Making Contribution to Poverty Reduction in the World
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Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference Opened in Shanghai

From September 20 to 22, 2016, the Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference was held in Shanghai. As a major sub-forum under the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) framework, this conference was jointly sponsored by China’s State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP) and the Shanghai Municipal People’s Government, and co-organized by the International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC) and the Office for Cooperation and Exchange Affairs of the Shanghai Municipal People’s Government. This event also received strong support from the African Union (AU), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the China-Africa Development Fund and other international organizations.

The conference was attended by over 150 participants, including government officials, experts and scholars from China and 14 African countries including Mauritius, South Africa, Nigeria, Mozambique and Togo, as well as representatives from NGOs, the business community, the media and international organizations such as AU and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS). It was themed on “Africa-China Productive Capacity Cooperation and Poverty Reduction”. Conference participants, through vibrant discussions, shared experience in industrial development and poverty reduction of different countries, and explored innovative ways for more effective China-Africa exchanges and cooperation on poverty reduction. Mr. Prithvirajsing Roopun, Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment of Mauritius, Mr. Mcebisi Skwatsha, Deputy Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform of South Africa, Mr. Hong Tianyun, Vice Minister of LGOP, Mr. Shi Guanghui, Vice Mayor of Shanghai, Ms. Treasure Maphanga, a special representative from the Department of Trade and Industry, African Union Commission, and Mr. Babacar Cisse, a representative from UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa addressed the opening ceremony.
The Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference, the predecessor of this sub-forum, had been successfully held for seven consecutive years since 2010, covering issues like poverty reduction experience of China and Africa, poverty reduction and agricultural development, poverty reduction and infrastructure as well as poverty reduction and Special Economic Zones. After six years’ hard work of all parties, the conference has become a core platform for poverty reduction exchanges between China and Africa. Due to its growing influence, the Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference was incorporated in the framework of FOCAC. All this has provided further and effective support to the wide-ranging and practical cooperation on poverty reduction between China and Africa and demonstrated that both parties attach great importance to this cooperation. The Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference, an important step in implementing the Program for Strengthening Cooperation on China-Africa Poverty Reduction between the People’s Republic of China and the African Union, receives staunch support from China, Africa as well as international organizations including the African Union and UNDP. The conference will continue to contribute to the exchanges and cooperation on poverty reduction and development between China and Africa. During the event, the African representatives held talks with Chinese enterprises on productive capacity cooperation and made a field trip to relevant enterprises in Shanghai.
From June 22 to 24, 2016, the 10th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction was held in Guilin, Guangxi Province. This event was co-hosted by LGOP and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, co-organized by IPRCC, the Poverty Alleviation Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and the Guilin Municipal People’s Government, and supported by the ASEAN Secretariat, Asian Development Bank (ADB), UNDP, China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE), and Guangxi Foreign Capital Poverty Alleviation Project Management Center.

With a theme of “Belt & Road Initiative and ASEAN-China Cooperation on Poverty Reduction”, this event gathered more than 150 participant from China and ten ASEAN countries, including government officials, experts and scholars, as well as representatives from media outlets, Chinese enterprises, NGOs and international organizations.

Mr. Zheng Wenkai, then Vice Minister of LGOP, Mr. Huang Shiyong, Vice Chairman of the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr. Somsanith Souvannalath, Vice Chairman of the Lao National Committee of Rural Development and Poverty Elimination, Mr. Hap Omaly, Under Secretary of State at Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Dr. AKP Mochtan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for Community & Corporate Affairs, and Mr. Zhou Jiabin, Mayor of Guilin addressed the opening ceremony. Mr. Li Chunguang, Director of LGOP’s International Cooperation and Social Mobilization Department presided over the opening ceremony.
During the forum, the participants discussed a range of topics, including review and prospects of ASEAN-China cooperation on poverty reduction, targeted poverty alleviation measures and Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), and poverty reduction cooperation under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative. They also made a field trip to Longsheng County for inspecting the industrial poverty alleviation and pro-poor tourism project sites.

The ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction is an established initiative between China and ASEAN countries, focusing exclusively on poverty reduction. It intends to provide a platform for policy makers, theory researchers and development practitioners to share information and exchange experiences. The first session was hosted in Nanning, China in late October 2007. As a key step in implementing the Action Plan of China-ASEAN Joint Declaration on Strategic Partnership Geared to Peace and Prosperity (2011-2015), the forum has been supported by China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance and international organizations such as the ASEAN Secretariat, ADB, UNDP and World Bank over the years.

