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——Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed at the 2015 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum on October 16, 2015

The International Poverty Reduction Center in China, an organization devoted to poverty eradication, was formally launched in Beijing.

——Then Chinese President Hu Jintao addressed the Summit on the 60th Anniversary of the UN in September 2005

IPRCC’s Major Mandates

The International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC) was established in May 2005 as an outcome of the Shanghai Global Conference on Scaling Up Poverty Reduction in 2004. IPRCC was jointly initiated and established by the Chinese government, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank. It is designed as an international platform for research, training, exchange, collaboration and knowledge sharing in poverty reduction. IPRCC is committed to the internationalization of China’s poverty reduction experience, as well as the localization of global experience, so as to forge an integrated platform for poverty reduction and development.
Message from Director-General

IPRCC has accomplished its tasks in 2019 following General Secretary Xi Jinping’s instructions to “give full play to international poverty alleviation communication platforms such as IPRCC -- providing Chinese solutions and sharing Chinese wisdom so as to effectively promote the exchange of poverty reduction experience among developing countries”. Achievements we have made are as follows: a) Three international forums, including the Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum, and several exchange events, including the International Seminar on Global Poverty Reduction Partnerships, have been successfully held to share poverty reduction cases and exchange views, further developing the international platform for communication on poverty reduction; b) We have carried out over 10 thematic researches with various findings achieved, and also undertaken key researches entrusted by some line ministries and commissions including the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC International Department); c) We have held 19 foreign assistance training seminars funded by the Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM) and one such seminar funded by the CPC International Department with 471 participants who are medium- and high-ranking officials from 53 countries in 6 continents; d) Good results have been achieved in implementing bilateral and multilateral cooperation projects such as the China-Aided Pilot Project of Poverty Reduction Cooperation in East Asia and the Lancang-Mekong Poverty Reduction Cooperation Project; e) We have effectively implemented foreign-funded projects, including those sponsored by the World Bank, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the International Fund of Agricultural Development (IFAD). All of the work was completed not only through the great efforts of IPRCC staff members, but with the strong leadership of the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP) and the tremendous support from relevant ministries, commissions and other institutions. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks and respects to colleagues from all sides who have supported us!

The year of 2020 marks the end year for China to win the battle against absolute rural poverty. It also marks the 15th anniversary of the founding of IPRCC. In the years ahead, all IPRCC staff will remain committed to our obligations and seize new opportunities to step up our efforts in the light of the new circumstances, tasks and demands. With the full picture of China’s battle against poverty in mind, IPRCC will accomplish its job and play its role well, focus on telling China’s stories of poverty reduction and sharing China’s wisdom and practices, and continue to perform our duty of promoting communication and cooperation on poverty reduction.

Dr. LIU Junwen
Director-General, IPRCC
Creating an International Platform for Poverty Reduction

We actively communicate with other bilateral and multilateral poverty reduction institutions and jointly create an international platform for poverty reduction exchanges and discussions to promote the sharing of global poverty reduction experience. This is mainly achieved by holding global and regional dialogue forums.

Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum

This Forum was launched in 2007, with the aim of promoting China’s research on poverty alleviation, establishing China’s poverty alleviation think tank, carrying out international exchanges and fostering awareness of poverty alleviation. Senior officials from Chinese and foreign governments, representatives of international organizations, globally renowned experts and scholars have been invited to previous forums to discuss hot topics relating to poverty reduction and development.

The 2019 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum was held in Beijing on October 17, a day marking both the 27th International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and the 6th China’s Poverty Alleviation Day. This Forum, under the theme of *Fighting Poverty: Global Experience and China’s Practice*, was co-hosted by LGOP and UN System in China and was co-organized by IPRCC and UNDP in China. Vice Premier Hu Chunhua addressed the opening ceremony. Nicholas Rosellini, UN Resident Coordinator in China, read the message sent by UN Secretary-General Guterres to the Forum. LGOP Minister Liu Yongfu moderated the opening session.
Vice Premier Hu Chunhua pointed out in his remarks, “President Xi called upon all nations in the 2015 Forum to join hands and make continuous efforts to build a community of shared future featuring zero poverty and common prosperity. His call has given strong impetus to the global undertaking of poverty alleviation and development. China will continue to work with the international community to deepen global partnerships for poverty reduction and development, actively participate in global poverty governance, strengthen exchanges and sharing of experience, and jointly advance international poverty reduction cooperation.”

