience in agricultural promotion and low-cost agricultural development based on small-peasant economy.

The seminar is one of the series of activities which fall under the “village-level learning center for poverty reduction” project implemented by IPRCC in Tanzania, aiming to make organizational and capacity preparations for the project expansion. Through on-site demonstration of China’s poverty reduction practices in Africa, the project intended to establish a new assistance mode integrating macro-policies, consulting, technical support with on-the-spot demonstration and extension so as to popularize China’s development experience more effectively.
IPRCC Delegation Visits Laos for Poverty Reduction Cooperation

Given China’s diplomatic situation and overall strategic requirements, IPRCC considers poverty reduction cooperation with China’s neighboring countries, Laos in particular, as one of its key tasks this year. In order to further understand Laos’ need for poverty reduction cooperation and evaluate the feasibility of potential cooperation, at the invitation of Laos’ National Committee of Rural Development and Poverty Elimination, a delegation headed by IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengxi carried out a field study in Laos from 5-9 September 2013 with the approval of LGOP.

This field trip is one of the series of activities organized by IPRCC to promote China-Laos poverty reduction cooperation. Previously, IPRCC organized its first field trip to Laos late last year. This year, the center sent a delegation from Laos to Guangxi and Yunnan provinces to investigate the feasibility and need of China-Laos poverty reduction cooperation, while the current field trip aims at a more in-depth and more relevant study on Laos. Members of the delegation included experts from UNDP China Office, Poverty Alleviation Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poverty Alleviation Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Foreign Capital Center, Yunnan Provincial Poverty Alleviation Office Foreign Capital Center, and China Agricultural University.

The purpose of this trip was: first, to further explore the key areas and feasibility of bilateral poverty reduction cooperation; second, to discuss the specific action plans for this year and next; and third, to talk with the related parties over the possibility of building a new cooperation platform.

The delegation visited UNDP Laos Office, the Ministry of Planning and Investment, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and held discussions on how to boost China-Laos poverty reduction cooperation. It also went to Vientiane Province, to pay a visit to one of the 47 poorest counties in Laos, which is also a targeted key county for Laopovety reduction projects. The National Committee of Rural Development and Poverty Elimination of Laos attached great importance to this study trip, with its vice chair Mr. Meck Phanivong accompanying the delegation throughout the visit.

The delegation also visited the Chinese Embassy in Laos and briefed Ambassador Guan Huabing on China-Laos poverty reduction cooperation. Guan said it was a wise move to choose Laos as the first neighboring country with which China wants to carry out poverty reduction cooperation, adding that, the Chinese embassy would offer its full support. The embassy also sent its staff to join the field research in the said poverty-stricken county.

Based on the previous communication with the National Committee of Rural Development and Poverty Elimination of Laos and through the visit to different ministries and the field trip, the delegation exchanged opinions with the committee with regard to the new ideas and suggestions for bilateral poverty reduction cooperation, and discussed the recent arrangement of activities.

Mr. Bouihuang Duangphachane, Director of the Government Office of the Lao Prime Minister Palace and Chairman of the National Committee of Rural Development and Poverty Elimination, met with the delegation and suggested the direction and key areas of future cooperation. Huang indicated that he would report the suggestions raised by Laos to LGOP and will try his best to start the cooperation as soon as possible.

Both sides expressed full confidence and high expectations for better prospects for China-Laos poverty reduction cooperation.
"International Development Cooperation to Promote the Development Of Agriculture" Roundtable Conference Held in Beijing

A Roundtable Conference around the theme: "Effective Development Cooperation: Drawing Lessons from Agricultural Development in Africa" co-chaired by IPRCC and OECD DAC was held in Beijing on 18th June 2013. Over 80 experts, scholars and government officials from China, African countries, member states of OECD DAC and international agencies in Beijing attended the conference. The opening ceremony was presided over by IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng, with OECD DAC Chair Mr. Erik Solheim and FAO Representative to the African Union and UNDEA Coordinator to East Africa Sub-region Mr. Mostib Tawor, respectively, addressing the opening ceremony. Participants held a fruitful discussion on enhancing the impact of international development cooperation, improving the execution of international development cooperation, and facilitating practical cooperation between China and OECD -DAC.

Liu Shuwen, Deputy Head of the Department of International Cooperation and Social Mobilization of LGOP attended and addressed the closing ceremony.
International Policy Workshop on Urban Poverty and Inclusive Cities Held In Jiangsu

The International Policy Workshop on Urban Poverty and Inclusive Cities, co-sponsored by IPGCC and ADB, was held in Suqian of Jiangsu Province from 24-25 June 2013.