Vice Minister Zheng Wenkai pointed out in his speech that, while advancing the poverty alleviation process at home, the Chinese government had actively conducted international exchanges and cooperation on poverty reduction, especially with the ASEAN countries. In November 2004, Premier Li Keqiang proposed the “East Asia Cooperation Initiative on Poverty Reduction”; and at the 2015 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum in October 2015, President Xi Jinping noted that China would step up South-South cooperation to provide sufficient resources and strong impetus for poverty reduction worldwide, implement the “East Asia Cooperation Initiative on Poverty Reduction”, and further bring the benefits of development to local people.
On May 8, 2016, the China Poverty Reduction International Forum & Launching Ceremony of Global Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth Portal was held in Beijing. With a theme of “China’s Poverty Reduction Experience Sharing Under the SDGs Framework”, this event was guided by the State Council Information Office (SCIO), co-sponsored by IPRCC and China Internet News Center, and co-organized by China.org.cn, China Development Gateway and Ada Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd. Nearly 100 guests from home and abroad had an in-depth discussion over the poverty-relief efforts under the UN SDGs, shared Chinese poverty reduction experience, advanced international exchanges in poverty reduction, and contributed their wisdom to China’s poverty alleviation program.
Mr. Guo Weimin, Deputy Director of SCIO, delivered a keynote speech at the forum. According to him, it is incumbent on China to share Chinese poverty alleviation experience with the world and provide a reference for the other developing countries; China also expects to introduce useful experience from the outside world to push ahead with domestic poverty alleviation. Exchange, communication, cooperation and sharing are inevitable choices in overcoming poverty in China and the world. He added that poverty reduction is a common cause of human society. SCIO is committed to promoting exchanges and cooperation in this field between China and the rest of the world.

Vice Minister of LGOP Mr. Hong Tianyun noted that, as a common topic all over the world, poverty reduction concerns the sustainable development of human beings. China has achieved the poverty reduction target under UN MDGs beforehand and reduced the poor population by more than 700 million, which is the largest in the world. LGOP shall make full use of all kinds of platforms and opportunities to increase exchanges of poverty reduction experience with African, Latin American and other Asian countries and tell a good story of China’s poverty reduction while drawing upon more success stories and best practices by advancing international cooperation on poverty reduction.

Mr. Fang Zhenghui, Vice President of China International Publishing Group, (CIPG) made an opening speech on behalf of the sponsors. A number of domestic and foreign experts from China, Bengal and Vietnam as well as international organizations such as the World Bank, UNDP and ADB also delivered a speech.
From December 19 to 21, 2016, the 1st China-Africa Youth Exchanges Program on Poverty Reduction and Development opened in Haikou. This event was hosted by IPRCC and supported by the College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University (CAU) and the Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences (CATAS).

More than 90 people attended the opening ceremony, including government officials, experts and scholars from China and African countries, representatives from international organizations such as the African Union, and the media. By facilitating exchange of visits and enhancing mutual trust and understanding, this event aims to build a bridge for cooperation between Chinese and African youth in the area of international development; increase their experience sharing in concepts and methods regarding international development cooperation; cultivate young leaders, lift the position and role of Africa in international affairs, and consolidate the consensus of win-win cooperation and common development between China and Africa.

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Mr. Tan Weiping, Deputy Director General of IPRCC, Mr. Zhu Enlin, Vice President of CATAS, and Dr. Collins Magalasi, Chief Economic Advisor to the President at Government of the Republic of Malawi (an African representative) addressed the opening ceremony. Mr. Wu Jin, Deputy Dean at the College of Humanities and Development Studies, CAU, presided over the ceremony.

During the event, the participants inspected the site of the Boao Forum for Asia, the Spice and Beverage Research Institute, CATAS, and CATAS’s headquarters in Shanghai.
The 8th China-Africa High Level Experience Sharing Program Opened in Beijing

From September 2 to 8, 2016, the 8th China-Africa High Level Experience Sharing Program opened in Beijing. This event was co-hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Finance (MOF), Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), LGOP, World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and organized by IPRCC. Mr. Hong Tianyun, Vice Minister of LGOP, Mr. Shi Yaobin, Vice Finance Minister of China, Mr. Qu Dongyu, Vice Minister of Agriculture of China, Mr. Bert Hofman, World Bank's Country Director for China, Mr. Wu Jinkang, Special Advisor to the President of IFAD, Mr. Li Xiaobing, President of the Academy for International Business Officials, MOFCOM, and Mr. Nabell Ahmed Mohamed Saad, Deputy Undersecretary of Sudan’s Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry addressed the opening ceremony.
With a theme of “Enhancing Agricultural Investment, Promoting Sustainable Development”, this year’s program saw the participation of more than 80 people from various sides, including the high-level government officials from Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, South Africa, South Sudan, Niger and Sudan, as well as representatives from the relevant Chinese state ministries, research institutes, and international organizations. The participants shared their thoughts on issues such as how to identify the agricultural investment demand in Africa, how to expand China-Africa agricultural cooperation and how to advance South-South cooperation. They also went on field trips to Jiangsu and Guangzhou.