Padma Kumari Aryal, Minister for Land Management, Cooperatives and Poverty alleviation of Nepal, Marie Roland Alain Wong Yen Cheong, Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment of Mauritius, Atty. Noel K. Felongco, Secretary of National Anti-Poverty Commission of the Philippines, Phouang Parisak Pravongviengkham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Laos, and other foreign ministers also made speeches in the Forum. LGOP Vice Minister Chen Zhigang delivered a keynote speech at the Forum.

More than 200 people attended the Forum, including senior political leaders from over 30 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and America, representatives of international institutions and non-governmental organizations, representatives of diplomatic missions in China, experts and scholars specializing in poverty reduction, and representatives of enterprises and the media. In the afternoon of the opening day, two parallel sessions were held respectively themed under Dialogue on Poverty Reduction Policies of BRI Countries and Poverty Reduction Practices Involving the Whole Society.
The 13th Forum was held in Nanning City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region from June 26 to 28, 2019, with the theme of *China-ASEAN Cooperation on Poverty Reduction towards UN SDGs*. It was co-hosted by LGOP and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, co-organized by IPRCC and Guangxi Office of Poverty Alleviation, and supported by the ASEAN Secretariat, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), UNDP, and the China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE).

Participants mainly discussed innovative practices adopted by China and ASEAN countries towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and shared good cases of poverty reduction. Representatives of different countries introduced their own country’s progress of poverty reduction in the recent years, shared successful experience and discussed how to strengthen regional cooperation and jointly address poverty reduction and development challenges.
Several senior officials attended the Forum and delivered speeches, including Chen Zhigang, Vice Minister of LGOP, Chen Wu, Chair of the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, OUK Rabun, Minister of Rural Development of Cambodia, Atty. Noel K. Felongco, Secretary of National Anti-Poverty Commission of the Philippines, Thongphat Vongmany, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Laos, Kung Phoak, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, and Jiang Qin, Minister-Counselor of the Chinese Mission to ASEAN.

More than 200 people, including government officials, experts and scholars, media reporters from China and the 9 ASEAN countries and representatives of international organizations, embassies and consulates, enterprises, and non-governmental organizations attended the Forum. Participants went to Long’an County, Nanning City for field visit on industry-based poverty reduction projects.

LGOP Vice Minister Chen Zhigang addressed the opening ceremony.

ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General Kung Phoak addressed the closing ceremony.

Participants paid a field visit to a dragon fruit factory built for poverty reduction purpose in Dingdang Town of Long’an County, Nanning City.

Participants paid a field visit to the Tianyemuge Cattle Breeding Farm, a poverty reduction project in Nanning City.
FOCAC Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference

The FOCAC Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference has been held consecutively for ten times since 2010. It was initiated by LGOP with the conference site alternating between China and African countries. It provides a platform for China and African countries to share poverty reduction experience and development information and discuss relevant cooperation methods. The Conference focuses on topics including China-African poverty reduction experience, agricultural development for poverty reduction, infrastructure construction in poverty-stricken areas, establishing special economic zones to reduce poverty and poverty alleviation through industrial development. The Conference has become a major platform for China-Africa exchanges of information pertaining to poverty reduction. It was officially included in the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Framework in 2015. As an important component in the implementation of the Program for Strengthening Cooperation on Poverty Reduction between China and the African Union (AU), the Conference has received strong support from China, African countries, AU, UNDP and other international organizations.