LGOP Vice Minister Mr. Zheng Wenke, Deputy Secretary General of Jiangsu Provincial Government and Director of Jiangsu Provincial Poverty Alleviation Office Mr. Yang Genping, Country Director for ADB’s Resident Mission in China Mr. Hamid Sharif, and Suqian Municipal Party Secretary Mr. Lan Shaoxin attended and addressed the opening ceremony.

Nearly 80 experts and scholars from various countries gathered to hold a joint discussion over urban poverty and after a brainstorming exercise, contributed ideas on how to exert efforts and come up with new and better ways to build inclusive cities in developing countries. The workshop was co-organized by Suqian Municipal Party Committee and People’s Government and PRC-ADB Knowledge Sharing Center, with the support of Jiangsu Provincial Poverty Alleviation Office.

During the workshop, participating experts and scholars also visited Suqian Qingnian Baby’s Special Pediatric Rehabilitation Center, Suqian Technician Institute, Suqian Municipal Human Resource Market, Yuelu Garden Housing Project, and Suqian City Gallery.

Intermediate Review and Expert Seminar on “Key Technology and Its Application in the Poverty Reduction Spatial Information System” Held In Beijing

To ensure the smooth execution of the project "Key Technology and Its Application in Poverty Reduction Spatial Information System", LGOP, as the project executor, organized an intermediate review and expert seminar at the Beijing Fraternity Cooperation International Hotel on November 14, 2013. Technical and financial experts in the field were invited to examine and review the intermediate execution of the project. Over 50 leaders, experts and scholars from LGOP, Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), National University of Defense Technology (NUDT), Disaster Reduction Center of the Ministry of Civil Affairs, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) attended the meeting. The project was integrated into the National Key Technology Support Program.

Associate researcher Liu Yan from the Department of High Technology of MOST and Director Zhang Songmei from the National Remote Sensing Center of MOST put forward their suggestions and expectations for the next step of work that would follow. The experts’ panel commented on each topic, fully recognized the research progress and results, and proposed their suggestions from a technical and financial perspective. Finally, the head of the experts’ panel Professor Jing Ning from NUDT reviewed the intermediate execution of the project and various research topics, and raised some major problems and put forward suggestions. In accordance with the general purpose prescribed in the task plan or the provisions of the mission statement, the project was said to have carried out systematic research on the key technology of the poverty reduction spatial information system. The project master unit deployed five research units to conduct a demand analysis, a general design and division of tasks for the system and application demonstration. At present, the project is proceeding smoothly, with better work done and results achieved in the resource environment evaluation, accurate identification of poverty, and optimized allocation of poverty reduction resources in poverty-stricken areas. The use and payment of funds were generally in line with the requirements. However, it was agreed that the project still needs to further strengthen the integration of key technologies and set general technical standards for each topic research unit. In particular, the research units should work via a unified basic software platform with the deep integration of the poverty reduction information system and spatial information technology, to ensure that the research results can contribute to the overall implementation of the project’s objectives. Also, in addition, emphasis was put on timely and effective use of project funds, strictly in accordance with the regulations of budget implementation. IPGCC Deputy Head He Xiaojian made the concluding remarks.

This seminar aimed at strengthening the project management process, promptly identifying, resolving, and rectifying related problems inherent to project execution, and laying a solid foundation for the smooth project implementation.
Seminar on MDGs and Sustainable Poverty Reduction for Developing Countries in 2013 Convened in Beijing

Participants

- From 11 – 25 April 2013, a total of 18 representatives from 11 African countries and regions, including Sudan, Uganda, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Yemen, Zanzibar, Sri Lanka, Liberia and Malawi, attended the seminar.

Objectives:

- Introduce China’s achievements and experience in the MDG process;
- Introduce the Chinese strategy, mode and experience in poverty reduction and social development;
- Share policies and experiences of the developing countries in achieving the MDGs;
- Analyze the problems and challenges facing China and various developing countries in achieving the MDGs;
- Promote poverty reduction exchange and cooperation between China and other developing countries.

Discussion Topics

- Overview of national economic and social development in China
- China’s policies and practices in urban and rural poverty reduction
- China’s progress, strategy and experience in achieving the MDGs
- International development aid and rural poverty reduction and development in China
- China’s rural social security policies and practices
- China’s rural health development policies and practices
- China’s rural eco-environmental policies and practices
- China’s employment system and policies
- China’s rural education development policies and practices
- China’s rural women’s development policies and practices

Case Studies

- The practice and experience of Jiangxi Province in rural poverty reduction and development

Introduction of cases by Deputy Director Zhang Zhile of Jiangxi Provincial Poverty Reduction and Relocation Office