The China-Africa High Level Experience Sharing Program has been successfully held for eight consecutive years since 2008, and it has become an important platform for exchanging ideas on development issues between China and Africa and for promoting South-South cooperation.
From September 18 to 24, 2016, the 4th “ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program” was kicked off in Shanghai. This event was hosted by IPRCC, organized by the Office for Cooperation and Exchange Affairs of the Shanghai Municipal People’s Government, and supported by the ASEAN Secretariat and ADB.

More than 60 people attended the opening ceremony, including government officials, grassroots village leaders, scholars and experts from China, South Korea and ASEAN countries, as well as representatives from such international organizations as the ASEAN Secretariat, ADB and ASEAN-China Centre, the business community and the press. It was a major step to implement Prime Minister Li Keqiang’s proposal at the 17th China-ASEAN Summit in 2013, and has become an annual mechanism. The week-long event was intended to acquaint representatives from ASEAN countries with China’s rural socioeconomic development status, particularly the useful practical experience of our village leaders in actual work, and to improve the performance of their ASEAN counterparts through indoor discussions and in-depth investigations into rural areas and communities. In addition, by means of interactive discussions, villager leaders in both China and ASEAN countries can effectively share experience and make concerted efforts to advance their poverty reduction cause.
Mr. Yao Hai, Director of the Office for Cooperation and Exchange Affairs of the Shanghai Municipal People’s Government, Mr. Tan Weipin, Deputy Director General of IPRCC, Ms. Mai Tang, a senior official with the Department of Community and Corporate Affairs, ASEAN Secretariat, and Mr. Armin Bauer, Principal Economist at ADB addressed the opening ceremony.

During the event, the participants went to Jinshan District, Shanghai for an inspection of the project sites, including Exotic Plant, Jinshan District Vegetables R&D Center (an intelligent agriculture base) and Shiquan Grape Specialized Cooperative. Moreover, they also held talks with the villagers and cadres.
On December 7, 2016, the Launch Ceremony of Pilot Project of Poverty Reduction Cooperation in East Asia was held in Vientiane, Laos. The launch ceremony was presided over by IPRCC Deputy Director General Mr. Tan Weiping, Mr. Thongvanh VILAYHEUANG, Acting Chairman of the National Committee for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication of Laos, Mr. Guan Huabing, Chinese Ambassador to Laos, Mr. Wang Qihui, Economic and Commercial Counselor of Chinese Embassy in Laos, and Mr. Wu Min, Deputy Director of the Comprehensive Division of LGOP addressed the launch ceremony. All parties attached great importance to cooperation in the field of poverty alleviation, extended congratulations on the launch of this project, and expressed their wishes for favorable project results and their long-lasting friendship and common prosperity.

Deputy Director General Mr. Tan Weiping announced the launch of this project, followed by remarks by representatives from Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar and executing agencies in three provinces of China.

During the event, the participants made a field trip to Huay Xorn–Huay Xua Center in the vicinity of Vientiane. They inspected the implementation of planting and breeding projects by the center and Nayang Village where it is located, as well as the center’s role in boosting the development of local communities.
From November 16 to 25, 2016, the Seminar on High-Level Exchanges and Cooperation for Ministers from the Democratic Republic of the Congo was staged in Beijing. This event was sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) and organized by IPRCC. Mr. Liu Mingzhe, Vice President of the Academy for International Business Officials, MOFCOM and Ms. Zhang Guangping, IPRCC Deputy Director General addressed the opening ceremony. Mr. Kaumba Lufunda, Head of the General Office of the Ministry of the Interior and Security, Democratic Republic of the Congo, gave a speech on behalf of the participants.

With a theme of “Rural Poverty Reduction Driven by Economic Development”, this ten-day seminar was a high-level bilateral event. In addition, the participants were organized to visit the China-Africa Development Fund and Guangzhou, Qingyuan and Dongguang in Guangdong Province for an inspection of private enterprises’ “going global” models, targeted poverty alleviation projects and technological innovations. Thanks to the exchange and inspection activities, the participants developed a better understanding of China’s economic development and poverty reduction achievements and experience. Meanwhile, the exchange and cooperation in poverty reduction between China and the DR Congo was also promoted.