2019 FOCAC Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference

The 2019 Conference was held in Kampala, the capital of Uganda, from November 27 to 29. It was co-hosted by LGOP and Uganda’s Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, co-organized by IPRCC, FAO, IFAD, WFP, UNICEF and the China Internet Information Center (CIIC), and supported by AU, UNDP and CICETE. The Conference was attended by 15 officials at ministerial level or above from China, 14 African countries including Uganda, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Liberia, Mauritius and Seychelles, and the UN. More than 300 participants attended the Conference, including experts and scholars from these countries and representatives from international organizations, NGOs, the business community and the media.
Participants shared and discussed poverty reduction practices and challenges under the theme of *Partnership for Transformation in Africa*. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of Uganda, Chen Zhigang, Vice Minister of LGOP, and Bience Gawanas, UN Under-Secretary-General and Special Advisor on Africa, attended the meeting and delivered speeches at the opening session. Vincent Bamulangaki Ssempijja, Uganda’s Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, moderated the opening session and concluded the closing session on behalf of Ruhakana Rugunda, Prime Minister of Uganda. Ministers from Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Liberia, Mauritius and Seychelles also delivered remarks during the conference.

Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of Uganda, addressed the opening ceremony.

Chen Zhigang, LGOP Vice Minister, addressed the opening ceremony.

Bience Gawanas, UN Under-Secretary-General, delivered a speech.

As a part of the event, participants also paid a field visit to the Kehong-managed China-Uganda Agricultural Industrial Park in Luwero, a China-FAO-Uganda joint project. In the same period, institutions including IPRCC released a series of short videos named *Path to Prosperity* and launched the Second call for Global Solicitation on Best Poverty Reduction Practices.

The Global Solicitation on Best Poverty Reduction Practices (Second call) was launched overseas.
Second High Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

The Second High Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on March 20, 2019. A side-event was also held by the Rome-based agencies, i.e., FAO, IFAD and WFP. This event provided a platform for practices sharing on how to enhance rural resilience, food security, nutrition and health through South-South and triangular cooperation and to accelerate developing countries’ progress towards reducing rural poverty and hunger.

Chinese delegation to the Conference conducted exchanges with many UN agencies and achieved good results. During the Conference, Hong Tianyun, LGOP Vice Minister, attended three side-events: South-South Cooperation in a Digital Era organized by FCSSC and UNOSSC; Contribution of South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) to Rural Development, Food Security, and Nutrition: Harnessing SSTC to Enhance Rural Resilience organized by WFP, FAO and IFAD; and South-South Cooperation for Agricultural Development – Local Experiences and Global Partnership for SDGs organized by BRSSCAL, CAU and UBA. The delegation also co-organized the 40 Years On: China-UN South-South Cooperation Achievements exhibition and made presentations.

Hong Tianyun, LGOP Vice Minister, addressed at the side-event of South-South Cooperation for Agricultural Development – Local Practices and Global Partnership for SDGs.

Side-Event

South-South Cooperation in a Digital Era

Side-Event

Contribution of South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) to Rural Development, Food Security, and Nutrition: Harnessing SSTC to Enhance Rural Resilience

Side-Event

South-South Cooperation for Agricultural Development – Local Practices and Global Partnership for SDGs

Exhibition and on-site and introduction exchange

40 Years On: China-UN South-South Cooperation Achievements
Hong Tianyun said, “What China is doing is an integral part of the world’s efforts to reduce poverty. China is willing to share its experience with other developing countries, and is willing to contribute Chinese solutions to global poverty governance.”

Shi Jiaoqun, Deputy permanent Representative of China to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture, spoke at the Conference and reviewed South-South cooperation outcomes between China and the three UN agencies. China carried out 100 poverty reduction projects and 100 agricultural projects in collaboration with over 100 countries from Asia, Africa and Latin America. China also co-launched South-South Cooperation trust funds with many international organizations.

Ashwani Mutu, Director of IFAD’s Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division, said in an exclusive interview that China in recent decades had made incredible achievements in poverty reduction, and all countries should learn from China, such as on how to farm under different agro-ecological conditions in different regions.

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Key areas of cooperation

- Establishing communication and coordination mechanism on poverty reduction between China and the three Rome-based UN agencies – WFP, FAO and IFAD.
- Continuing to co-organize international meetings on poverty reduction so as to enable knowledge sharing, build consensus and promote cooperation among various countries.
- Developing and sharing knowledge products and strengthening capacity building to facilitate cooperation on poverty reduction between China and other developing countries based on poverty reduction cases.