Projects Visited

- Eco-fishing Village Construction in Feihu Village, Shehuan Village, Tuding Township, Poyang County of Jiangxi Province
- Vocational and Technical Education Center of Poyang County, Jiangxi Province
- Tianfanjie Town Junior High School of Wuyuan County, Jiangxi Province
- Tianfanjie Town Central Hospital of Wuyuan County, Jiangxi Province
- Ancient Kiln Folk Custom Expo Area of Jingdezhen, Jiangxi Province
- Rural Oil-Tree Camellia Industrial Development Project of Dalian Village, Jiangwan Town, Wuyuan County in Jiangxi Province
- Rural Relocation Project of Huangling Village, Wuyuan County, Jiangxi Province
- Social Security Program of Qinghua Village, Qinghua Town, Wuyuan County in Jiangxi Province
- Rural Eco-environmental Protection Project of Fuchun Village, Fuchun Town, Wuyuan County in Jiangxi Province

On 3 September 2013, IPRCC and Central China Normal University (CCNU) jointly organised the Conference on the Release of China Anti-poverty Development Report (2012) in Beijing. The conference was chaired by IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengewei, IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng, Deputy Party Secretary of CCNU He Xianglin, Huazhong University of Science & Technology Press Chief Editor Jiang Xinli, respectively, delivered a short speech. Professor Xiang Deping from CCNU’s College of Social Sciences introduced the report and answered questions from journalists. Experts from such institutions and universities as UNDP, ADB and Beijing Normal University commented on the report.

The China Anti-poverty Development Report, jointly compiled by the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC) and the Central China Normal University (CCNU), is one in a series of the Ministry of Education’s philosophy and social science development reports. As the first China Anti-poverty Development report of its kind, this actual report examines and reflects on the poverty status and practices of the different stages of China’s reform and opening up, accurately targets the contiguous areas with particular difficulties as the main battlefield of poverty alleviation in the period of building a comprehensive well-off society, and provides a thorough analysis of the status quo, practices and approach of poverty-relief programs for these areas based on certain theoretical, strategic, planning and security systems.

China Anti-poverty Development Report will be released annually to fully demonstrate new theories, new methods, new progresses and new achievements in China’s anti-poverty field in a sustained and comprehensive manner. The preparation and release of the report will be conducive to theoretically concluding anti-poverty practices and further grasping and extracting the law of poverty alleviation. It will not only provide some experience for anti-poverty model and policy innovation and a theoretical basis for anti-poverty work in the new stage, but will also contribute to global anti-poverty theory development.

Experts and media representatives agreed that this report focuses on anti-poverty theory exploration, research and practice in continuous destitute areas. This theme accords with the historical background of poverty alleviation and development work for the promotion of contiguous poor areas in China, embodies its mission and has important practical significance for promoting theoretical study and practice of poverty alleviation and development in such areas. The China Anti-poverty Development Report series will play an important role in the process of poverty alleviation and development and will also serve as a reference for researchers and staff investigating – China’s poverty alleviation theories and systems.
Operational Activities

01. Research: Writing a new chapter of poverty reduction applied research

02. Training: Poverty reduction experience sharing, training and learning together

03. Exchange: Building a platform for international poverty reduction exchanges

04. Cooperation: Working together to promote poverty reduction and to eliminate world poverty

05. Information: Share resources and build a platform for sharing international poverty reduction knowledge
Research: Writing a new chapter of poverty reduction applied research

IPRCC made great progress in carrying out various research projects (e.g., summarization of poverty reduction experience, analysis of poverty reduction strategies, comparison of poverty reduction models), continuously summed up China and other developing countries’ development and poverty reduction strategies, modes, results and experiences; sorted out the findings of international poverty reduction theory research and policy analysis, and conducted comparative studies on the poverty reduction models adopted by China and other major developing countries and regions. The main research projects in 2013 included: Research on the Problem of Poverty in the course of Urbanization Process; Research on the Problem of Poverty affecting Special Poor Groups; Research on Green Growth and Poverty Reduction; Research on the Post-2015 Development Agenda; Technology for the Optimized Allocation of Poverty Aversion and Development Resources and Its Model Application, etc. In 2013, IPRCC edited and printed 18 issues of Brief on International Poverty Reduction Studies, 10 issues of Research Report, and 10 Issues of Working Paper (English version).

Besides, IPRCC published seven books in the year 2013, including: Theory and Frontier issues in International Poverty Reduction (2013), Emerging Issues and Findings for Child Welfare and Protection in China (2013), Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum: Five-year Compendium 2007-2011, Inclusive Development and Poverty Reduction, etc. Four books were published in English, including: Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum: Five-year Compendium 2007-2011, Inclusive Development and Poverty Reduction, Regional Cooperation and China’s Strategy towards East Asia, etc. 5 books were published as part of the “International Poverty Reduction and Development Series” (nationally, they represented the five key publication projects during the 12th Five-Year Plan period); and 10 academic papers published in authoritative academic journals. The Measurement of Poverty: Theories and Methods, among others, won the 2nd YouChange Poverty Reduction Scientific Research Outcome Prize.