Two senior officials from the central government of the DR Congo and 17 vice governors from all over China attended this seminar. A participant from the DR Congo said, “I’d like to thank the Chinese government for funding our visit to China so that we can see how fast China’s economy is developing. As an African country, the DR Congo boasts abundant resources and a vast territory. I hope that through this seminar, we can establish friendly and reciprocal relations of cooperation with the Chinese government, enterprises and all social sectors, and attract Chinese enterprises to set up plants in our country to achieve a win-win outcome.”
On April 15, 2016, the acceptance meeting of the National Key Technology Support Program “Key Technologies of the Poverty Alleviation Space Information System and Their Application” was held by the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) in Beijing. 13 experts from the relevant fields, including Mr. Liu Xianlin, an academician at the Chinese Academy of Surveying and Mapping, Mr. Hong Tianyun, Vice Minister of LGOP, Mr. Zuo Changsheng, Director General of IPRCC, and others, attended the meeting. The project “Key Technologies of the Poverty Alleviation Space Information System and Their Application” (Project No.: 2012BAH33B00) was organized by LGOP and undertaken by the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Engineering, Capital Normal University, China-Japan Friendship Environmental Protection Center and IPRCC. Initiated in 2012, the project lasted three years and a half before completion on June 30, 2015. The project deliverables, including “Accurate Poverty Identification from Multiple Dimensions”, “Study on the Ecological Safety Assessment and Ecological Compensation Mechanism of Poor Areas”, “Disaster Risk and Poverty Analysis” and “Optimal Allocation of Poverty Alleviation Resources”, and their demonstration promoted the application of spatial information technology in targeted poverty alleviation, providing strong technical support for China’s poverty-relief efforts.
On November 29, 2016, the Seminar on Project Management and Cooperative Governance of Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank (Industrial Poverty Alleviation Pilot Demonstration Project for Contiguous Poor Areas) was held in Chengdu, Sichuan Province. This event was hosted by IPRCC and co-organized by the Project Center of Sichuan Provincial Bureau of Poverty Alleviation and Resettlement Work. Ms. Zhang Guangping, IPRCC Deputy Director General, and Mr. Wang Sitie, Director of the Project Center of Sichuan Provincial Bureau of Poverty Alleviation and Resettlement Work, Mr. Pan Yuanxing, Deputy Director of the Foreign Capital Project Management Center of Guizhou Provincial Poverty Alleviation Office, and Ms. Ao Yan, Director of the Foreign Capital Project Management Center of Gansu Provincial Poverty Alleviation Office attended the opening ceremony. This seminar gathered 120 project and cooperative managers from the three project areas (Gansu, Guizhou and Sichuan). Experts on cooperative policy-making, industrial value chain construction, cooperative management, project management, financial management and project software management were invited to give lectures on cooperative design and construction of the entire industrial value chain. The purpose was to improve the project management level of project managers and the ability of cooperative instructors and leaders in managing design and investment operation, and to lay a solid foundation for accelerating the implementation of Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project.
Expansion of Activities
01 Research
- Write a new chapter of poverty reduction applied research

02 Training
- Share experience in poverty reduction and make common progress through training and learning

03 Exchange
- Build a high-level platform for poverty reduction exchanges

04 Cooperation
- Work together to promote poverty reduction and eliminate poverty in the world

05 Foreign capital to poverty alleviation
- Gain experience for innovating the poverty alleviation mechanism
Research: Write a new chapter of poverty reduction applied research

IPRCC advanced the progress of various research projects (e.g., summarization of poverty reduction experience, analysis of poverty reduction strategies, comparison of poverty reduction modes), continuously summed up the development and poverty reduction strategies, modes, results and experience of China and other countries, sorted out the findings of international poverty reduction theory research and policy analysis, and conducted comparative studies on the poverty reduction modes adopted by China and other major developing countries and regions. The main research projects in 2016 include: Study on China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development Policies in the New Century, Study on the Withdrawal Mechanism of Poor Counties, Study on China’s Foreign Exchange and Cooperation on Poverty Reduction under the Background of the Belt & Road Initiative, etc. In 2016, we edited and printed 18 issues of Brief on International Poverty Reduction Studies, 5 issues of Reference to Poverty Reduction Research, 36 issues of China and Foreign Poverty Reduction Briefing, 10 issues of Working Paper, and 10 issues of Research Report. Moreover, five books were published, including China Anti-poverty Development Report 2016, Evolvement of China’s Rural Poverty Alleviation and Development Policies (2001-2015), Theory and Frontier Issues in International Poverty Reduction 2016, and Yearbook of China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development 2016 (Chinese and English versions).