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**Over 100 countries**

**100 poverty reduction projects**

**100 agricultural cooperation projects**

**Over 20 agricultural technology demonstration centers**

**30,000 Chinese experts and technicians**

**50,000 participants from developing countries**
International Seminar on Global Poverty Reduction Partnerships

The Seminar has been held 3 times since 2017. The Seminar held in Rome, Italy every year aims to promote partnerships pertaining to poverty reduction, create an opportunity to exchange poverty reduction experience, strengthen knowledge sharing, establish effective exchange systems and promote the realization of the 2030 Agenda. It is an institutionalized meeting for China and the three UN agencies for food and agriculture to exchange practices of poverty reduction and promote global knowledge sharing. Participants include representatives from different countries, UN agencies, NGOs, academia and diplomatic missions.

2019 International Seminar on Global Poverty Reduction Partnerships

The 2019 Seminar was held in Rome on May 15 and co-organized by FAO, IFAD, WFP, IPRCC and CIIC.
Nearly 200 participants from governments, international organizations and private sectors attended the seminar, including delegates from the permanent Mission of China to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture. The seminar discussed how to facilitate knowledge sharing, leverage technological innovation to reduce poverty and promote the realization of the 2030 Agenda, especially SDG 1, 2 and 17.

At the seminar, 110 case studies were selected for recognition under the campaign of “Global Solicitation Challenge Prize on Best Poverty Reduction Practices” and prize winners were also announced. The solicitation campaign was jointly launched by the World Bank, FAO, IFAD, WFP, ADB, IPRCC and CIIC on May 23, 2018. The campaign was designed to seek meaningful poverty reduction cases from both organizations and individuals working around the world in poverty alleviation, and to promote and share good poverty reduction practices in both China and other countries.

Xia Gengsheng, LGOP Vice Minister, delivered a speech at the seminar.

Xia Gengsheng indicated that the seminar had been held twice since 2017, receiving positive responses from all sides and attracting more and more participants. He said, “The Chinese government is mulling over the poverty reduction strategy beyond 2020. Based on China’s national context, we will learn from good international practices, strengthen our cooperation with international organizations including the three UN agencies for food and agriculture, and explore effective means of addressing relative poverty for the sustainability of China’s poverty alleviation efforts.”

Xia Gengsheng, LGOP Vice Minister, delivered a speech at the seminar.

Awarding ceremony for the prize winners of the first campaign
Victoria Kwakwa, World Bank Vice President for the East Asia and Pacific, delivered a video speech at the forum.

The 2019 forum was held in Beijing on October 16. Guo Weimin, Vice Minister of the State Council Information Office, Fang Zhenghui, Vice President of China International Publishing Group (CIPG), Zuo Changsheng, Director-General of LGOP’s Department of Development and Guidance, and Nicholas Rosellini, then UN Resident Coordinator in China attended the forum and delivered speeches.
Victoria Kwakwa, World Bank Vice President for the East Asia and Pacific, sent a video message to the forum. More than 200 delegates from 13 international organizations and 30 countries attended the forum and discussed topics such as the implications of China’s poverty reduction practices for global poverty governance and China’s solutions to help the world end poverty and hunger. The forum is a platform for cooperation on poverty reduction and development and for China to share its wisdom and solutions.

13 international organizations

30 countries

more than 200 delegates from China and abroad

110 best case studies were released under the first campaign of Global Solicitation and Challenge Prize on Best Poverty Reduction Practices and certificates were awarded to prize winners.

Launching the second call of the campaign: Global Solicitation on Best Poverty Reduction Practices

At the forum, 110 best case studies were released under the first campaign of Global Solicitation and Challenge Prize on Best Poverty Reduction Practices and certificates were awarded to prize winners. Then the second call of the campaign was launched. The first issuing ceremony of the Chinese and English versions of the book *A Foreign Lens — How Global Partners View China’s Poverty Alleviation Efforts* was also held during the forum.
2019 Global Development Learning Network Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting

2019 GDLN Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting hosted by IPRCC was held in Beijing on March 26-28, 2019. About 20 members from China, South Korea, Australia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and the Philippines attended the meeting. IPRCC Deputy Director-General Dr. Tan Weiping addressed the opening remarks. During the event, Dr. Tan introduced China’s poverty reduction experience, achievements and practices in his presentation - *China’s Poverty Reduction Policies and Practices*.