IPRCC Research Projects in 2013

16-22 January 2013 — The China-Africa Seminar on Economic and Technological Development Zones (ET-DZs) and Sustainable Development was held in Beijing.

3-4 July 2013 — A delegation headed by IPRCC Director General Zhu Changsheng attended the 6th ASEAN-China, Japan and ROK Rural Development and Poverty Reduction Conference for Government Officials held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

13 September 2013 — A seminar themed on “A New Global Partnership in Post-2015” was organized by IPRCC as part of the Seminar Series “Frontiers in Development Studies”

16 May 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Director General He Xiaojun met with Ms. Sandrine Boucher, Chief Representative of the French Agency for Development (AFD) Beijing Office and Dr. Vannina Promonti, an official of AFD’s Strategy and Development Office.

5 November 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Director General He Xiaojun met with a visiting delegation headed by Ms. Franziska Freiburger, Deputy Head of East Asia Division, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

22 August 2013 — The 5th South-South Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction, co-hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Finance and IFAD and organized by IPRCC, was held in Beijing.
Training: Poverty reduction experience sharing, training and learning together

To enhance the capacity of developing countries and regions for the purpose of self-development on the basis of the global poverty reduction needs, IPRCC provided further international poverty reduction training to share China’s successful experience in poverty reduction with other developing countries. The training covered multiple areas, ranging from the theoretical knowledge in the field of poverty alleviation and development policies and measures to the research methods and practical skills, etc. As of the end of 2013, IPRCC hosted 63 sessions of international poverty reduction seminars specifically targeted at participants from developing countries, which were attended by 1,464 officials and development practitioners from 99 countries in total. IPRCC also developed a series of international poverty reduction training materials, and strengthened the construction of international poverty reduction training bases in Sichuan, Gansu, Hubei, Guangxi, Shanxi and Jiangxi provinces; increased its efforts in the area of mid- and long-term training, including providing diploma education in collaboration with universities, participating in the formulation and execution of foreign student training and education plans and curriculum design of various partner universities, and mobilizing as many foreign students as possible to attend our seminars.

Participants at the Seminar on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction for Developing Countries in 2013 visited the potato growing industry educational project in Hekou Township, Lanxi County, Lincang City, Yunnan Province.

Participants at the Seminar for Officials on Development-oriented Poverty Reduction Policies and Practices in Portuguese-speaking Countries in 2013 visited the pre-employment vocational training project for labor forces transferred from poor villages in Luancheng Village, Nansu Town, Longtan County, Guangxi Province.


Participants at the Seminar for Officials on Development-oriented Poverty Reduction Policies and Practices in Portuguese-speaking Countries in 2013 visited the mulberry growing and silk worm raising base in Xianyang Village, Puziao Town, Pinggu County, Guangxi Province.

I would like to thank the Ministry of Commerce, IPRCC and other related parties who helped organize this seminar for their excellent high organizational level and warm reception. China is a huge emerging economy. It boasts good urban planning and infrastructures, wonderful culture and traditions, and a fascinating history.

—— Mr. DARAMVEER RUGHOONUNDUH, Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare, Mauritius

China is the best country I have ever visited seen. The administration by the Chinese government is highly orderly, so it can achieve the MDGs before the deadline. China has done a good job in infrastructure building, urban planning, social security and increasing subsidies for its citizens. China’s development is incredible for me. So far, China has done well in every aspect, so I believe it can overcome its challenges in the future.

—— Ms. JOKHA AYOUB RAJI, Ministry of Finance, Zanzibar

I think this training/seminar is very instructive and important. My country and the other developing countries will learn much from China’s poverty reduction strategies. Therefore, this kind of training program as well as our bilateral exchanges shall continue.

During my stay in China, I have seen a lot, like sound infrastructures, friendly people, safe society and the most beautiful villages. I am very glad and expect to appreciate the beautiful country again. Thanks for everything you have done for us.

—— Mr. ABREHAM DEGUF ANSA, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia
Exchange: Building a platform for international poverty reduction exchanges.

On the basis of the recommendations of our Board of Trustees (BoT) members, IPRCC actively interacted with international poverty reduction organizations, expanded its partnership network, closely worked with its increasingly growing and ever-expanding new partners with which it maintains good relations. In 2013, IPRCC successfully organized many fora, including the Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum, the China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction, the China-Africa Poverty Reduction and Development Conference, and the ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program Forum. Thanks to those exchanges and seminars, IPRCC expanded its influence in the developing world.