Research Projects in 2016

1. Analysis of Latin America’s Poverty Reduction Policy
2. Research on China’s Assistance to and Investment in Africa and Industrialization of Africa
3. The Use of Information and Communication Technology and Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development in African Countries
4. The Infrastructure Connectivity and Poverty Reduction in Indo-China Peninsula
5. Research on Post-2020 China Poverty Reduction Strategy
6. Analysis of China Rural Consumption Poverty
7. Research on the Ignorance of Left-behind Children in Poor Areas
10. Research on the Global Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction Driven by China and ASEAN
11. Research on Poverty Reduction in India, Laos and Myanmar
12. Research on China–Cambodia Poverty Reduction by Tourism

Compiled and Printed Materials and Publications in 2016

12 issues of Brief on International Poverty Reduction Studies
36 issues of China and Foreign Poverty Reduction Briefing
Yearbook of China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development 2016
China Anti-poverty Development Report 2016
6 issues of Reference to Poverty Reduction Research
9 issues of Research Report
3 issues of Working Paper
Theory and Frontier Issues in International Poverty Reduction 2016
Compiled the Yearbook of China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development 2016

The Yearbook of China’s Poverty Reduction and Development 2016 includes 283 paper contributions, about 870,000 characters, 12 tables, 103 pictures all together. It is a historical document which gives an overall account of China’s poverty reduction and development cause, as well as an important platform which records the laws, regulations and vital documents regarding poverty reduction and development issued by the Party and the State and the annual progress in the field of poverty reduction and development, and releases authoritative information of the poverty reduction and development system in China.

Developed a Mobile Terminal Electronic Library

A mobile electronic information sharing platform was built to share the knowledge products. IPRCC developed a mobile terminal electronic library which contains a great number of its achievements, e-book network and mobile phone platform. Previous publications were collected and imported to the mobile terminal platform and network for related staff to download and look up.

Research Activities

IPRCC Director General Mr. Zuo Changsheng, Vice President of the University of Hong Kong Gao Weiyuan and Dr. John P. Burns, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong attended the signing ceremony of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on cooperation in Beijing.

IPRCC Director General Mr. Zuo Changsheng met with a delegation headed by Mr. Bassam Ramadan, Social Development Director of the World Bank in the Asian-Pacific Region.

The Summer Workshop on Multi-dimensional Poverty Measurement, co-hosted by Oxford, IPRCC and Beijing Normal University, opened in Beijing. IPRCC Director General Mr. Zuo Changsheng addressed the opening ceremony.
In light of the training demand of the developing countries in the field of poverty reduction and development, with the purpose of improving the poverty reduction and development strategy and capability, and based on the sharing of China’s poverty reduction policy and experience, IPRCC provides international poverty reduction training, which covers the theories, policy measures, research methodologies, and practical skills and experience in relation to poverty reduction and development. The forms of training include short-term training and long-term doctor’s/master’s degree education on international development. The short-term training is largely targeted at the government officials and project managers from the developing countries, including thematic lectures, country-specific presentations, case studies and field trips; the long-term doctor’s/master’s degree education program is mainly targeted at young scholars from the developing countries, and co-hosted by IPRCC and domestic scientific research and educational institutes. By the end of 2016, with the support of LGOP, MOFCOM, MOF, MOFA, WB and UNDP, IPRCC had successfully hosted 12 sessions of international poverty reduction seminars in total, providing training service to 358 participants from 63 countries around the world.

The participants of the Seminar on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction for the Developing Countries were awarded a certificate issued by IPRCC Deputy Director General Zhang Guangping.

The participants of the Seminar on Cameroon Poverty Reduction Experience Sharing inspected the tourism poverty reduction project in Rensou Villa, Bama County, Hechi of Guangxi Province.

The participants of the Seminar on High-Level Exchanges and Cooperation for Ministers from the Democratic Republic of the Congo inspected the rural relocation project in Antian Village, Liannan County, Qingyuan, Guangdong Province.

The participants of the Seminar on Integrated Rural and Urban Development and Poverty Reduction for Asian Countries visited Beijing StarTimes Company.
The participants of the Seminar on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction for the Developing Countries attended the class.

The participants of “From Policy to Practice: Seminar on Promoting Rural Enterprises Development for More Inclusive Growth” inspected the Suqian E-commerce Industrial Park in Jiangsu.

The Seminar on Development-oriented Poverty Alleviation Policy and Practice for Officials from Francophone Africa inspected Hengshun Group in Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province.

The participants of the Seminar on Inclusive Growth and Rural Sustainable Poverty Reduction in the Developing Countries visited Youyu County (County of Onions), Shanxi Province.

Participants’ Comments

What the Participants Learned from this seminar? Through the field visits, we found: China has strict management and strict discipline and is a good example for development. The Chinese people are great architects. In a word: China gave us a surprise and dream. As a French proverb says, "China feeds water into our mouths and the water is the source of life." As long as there is life, there is hope and dream. I firmly believe that we will surely turn the dream into reality.

—Rakotoarison, Jacques Roland, Secretary-general of Madagascar State Administrative Reform and Public Office

We come from different countries with different languages, cultures and races; we come all the way from Asia, Africa, the Americas and Europe to promote the relations between our people and the great Chinese people. China has invited us to gather in Beijing—a beautiful city. From the point of human nature, the people of our developing countries share the vision of a bright future. We are brothers as well as friends. When we return to our country, we will cherish our friendship and treat China and the organizer of the seminar with sincerity.