This meeting reviewed and summarized GDLN Asia-Pacific’s work in 2018. Participants from different countries presented typical cases of knowledge sharing, discussed models and means of knowledge sharing and gave constructive comments on GDLN’s way forward. They also paid a field visit to BN Vocational School and set a high value on it.

This event offered a chance for China to present its poverty reduction achievements, policies and practices, exchange information on knowledge sharing programs with countries of the Asia Pacific region and facilitate cooperation with other GDLN members and countries in the region.
Workshop on China-Japan-Korea Rural Vitalization Experiences: Implications for ASEAN Countries

The Workshop on China-Japan-Korea Rural Vitalization Experiences: Implications for ASEAN Countries was held in Nanning, Guangxi on June 25, 2019. The workshop was hosted by IPRCC and organized by the China Institute for South-South Cooperation in Agriculture (CISSCA). More than 40 participants attended the workshop, including government officials from China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, ASEAN countries such as Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, and Malaysia, experts and scholars, representatives from international organizations, enterprises and NGOs. China, Japan and Republic of Korea shared their experience, especially the experience of rural development, and presented good practices of rural development and poverty reduction for ASEAN countries to learn about. The potential cooperation between the three countries and the ASEAN countries was also discussed at the workshop.

IPRCC Deputy Director-General Zhang Guangping attended the opening session and delivered a speech. She pointed out, “ASEAN+3 (ASEAN plus China, Japan and Republic of Korea) is the main channel of cooperation in East Asia. Members of the ASEAN+3 are in different stages of development and they all face the prominent problem of unbalanced and inadequate development. One major challenge for us is to ensure that the people of all countries can benefit from the development achievements. Our common goal is to carry out knowledge sharing on rural development and poverty reduction preferably with ASEAN countries through the means of ‘China-Japan-Korea plus X’ and enhance mutual understanding and trust through people-to-people exchanges, so as to promote sustainable regional development.
The 8th Programme was held in the Hebian Village, Xishuangbanna Prefecture of Yunan Province on May 6, 2019. It was hosted by IPRCC and organized by CISSCA with support of the ASEAN Secretariat and ADB-PRC Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative.

Nearly 90 people participated in this event, including government officials, village leaders, experts and scholars from ASEAN countries, China and Republic of Korea, as well as representatives from international organizations including the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN-China Center.
Zhang Guangping, IPRCC Deputy Director-General, Elias C. Labro, Head Executive Assistant of the National Anti-Poverty Commission of the Philippines, Yang Yanying, Chair of the Mengla County Committee of the CPPCC, and Ajeng Purnama Pratiwi, Poverty Eradication and Gender Officer of ASEAN Secretariat addressed the opening session.

In addition to discussions at the meeting session, participants witnessed practices adopted by Hebian Village to reduce extreme poverty and experienced Yao (an ethnic minority group in China) people’s culture. They also visited Manli Village and interacted with local villagers.
Further Studies on Poverty Reduction

Focusing on China’s domestic poverty alleviation efforts and diplomacy related with poverty reduction, IPRCC has developed high-quality knowledge products and created tailor-made online platforms for research on poverty reduction and development.

IPRCC has been tracking the development and trends of national and international poverty reduction efforts and conducted studies pertaining to international poverty reduction from the perspective of a given field or region. It aims to provide poverty reduction reference material for decision makers from China and abroad. Studies carried out in 2019 focus on the following: international sharing and application of China’s experience in targeted poverty reduction; developed countries’ experience in poverty reduction; Japan’s “Sixth Industrialization”: Operating Mechanism and Poverty Reduction Mechanism; research on international cooperation on poverty reduction in Central Asia; analysis of poverty reduction effects of Chinese enterprises’ investments in Southeast Asia; study on the poverty reduction standard in the new era; global practices for long-term mechanism to keep people living in extremely poor areas out of poverty; research on classification of factors and different models of poverty alleviation based on assets incomes; and connecting poverty alleviation and rural revitalization -- international experience and China’s path. IPRCC issues multiple publications in English and Chinese versions annually, such as the International Poverty Reduction Briefing, Research Report, Working Paper, Brief on International Poverty Reduction Studies and Poverty Reduction Briefing.
As of the end of 2019, IPRCC has edited and issued