From 9-12 July 2013, the 4th China-Africa Poverty Reduction and Development Conference was convened in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province and was co-sponsored by IPRCC and UNDP and co-organized by Zhejiang Provincial Poverty Alleviation Office and Zhejiang University. Themed on “Promoting Employment and Sustainable Development”, the conference attracted more than 70 representatives from China and Africa, including those from 15 different African Governments, universities and businesses, as well as representatives from international organizations including UNDP and the World Bank. Full discussions centered around the promotion and expansion of employment opportunities through the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, followed by talks with private entrepreneurs from Zhejiang Province and field visits to the eco-agricultural demonstration enterprises in Anyi County. As a result, Chinese and African enterprises not only reached a consensus, but also exchanged experience and explored potential areas for cooperation.

The China-Africa Poverty Reduction and Development Conference is a platform co-initiated by IPRCC and UNDP to promote exchanges and cooperation between China and Africa on poverty reduction and development. Since 2010, four conferences have been successively convened in Addis Ababa (the capital of Ethiopia), Shenzhen (P. R. China) and Dar es Salaam (the capital of Tanzania). It has become an important platform for promoting experience sharing between China and Africa on poverty reduction and development.

11-18 December 2013 — A Chinese poverty alleviation delegation headed by LGOP Vice Minister Wang Guoliang paid a working visit to Switzerland and Denmark.

16 October 2013 — Robert Mundell, a professor of economics at Columbia University, 1999 Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics and “Father of the Euro”, was invited to attend the Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum sponsored by LGOP and organized by IPRCC. During his stay in China, Robert Mundell visited IPRCC and gladly accepted his appointment as IPRCC Senior Advisor.

8 April 2013 — The “ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program” Forum, sponsored by the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE), and co-organized by IPRCC, Sichuan Provincial Poverty Alleviation and Immigration Bureau and the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development of Malaysia, was opened in Chengdu, Sichuan Province.

14 May 2013 — IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng met with Mr. Laurent Thomas, Assistant Director-General of the UN’s Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and his delegation.

25 November 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Changwei met with a visiting 15-member delegation headed by Javede Kumar Sirha, Chief Technical Adviser of Iran’s Middle East and North Africa Regional Comprehensive Sustainable Management Project.

16 May 2013 — Dr. Li Kouqiang, Director General of the Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Center (APFC) within the Chinese Ministry of Finance and President of Shenzhen National Accounting Institute (RINA), and Associate Professor Zhao Xin visited IPRCC and talked with Director General Zuo Changsheng.
Cooperation: Working together to promote poverty reduction and eliminate world poverty

On the basis of conducting research, organizing training and promoting exchanges, IPRCC has been actively expanding its cooperative relations with African, Latin American and Asian countries. In 2013, at the village-level learning center for poverty reduction in Tanzania, IPRCC established a “four-in-one” mode of poverty reduction cooperation covering policy consultation, jointly conducted research, capacity building and pilot demonstration, achieved remarkable results from planting demonstration activities and initial demonstration effects from the village-level poverty reduction center program, and made further progress in collaborative research on poverty reduction, experience sharing and policy consultation; advanced the poverty reduction cooperation with Mozambique; intensified the sharing of poverty reduction experience with Colombia; and further expanded poverty reduction partnerships with Laos.


15 – 21 October 2013 — IPRCC welcomed a senior official delegation headed by Meck Phanlack, Vice Minister and Vice President of the National Leading Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication of Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

At the invitation of IPRCC, a Colombian delegation headed by Director Teles of the Department of Family and Community Management Development of the National Agency for Eliminating Extreme Poverty visited China to attend the Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum held on 17 October 2013.

27 August 2013 to 2 September 2013 — IPRCC invited State Minister of Tanzanian President’s Office to visit China.


10 – 17 September 2013 — The Seminar on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction for Lao Officers was held in Guangxi.

29 August 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Director General He Xiaojun met with Mr. Laurent Fontaine, Head of Evaluations of the French Agency for Development (AFD).

27 June 2013 — IPRCC sponsored and hosted the Ugali Campaign in Tanzania.

21 – 26 May 2013 — IPRCC sent a working group to Tanzania with the aim of conducting field research on the “Assessment of the Needs of Tanzania for Poverty Reduction Capacity Building” Project, and checking the progress of its “village-level learning center for poverty reduction program”.
Information: Share resources and build a platform for sharing international poverty reduction knowledge

IPRCC is committed to building a knowledge sharing platform in the field of poverty reduction and development and utilizing the information technology and Internet to publicize the latest developments and share knowledge and information.