—Abuhamed, Bilal A.H., Colonel in Palestinian National Security Forces

It was indeed a great opportunity to learn from China as the second largest economy in the world. I believe that the lessons learned from this seminar will help us improve our countries. For our fellow participants, it is our duty as representatives of our government offices to replicate the ideas that we have learned in the past 21 days and provide the best for our people. The 21 days was very adventurous, not only to learn from China but also amongst ourselves through the country presentations and experience sharing. Our respected government will continue to embrace China’s interventions to promote sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

—Paua, Jeremiah, policy official of the Department of Planning and Monitoring of Papua New Guinea

China has demonstrated during the last 3 weeks that yes poverty alleviation and reduction is possible through government commitment. Poverty alleviation and reduction is a common goal and objective of every government. In every country, especially under-developed countries poverty alleviation and reduction is a common objective where we want as much as practicable and possible achieve zero poverty in 2020. The challenges are now ahead of us and when we go back to our country let us put in practice what we have gone thru here. On behalf of my government and on behalf of other honorable governments represented here let us take a toast for the excellent hospitality and good and mutual friendship and relationship that we have with the government of People’s Republic of china.

—Mahe, Raoul Martin, the Management Committee of Public Servants
IPRCC actively interacted with other multilateral and bilateral poverty reduction and development organizations, with a growing partnership network, increasingly close work relations and ever-expanding new partnerships. An influential platform for international poverty reduction exchange took shape with initial brand effects. The year 2016 was another fruitful year for IPRCC, as it successfully held four brand exchange activities—the 10th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction, 2016 China-Africa Poverty Reduction and Development Conference, the 4th “ASEAN + 3 Village Leaders Exchange Program”, and the 1st China–Africa Youth Exchanges Program on Poverty Reduction and Development. Thanks to those exchanges and seminars, Chinese poverty reduction had a greater influence in the world.

### Institutionalized Exchange Platforms

#### 10·17 Forum
The first session was held in 2007, with a view to promoting China’s poverty reduction theoretical research, building China’s poverty reduction think tanks, conducting international exchanges on poverty reduction and fostering the awareness of social poverty alleviation. It has invited domestic and foreign government officials, representatives of international organizations, and world-renowned experts and scholars to discuss hot issues concerning poverty reduction and development.

#### ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction
This event takes place in China or ASEAN countries in order to share their poverty reduction experience and promote intra-regional poverty reduction cooperation. Ten sessions have been successfully by 2016.

#### ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program
As the first regional poverty reduction program at the grass-roots level, it focuses on village leaders—the leader and driver of rural community development, promotes rural community development in the region through capacity building activities for village leaders in ASEAN countries, China, Japan and ROK. This event has been held for four consecutive years by 2016.

#### Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference
This event takes place in China or African countries in order to share their poverty reduction experience and explore ways of cooperation. Seven sessions have been successfully by 2016.

#### China–Africa Youth Exchanges Program on Poverty Reduction and Development
The program fills the gaps in the field of China and Africa youth exchange on poverty reduction. By facilitating exchange of visits and enhancing mutual trust and understanding, this event aims to build a bridge for cooperation between Chinese and African youth in the area of international development; increase their experience sharing in concepts and methods regarding international development cooperation; cultivate young leaders, lift the position and role of Africa in international affairs, and consolidate the consensus of win-win cooperation and common development between China and Africa.
Exchange Series

IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng met with a delegation headed by Dr. Vincent Martin, FAO Representative in China and DPR Korea.

IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng met with a delegation of Indonesia’s Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration who came to Guilin of Guangxi Province for the 10th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

IPRCC Deputy Director General Tian Weiping addressed the PRC-ADB Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative Consultation Meeting and Website Launch jointly held by ADB East Asia Department and Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at the Ministry of Finance.

IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng met with a delegation headed by Mr. Wade Warren, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning at U.S. Agency for International Development.

The 2nd Seminar on China-Japan-ROK Development and Cooperation was hosted by IPRCC and its partner ADB Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department in Beijing.
Cooperation: Work together to promote poverty reduction and eliminate poverty in the world

IPRCC has been actively expanding its cooperative relations with Asian, African and Latin American countries. In Asia, it pragmatically facilitated the implementation of the “East Asia Cooperation Initiative on Poverty Reduction” announced by Premier Li Keqiang at the 17th ASEAN+3 Summit, and actively conducted Lancang–Mekong poverty reduction cooperation. In Africa, it actively carried out the follow-up activities of the Outline of China-African Union Poverty Reduction Cooperation, and continued to deepen its cooperation with Tanzania on demonstration-scale poverty reduction projects under the “four-in-one” cooperation framework (comprising policy advice, joint study, capacity building and pilot demonstration); it signed bilateral cooperation agreements with Mauritius and other countries to further expand their poverty reduction partnership, and also collaborated with China-Africa Development Fund and China-Africa Agriculture Investment Corporation Limited (CAAIC) to jointly advance the development of poverty reduction cooperation network of Chinese-funded enterprises in Africa. In Latin America, cooperation agreements were concluded with Columbia, etc.