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Developing and Sharing Knowledge Products of International Poverty Reduction

Global Solicitation on Best Poverty Reduction Practices

The first solicitation campaign named “Global Solicitation and Challenge Prize on Best Poverty Reduction Practices” was jointly launched in 2018 by IPRCC, CIIC, the World Bank, FAO, IFAD, WFP and ADB. By collecting original meaningful poverty reduction cases from organizations and individuals, the campaign aims to promote the sharing of good poverty reduction practices both in China and abroad, and is the latest attempt to deepen and innovate global partnerships on poverty reduction.

The first round of the campaign witnessed 820 poverty reduction case studies covering more than 30 countries. After being reviewed by the 7 institutions, 110 best cases covering 19 countries were selected for recognition. The list of best cases was officially announced at the 2019 International Seminar on Global Poverty Reduction Partnerships held in Rome, Italy. At the 2019 China Poverty Reduction International Forum, the list was announced again and certificates were awarded to winners.

The launching of the second call - Global Solicitation on Best Poverty Reduction Practices - was also announced at the forum. The news article covering the launching of the second campaign in October in Uganda was reprinted by 168 media agencies, reaching out to 110 million overseas readers. The Associated Press, one of the largest press in the world, also reproduced the news, catching wide attention in North America. The news picture of the announcement of the list was put by the UN at its website as the top one, meaning that the UN set a high value on this event.

Best case studies are made publicly available through the Global Poverty Reduction Online Knowledge Sharing Database of the Global Poverty Reduction & Inclusive Growth Portal (GPIG) to inspire global knowledge sharing and exchange of ideas.
Major criteria of best poverty reduction case studies:

1. The case study must be based on facts and reflect the highlights of the specific poverty reduction program.
2. It must objectively demonstrate results in poverty alleviation and other relevant effects.
3. It must take into consideration UN-advocating factors and stakeholders such as women, environment, result-based approach, and capacity building, and enhance relevance to the SDGs.
4. It must touch upon practices for sustainable development.
5. It must demonstrate a specific solution to a certain problem to address demands and concerns of foreign readers.
6. It must clearly and precisely reflect its solutions and ensure that the solutions have the potential to be replicated in other contexts.

Feedback from all sides:

Since its inauguration, the solicitation campaign has attracted wide attention and received high compliments from home and abroad.

**Martin Raiser, Country Director for China, World Bank:**
From the perspective of the World Bank’s global operations, many countries want to learn from China, and many countries want to understand how China succeeded. It is hoped that in the second call of the solicitation campaign, efforts will be made to distinguish China’s practices that others can learn about from those that cannot. This is where the real “added value” lies.

**Ben Bingham, Country Director, PRC Resident Mission, ADB:**
This campaign incentivizes people who work in poverty reduction to go through the arduous process of reviewing what they’ve done, and collate, distill, package and present the information. “The case studies will all be part of this rich fabric of shared learning that will be important to the government agenda, not just in China but outside of China as well.”

**Yolanda Fernandez Lommen, Country Director, PRC Resident Mission, concurrently Country Director, Mongolia Resident Mission, ADB:**
I think the beauty of the prize (winners) is that the implementers and authors of these successful case studies can tell their own practices and spread successful experience.
Melanie Ullrich, External Relations Officer, European Representative Office, ADB:
China has made remarkable achievements in the past 40 years. China can share successful experience and knowledge on poverty reduction with other developing countries. This is China’s major contribution to global poverty eradication and sustainable development. The Global Solicitation on Best Poverty Reduction Practices has achieved fruitful results, and more countries can learn from China’s poverty reduction experience.