Organizational Development “Chinese and Foreign Poverty Reduction Cases Compilation and Translation Program”

By collecting and sorting out typical cases in China’s poverty alleviation and development process, and bringing in and drawing upon advanced poverty reduction concepts and practices from the international community, IPRCC was engaged in efforts to build a platform for international poverty reduction knowledge sharing, to sort out and compile the poverty alleviation cases of China and other countries to promote knowledge sharing with international institutions.

Collection of the basic data of poverty-stricken regions in order to better serve China’s poverty reduction and development work

The “IPRCC Poverty Reduction Database Building Project” was organized and basic survey data were collected to form a thematic database in order to better serve China’s poverty reduction and development work and established a knowledge-sharing network.

Giving full play to IPRCC’s information advantage and development of an array of proprietary poverty reduction knowledge products

1. China Anti-poverty Development Report (2012) was compiled by IPRCC and released to public. The report embodied the consensus among experts and media representatives that this report focuses on anti-poverty theory exploration, research and practice in continuous difficult areas, that it created a favorable environment and can have a certain reference function to improve the strategy, policy and model of China’s poverty reduction and development, thus contributing to global anti-poverty theory development.

2. Important information in the field of poverty reduction and development was gathered, refined, translated and compiled into a biweekly magazine called “China and Foreign Poverty Reduction Briefing”, in which special reports on poverty reduction around the world also provide multi-angle analysis and comments. The magazine is very readable and enlightening, fully playing its role of releasing real-time information and providing reference information. A total of 24 issues of the Briefing in both Chinese and English were issued and printed during the whole year 2013 and given away to more than a hundred organizations and individuals for reference.

3. IPRCC developed a mobile terminal electronic library that contains a great number of its achievements, namely e-book network and mobile phone platform. Previous publications were collected and imported to the mobile terminal platform and network for related staff in the field of poverty reduction to download and look up. A mobile electronic information sharing platform was built to that effect.


IPRCC edited and published China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development Yearbook (2013) which includes 183 paper contributions, over 40 pictures and 871,000 words all together. In order to work efficiently online, a highly integrated information platform was built which enables 313 relevant units to transfer information, improve documents online, compare and search for modified versions, fix and download reviewed documents, and leading cadres of all levels concerned to learn about progress made in poverty alleviation and development work at any time.
Organizational Development

IPRCC is equipped with 8 functional departments, i.e., General Affairs Division, Research Division, Training Division, Exchange Division, Cooperation Division, Information and Communication Division, Finance Division and Administration Division. As a growing international institution, IPRCC has constantly come up with new ideas for development, improved operational skills and strengthened team building. It also launched public recruitment campaigns for talents, recruited volunteers from international institutions, and asked partners to send technical staff. The multi-channel talent introducing strategy has enabled IPRCC to establish a younger, knowledgeable and professional team.


22 January 2013 — IPRCC held the 2nd Personnel Professional Knowledge Workshop in the year 2013.

24 September 2013 — IPRCC held the 3rd Personnel Professional Knowledge Workshop in the year 2013.
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

21 November 2013 — IPRCC held the 4th Personnel Professional Knowledge Workshop in the year 2013.

16-11 May 2013 — IPRCC held May 4th Youth Day team capacity building activities.


Chronicle of events

8-11 January 2013 — IPRCC sent staff to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting of GOLNAP held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

16 January 2013 — The China-Africa Seminar on Economic and Technological Development Zones and Sustain- able Development was held in Beijing, and was sponsored by IPRCC and UNDP, and co-organized by China Interna-
tional Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges and Chongqing Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development.

18 January 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Director-General Huang Chengwei was invited to participate in the “Seminar on Poverty under the New Situation” and delivered a keynote speech.

28 January 2013 — IPRCC sent staff to attend the roundtable conference on “Establishing an Effective Knowledge-sharing Mechanism for Development” held in Seoul, South Korea.

5-15 February 2013 — On behalf of LGOP, IPRCC Deputy Director General He Xiaojun was invited to attend the 51st session of the UN Commission for Social Develop-
ment (CSosCD) in the UN headquarters, New York.

17-21 February 2013 — IPRCC Deputy General Di-
rector He Xiaojun attended “The Global Thematic Consul-
tation on Addressing Inequalities in the Post-2015 Develop-
ment Agenda” in Copenhagen.

13 March 2013 — Upon the invitation of the two spon- sors - the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Poverty Alleviation and Development Office of Guangzhou Province, IPRCC Deputy Director General He Xiaojun addressed the opening ceremony of the Seminar on “The Comprehensive Poverty Reduction Modes of ADB in Naying Community of Guangzhou Province”.

18 March 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei was invited to address the Forum on “Chinese Businesses in Africa – Cooperation, Innovation and Win-win Outcomes”.