Cooperate with Asian countries on poverty reduction pilot projects

IPRCC experts also went on a field trip to the project villages (in Laos) for an investigation of poverty reduction pilot projects in local areas.

The 1st Joint Working Group Meeting on Poverty Reduction for Lancang–Mekong Cooperation was held in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and chaired by IPRCC Deputy Director General Tan Weiping. Mr. Li Chunguang, then Director of LGOP’s International Cooperation and Social Mobilization Department addressed the meeting.
Deepen the multi-dimensional poverty reduction cooperation with African countries

IPRCC Deputy Director General Tan Weiping visited Tianli Spinning (Mauritius) Co., Ltd. with a view to expanding the poverty reduction cooperation network of Chinese-funded enterprises in Africa.

Farmers under the China-Tanzania village-level poverty reduction learning center program participated in the training organized by the center.

Advance poverty reduction exchanges with the Latin American countries

LGOP Vice Minister Hong Tianyun met with a delegation led by Mr. Alejandro Gamboa Castilla, head of Colombia’s Presidential Agency for International Cooperation. After the meeting, the two sides signed a cooperation agreement on the matters concerning a training workshop on “targeted poverty alleviation and establishment of records” to be organized by LGOP in Colombia in October 2016.
Foreign Capital Poverty Alleviation: Gain experience for innovating the poverty alleviation mechanism

Foreign capital poverty alleviation projects are introduced and full-process project management is organized. Since 2014, IPRCC has been working with the World Bank, UNICEF, Bestseller Fund and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). It used USD250 million of foreign loans and about USD10 million of grants to carry out pilot demonstration projects in such fields as comprehensive poverty reduction, industrial poverty alleviation, children’s poverty reduction and development in China’s poverty-stricken areas.

The Sustainable Development Project for Poor Rural Areas in China (The Phase-V Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank, 2010-2015)

The community derived development mode (CDD) has been introduced to more than 770 poor villages across China through this project with a view to satisfying their urgent needs for infrastructure and breaking the bottleneck of income increase by facilitating the self-development and autonomous decision-making of poverty-stricken communities.

On January 28, 2016, the meeting for the completion and review of the World Bank Phase-V Poverty Alleviation Project was held in Beijing. IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng addressed the meeting.

The Industrial Poverty Alleviation Pilot Demonstration Project for Contiguous Poor Areas in China (The Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank, 2015-2020)

Under this project, 27 poverty-stricken counties in China will develop highly effective, eco-friendly and high value-added industries, establish a modern industrial value chain and enhance the level of organization among the poor farmers so as to promote agricultural industry restructuring in the contiguous poor areas and sustained income growth of the poor. Pilot, demonstration and promotional programs will be carried out in the contiguous poor areas, by extending the approach of industry-driven income increase of the poverty-stricken households.

Joint inspections and technical instructions were organized for four times in April, July, September and October of 2016.
The project has introduced the multi-dimensional child poverty perspective and approach to address the major issues affecting child survival and development through joint recognition of problems by multiple parties. It will explore the way of bringing child poverty into China’s rural poverty alleviation and development plan, as well as the measures to alleviate multi-dimensional child poverty, providing both the example and experience for child poverty reduction in the contiguous poor areas in China.

IPRCC officials accompanied the project manager and financial officer of Bestseller Fund on a field trip to Luotian County, Hubei Province, in June 2016.

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In 2016, IPRCC constantly strengthened institutional building and talent training to improve team capability. It actively organized its employees to join the World Bank’s inspection and business training activities, as well as other learning and exchange activities. It also encouraged and supported its staff to participate in on-the-job academic degree education. At present, there are 11 doctoral and master candidates at IPRCC. Through capacity building activities, staff quality and team capability have been further improved.

**Team Activities**

In March 2016, IPRCC dispatched three delegates to participate in the GDLN Asia-Pacific regional workshop organized by the Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute (AFDC).

In February 2016, IPRCC sent three delegates to participate in the training course on "knowledge sharing skills" jointed organized by the Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO) of the Ministry of Commerce and World Bank Institute (WBI).

In September 2016, IPRCC dispatched two delegates to participate in a field trip of the "modern agricultural project three-province supervision committee" organized by the World Bank.
From February 28 to March 19, 2016, under the organization of IPRCC, a training group consisting of the relevant staff members from seven provincial poverty alleviation offices, LGOP training center, information center and international cooperation center went on a 21-day trip to Brazil to receive training on poverty alleviation modes for Latin American countries.