Ashwani Mutu, Director of Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division, IFAD
China has realized fruitful outcomes and accumulated rich experience in poverty reduction. The international community can learn from China in poverty reduction and sustainable development. The Global Solicitation on Best Poverty Reduction Practices is an extraordinary attempt to select best practices, analyze their points of innovation, and study how to promote these practices to more countries and regions. The collected cases cover farmers, women, and ethnic minorities. Both China and the international community can learn about the experience and practices of frontline personnel in poverty reduction.

Publishing A Foreign Lens——How Global Partners View China’s Poverty Alleviation Efforts (Multiple languages)
The book contains 34 texts of interviews and comments from 68 senior officials, famous scholars and journalists from 12 international organizations and 30 countries, including UN Secretary-General António Guterres. It shows China’s poverty alleviation to the world with a new perspective, through inviting foreign experts to tell their understanding and the fruit of poverty alleviation they experienced from their perspectives. As a new outcome to build China’s confidence in the path, theory, system, and culture of socialism with Chinese characteristics, this book has been selected and included in the list of “annual key publications” by the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee and its French, Spanish and Arabic editions are published with the department’s financial support.

Jointly issuing WTA Best Practice in Poverty Alleviation through Tourism 2019 with the World Tourism Alliance and World Bank (Chinese and English editions)

Producing a series of 10 short videos on poverty reduction: Path to Prosperity
We selected typical and highly replicable Chinese cases from those submitted to the Global Solicitation on Best Poverty Reduction Practices and visualized the models and practices of those cases. The videos were released at the FOCAC Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference in both Chinese-English and English-French versions.
The Global Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth Portal

The Global Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth Portal (GPIG) was initiated in May 2016 and funded by the World Bank with the support of ADB. The English website was jointly operated by IPRCC and CIIC to promote knowledge sharing on global poverty reduction. The website was upgraded and optimized in 2019.

The portal serves as:

- an international platform for sharing poverty reduction knowledge to introduce China’s poverty alleviation achievements and practices to the rest of the world and to introduce international poverty reduction experience as a reference for China’s future poverty alleviation and development.

Topics include:

- case studies, China’s experience, international experience, etc. The portal is like basic form of a China-centered think-tank partnership for global poverty reduction.

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The Yearbook of China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development (the Yearbook) is compiled by IPRCC under the guidance of LGOP. It serves as a comprehensive reference book that fully illustrates China’s poverty alleviation efforts. It reflects the overall situation of China’s poverty alleviation, relevant policies and measures, and effects, and showcases the concrete work and actions of various agencies and social organizations involving in poverty reduction from different industries and regions. It provides global poverty alleviation institutions and departments with information that they can use for decision making and helps relevant organizations and institutions study China’s poverty alleviation and development experience. As an important work on China’s poverty reduction efforts, the Yearbook is comprehensive, systematic, timely and authoritative.

The 2019 Yearbook (Chinese edition) contains 366 articles, 21 figures, 90 photos and features a total of 1.25 million Chinese characters, covering such topics as specialized poverty reduction programs, industry-based poverty reduction, private-sector-aided poverty reduction, local poverty reduction, international cooperation, thematic research and poverty reduction data.

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IPRCC organized a training program for the writers of the 2019 Yearbook during May 28-30, 2019 in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province. The training reviewed the poverty reduction work in 2018 and identified gaps and key tasks in 2019. 170 writers participated in the training course, coming from relevant state agencies, provincial poverty reduction offices, leading poverty reduction units, offices in charge of cooperation between the East and the West of China, social organizations and LGOP departments.
Building an International Poverty Reduction Training Brand

IPRCC has organized various international poverty reduction seminars based on China’s poverty reduction policies and practices to meet developing countries’ information demands and improve their poverty reduction and development capability. By the end of 2019, a total of 159 international training workshops and seminars have been held under the support and cooperation of relevant Chinese state agencies such as LGOP, MOFCOM, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Other partners including the World Bank, UNDP and the Government of South Africa. Participants included 4,230 government officials and poverty alleviation practitioners from 136 countries and territories. The workshops and seminars have promoted the spread of successful Chinese experience in poverty alleviation and development. China’s poverty reduction wisdom and cases have greatly helped developing countries increase their capability to reduce poverty and tap their own potential.