22 March 2013 — IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng and Deputy Director General He Xiaojun met with visiting OECD-OCDE Deputy Director Mr. Serge Toma-
si. The two sides exchanged views on related cooperation issues.

28 March 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei was invited to the high level roundtable meeting on “The Rise of the South - Human Progress in a Diverse World” by UNDP China.

24 – 30 March 2013 — LGOP Vice Minister Zheng Wenkai went to Jiaying County of Hubei Province for a field trip and visited IPRCC working group at the village there.

31 March 2013 to 3 April 2013 — IPRCC and UNDP
China reestablished a joint research group headed by Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei to carry out studies on the demand and feasibility of China- Laos pov-
erty reduction cooperation in Guangxi Province.

8 April 2013 — The “ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Ex-
change Program” Forum, sponsored by the ASEAN Senior
Official’s Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Erad-
ication (SOMRDEPO) and organized by IPRCC, Sichuan
Provincial Bureau of Poverty Reduction and Immigration, and the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development of Malaysia was convened in Chengdu, Sichuan Province.

10 April 2013 — IPRCC Director General Zuo Chang-
sheng met with a visiting delegation led by Bill Lee, Presi-
dent of the Rotary Club of Crows Nest.

13 -27 April 2013 — A “Seminar on MDGs and Sus-
tainable Poverty Reduction for Developing Countries In
2013” sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and orga-
nized by IPRCC was held in Beijing.

14 May 2013 — IPRCC Director General Zuo Chang-
sheng met with a visiting delegation led by Laurent Thom-
as, Assistant Director General of FAO.

16 May 2013 — Dr. Li Kuiqi, Director General of the...
Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Center (AFDC) of the Ministry of Finance and President of Shanghai National Accounting Institute (SNAI), and Associate Professor Zhao Min visited IPRC and talked with Director General Zuo Changle.  

16 – 30 May 2013 — The “Seminar on Poverty Reduction Strategies for Nigerians” organized by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC was held in Beijing.  

16 May 2013 16 — IPRCC Deputy Director General He Xiaojun met with Ms. Sandrine Boucher, Chief Representative of the French Agency for Development (AFD) Beijing Office and Dr. Vannina Pompuli, an official of AFD’s Strategy and Development Office.  

22 May 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei was invited to attend the Signing Ceremony of Major Projects of the Year Enticed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) held by MOFA’s Department of Policy Planning, and signed the project, and exchange contract as leader of the “Exploration and Practice of Poverty Alleviation Diplomacy” project with the head of the said department.  

22 – 23 May 2013 — The review meeting of China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development Yearbook (2013) was held in Kunming, Yunnan Province.  

20-23 May 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei led a delegation to Yunnan to carry out studies on the demand and feasibility of China-Laos poverty reduction cooperation.  

21 – 26 May 2013 — IPRCC sent staff to Tanzania with the aim of conducting field research on the “Assessment of the Needs of Tanzania for Poverty Reduction Capacity Building” Project, and checking the progress of its “village-level learning center for poverty reduction program.”  

5 – 9 June 2013 5 to 9 — LGGP Vice Minister Zheng Weikai headed a delegation to participate in the “Multidimensional Poverty Measurement High-level Policy Dialogue” held by Oxford University.  

15-16 June 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Head He Xiaojun, accompanied by Gib, three-member poverty reduction study group made up of OECD DAC Chair Solveig Erik Gustbrand, Advisor Jens Sedemund and Senior Advisor and Policy Analyst Michael Larsen to pay a visit to Weiyuan County of Gansu Province.  

19 June 2013 — LGGP Vice Minister Zheng Weikai met with Mr. Axel van Trosenburg, the World Bank’s Vice President for East Asia and Pacific, both sides exchanged views on strengthening mutual cooperation.  

6-20 June 2013 6 to 20 — A “Seminar on Development-oriented Poverty Alleviation Policy and Practice for Officials from Francophone Africa 2013,” sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC, was held in Beijing.  


26 June 2013 to 10 July 2013 — A “Seminar on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction for Developing Countries in 2013,” sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC, was held in Beijing.  


27 June 2013 — The Ugali Campaign launched by IPRCC and Tanzania’s Vihiga County’s Jiresholom Center was opened at Mpepe Village, Kibosha District of Monogoro Region.  

1 July 2013 — IPRCC organized a capacity building meeting for the Ministry of Women and Social Action (MSWA) of Mozambique.  

2 July 2013 — The Department of International Cooperation and Social Mobilization of LGDF, IPRCC, and the Peruvian Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion held a video conference. It was the first event for both sides to implement the Memorandum of Understanding on Poverty Reduction Cooperation” signed in 2013.  