On April 15, 2016, the IPRCC staff were organized to participate in the event “Grand Lectures for the Central Government Departments on Reform and Development—A Lecture on Chinese National Culture”.

In October 2016, an IPRCC delegate was sent on a field trip made by the “Gansu provincial urban-rural integration infrastructure project supervision committee”.

In accordance with the IPRCC learning and education activity arrangements, four special workshops with different themes, such as “maintaining morality and following standards of right behavior” and “keeping good faith in service and being capable of outstanding achievements”, were organized by the center.
The World Bank Phase-V Poverty Alleviation Project Completion and Review Meeting was held in Beijing. IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng addressed the meeting.

LGOP Vice Minister Hong Tianyun presided over the Third-party Evaluation Experts Seminar on Priority Poverty Alleviation. Three project designing bodies, including the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources of CAS, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and West Sichuan Livelihood Research Institute, participated in the seminar. IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng was also present at the meeting.

IPRCC Deputy Director General Tan Weiping met with Dr. He Changchui, former Assistant Director-General and Senior Advisor of FAO.

The 1st session of “From Policy to Practice: Seminar on Promoting Rural Enterprises Development for More Inclusive Growth” in 2016, jointly hosted by IPRCC and the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR) of South Africa, was successfully held.

The acceptance meeting of the National Key Technology Support Program “Key Technologies of the Poverty Alleviation Space Information System and Their Application” was held in Beijing.

LGOP Vice Minister Hong Tianyun attended and made a keynote speech at the 2016 China Poverty Reduction International Forum & Launching Ceremony of Global Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth Portal.
The 10th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction was held in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. It was co-sponsored by LGOP and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and co-organized by IPRCC, the Poverty Alleviation Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People’s Government of Guilin Municipality, under the support of the ASEAN Secretariat, Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE) and Guangxi Foreign Capital Poverty Alleviation Project Management Center.

IPRCC Deputy Director General Tan Weiping met with a delegation of government officials from the five Mekong countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam).

IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng met with a delegation of the Indonesian Ministry of Villages, Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration.

The 2016 Seminar on Economic Policies for Sustainable Development in the Developing Countries and 2016 Seminar on the Development and Implementation of Poverty Reduction Policies in the Developing Countries was sponsored by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.

The 2016 Seminar on Cameroon Poverty Reduction Experience Sharing was sponsored by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.

The 2016 Seminar on Integrated Rural and Urban Development and Poverty Reduction for Asian Countries was sponsored by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.

The 1st Joint Working Group Meeting on Poverty Reduction for Lancang-Mekong Cooperation opened in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. IPRCC Deputy Director General Tan Weiping presided over the meeting, and Mr. Li Chunguang, then Director of LGOP’s International Cooperation and Social Mobilization Department also addressed the meeting.

The 8th China-Africa High Level Experience Sharing Program opened in Beijing. The program was co-hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Finance (MOF), MOFCOM, Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), LGOP, World Bank and IFAD, and organized by IPRCC.

The 2nd China-Japan-South Korea Workshop on Development Cooperation was co-organized by IPRCC and the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department of Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Beijing.

LGOP Vice Minister Hong Tianyun met with a delegation led by Mr. Alejandro Gamboa Castilla, head of Colombia’s Presidential Agency for International Cooperation.

The 4th “ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchanges Program”, hosted by IPRCC, organized by the Office for Cooperation and Exchange Affairs of the Shanghai Municipal People’s Government, and supported by the ASEAN Secretariat and ADB, was launched in Shanghai.
UNDP China Office released a report entitled “Measuring Poverty with Big Data in China” in Beijing. IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng attended the event on invitation and delivered an opening speech.

IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng met with a delegation led by Mr. Bassam Ramadan, Social Development Director of the World Bank in the Asian-Pacific Region.

IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng met with a delegation led by Tete Antonio, Permanent Representative of African Union (AU) to the U.N.

The 2016 Seminar on High-Level Exchanges and Cooperation for Ministers from the Democratic Republic of the Congo was sponsored by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing.

IPRCC Director General Zuo Changsheng met with a delegation headed by Dr. Vincent Martin, newly appointed FAO Resident Representative to China and North Korea.

The Seminar on Project Management and Cooperative Governance of Phase-VI Poverty Alleviation Project of the World Bank (Industrial Poverty Alleviation Pilot Demonstration Project for Contiguous Poor Areas) was held in Chengdu, Sichuan Province. It was hosted by IPRCC and co-organized by the Project Center of Sichuan Provincial Bureau of Poverty Alleviation and Resettlement Work.

The Workshop on Inclusive Business was co-organized by IPRCC and ADB at the Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute (AFDI). IPRCC Deputy Director General Tan Weiping presided over the opening ceremony and also addressed the closing ceremony.