July 3 — IPRCC Deputy Director General He Xiaojun met with a delegation led by Ms. Amy Capman, Senior Director of the Global Portfolio for the Harvard University John F Kennedy School of Government’s Executive Programs.  


9 July 2013 — The China-Africa Poverty Reduction and Development Conference was convened in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province.  

10 July 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Director General He Xiaojun met with a delegation headed by Managing Director Ms. Martha D. Hirpa of Heifer International.  

29 July 2013 to 18 August 2013 — The International Poverty Reduction Capacity Building Training Course for IPRCC was held in London, U.K.  

14 August 2013 to 3 September 2013 — The Seminar on the Development and Execution of Poverty Reduction Programs in Togo, sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC, was held in Beijing.  

August 21 to 23 — The 7th China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction opened in Fengchenggang, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.  

22 August 2013 — The 5th South-South Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction, co-hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Finance and IFAD and organized by IPRCC, was held in Beijing.  

30 August 2013 — IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng met with Mr. Cholit M. Sourang, Senior Program Manager of IFAD Knowledge Management Division.  

27 August 2013 to 2 September 2013 — IPRCC invited a Tanzanian delegation headed by Mr. Stephen Masato Wasiga, State Minister of Tanzania’s President’s Office, to visit China to get a feel of the country.  


5 – 9 September 2013 — A delegation headed by IPRCC Director General Huang Chengwei carried out a field study trip in Laos.  

10 – 17 September 2013 — The 2013 Seminar on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction for Lao Officials was held in Nanning. The seminar was sponsored by IPRCC, UNDP, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and the Lao National Committee of Rural Development and Poverty Elimination, organized by the Guangxi Foreign Capital Poverty Alleviation Project Management Center, and supported by the International Exchange Center of Guangxi Agricultural Vocational-Technical College.  

13 – 27 September 2013 — The 2013 Seminar for Officials on Inclusive Growth and Rural Sustainable Poverty Reduction in Asian Countries, sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and organized by IPRCC, was held in Beijing.  


26 September 2013 to 1 October 2013 — Deputy Director General He Xiaojun attended the Seminar on “Responding to China’s Global Re-emergence” hosted by the Group of 20 (G20) and delivered a speech titled “Poverty and Poverty Reduction in China”.  


15 – 21 October 2013 — IPRCC received a senior official delegation headed by Meck Phanhlock, Vice Minister and President of the National Leading Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication of Laos.  

16 October 2013 — Robert Mundell, winner of the 1990 Nobel Prize in Economics paid a visit to IPRCC, accepted his appointment as IPRCC Senior Advisor and attended the 8th “Celebrity Forum”.  

17 October 2013 — The 7th “Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum – Sustainable Urbanization and Poverty Reduction” was held in Beijing.  

17 October 2014 — A Colombian delegation visited IPRCC during this year’s “Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum”.  

17 October 2013 — “The Measurement of Poverty: Theories and Methods” was awarded the second “YouChang Poverty Reduction Scientific Research Outcome Prize”.  


5 November 2013 — IPRCC Deputy General Director He Xiaojun met with a visiting delegation headed by Mrs. Franziska Freiherin, Deputy Head of East Asia Division, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).  

14 November 2013 — The Intermediary Review and Expert Seminar on “Key Technology and Its Application in the Poverty Reduction Spatial Information System” was held in Beijing.  

25 November 2013 — IPRCC Deputy Director General Huang Chengwei met with a visiting 15-member Iranian delegation led by Jitendra Kumar Sinha, Chief Technical Adviser of Iran’s Middle East and North Africa Regional Comprehensive Sustainable Management Project.  

11 – 13 December 2013 — A Chinese poverty allevia- tion delegation headed by LGGP Vice Minister Wang Guo- lian paid a working visit to Switzerland and Denmark.
Financial Report

IPRCC achieved remarkable results in all kinds of work in 2013, continued to gradually broaden the sources of funding channels, run funds of various descriptions properly and implemented budgets for projects strictly in accordance with requirements.

By the end of 2013, the annual total revenue of IPRCC amounted to 39,1562 million yuan.

Due to funding resources received from different channels, the IPRCC revenues fall into four main categories:

- Government allocated funds for personnel expenditure, public funds and funds allocated for special projects amounted 21,5507 million yuan, or 55% of the total revenue.
- Funds allocated by the UNDP for UNDP projects (including the Chinese government corresponding supporting funds) amounted to 4,9145 million yuan, or 13% of the total revenue.
- Funds allocated for special projects by the Ministry of Science and Technology amounted to 2,67 million yuan, or 7% of the total revenue.
- Revenues generated from other projects amounted to 10,0210 million yuan, or 25% of the total revenue.

IPRCC Revenue and Expenditure Diagram of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013

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