IPRCC has achieved new milestones in holding seminars in 2019. It has successfully held 20 seminars, with 471 participants (senior and mid-level officials) from 53 countries in six continents. More specifically, 19 of them are entrusted by MOFCOM as sub-programs of its outbound foreign assistance project on human resource development and the other one is entrusted by the CPC International Department as one of its political party exchange programs; 14 seminars are targeted at participants from multiple countries and the rest are country-specific seminars; participants of all seminars are directors or directors-general; the working language of seminars is English, except for one in French. Regarding the length of the workshops and seminars, 5 are 3-week-long, 14 are 2-week-long, and the rest two last only one week.

As of the end of 2019, IPRCC has organized

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Training courses on poverty reduction and development provide

- Theories
- Policy measures
- Practical skills
- Lectures on specific topics
- Presentations by various countries’ participants
- Case analysis
- Field visits

Training model

- Focus on government officials and project managers from developing countries
- Specialized short-term seminars on poverty reduction and development
IPRCC continues to strengthen poverty reduction cooperation with the BRI countries through poverty reduction exchanges with the focus on the overall situation of international poverty alleviation collaboration. Among the 471 participants in 2019, 143 of them are from the BRI countries (65 countries), accounting for 30% of the total (up from 28% in 2018).

**South America**
19 participants from 4 countries
- Guyana, Suriname, Venezuela, Uruguay

**North America**
30 participants from 6 countries
- Antigua and Barbuda, Panama, Dominica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Jamaica

**Oceania**
6 participants from 1 country
- Tonga

**Africa**
269 participants from 25 countries
- Egypt, Ethiopia, Benin, Burkina Faso, Botswana, Eritrea, Congo (DRC), Djibouti, Guinea, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Rwanda, Niger, Nigeria, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Central African Republic

**Asia**
127 participants from 14 countries
- Azerbaijan, Pakistan, Palestine, Timor-Leste, Cambodia, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Iran, India, Indonesia

**Europe**
20 participants from 3 countries
- Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Key Features of the Training Seminars

IPRCC has established a specialized training team dedicated to developing international poverty reduction seminars. The team is responsible for choosing topics for seminars, designing courses, inviting experts and arranging field visits.

• **Specific courses**
  To support the annual key tasks of poverty reduction in China, IPRCC has designed in 2019 several specific courses responding to the latest developments in poverty reduction and development, winning lots of favorable comments from participants. Experts invited to give lectures are mainly policy makers and enforcers from state agencies, scholars from research institutes on poverty reduction and development, and practitioners from NGOs.

- Poverty Reduction through Finance
- Poverty Reduction through Industrial Development
- Rural Development and Poverty Reduction
- Inclusive Growth and Rural Sustainable Poverty Reduction
- Poverty Reduction through Vocational Training and Labor Transfer
- Poverty Reduction through Ecological Development and Tourism
- Targeted Approach to Poverty Reduction and Narrowing Income Gap
- Poverty Reduction through Medical and Health Care
- Small and Medium Enterprises Development and Capacity Building in Poverty Reduction of NGOs
- Public Services and Poverty Reduction
- Integrated Rural and Urban Development and Poverty Reduction
- Social Security and Poverty Reduction

• **Themed field visits**
  IPRCC established international poverty reduction training bases in 8 provinces (regions), i.e. Inner Mongolia, Fujian, Jiangxi, Hubei, Guangxi, Sichuan, Guizhou and Shaanxi, and training cooperation was carried out with provinces such as Guangdong and Yunnan in 2019. Various destinations for filed visits were identified for participants to see examples of poverty alleviation and development in China and experience personally the effects of China’s poverty alleviation policies and measures. The visits covered a wide range of poverty alleviation programs, including industrial development programs, financial development programs, vocational training and labor transfer programs, environmental protection and tourism programs, and public services programs.
This seminar was a new attempt to carry out poverty reduction training for cadres from foreign political parties, contributing to inter-party cooperation and experience exchanges. On the theme of rural development and poverty reduction, this event lasted 10 days, with participants coming from political parties of seven countries, namely Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and Timor-Leste. Participants learnt China’s social and economic progress since the reform and opening-up and its successful practices of poverty alleviation, through lectures given by experts and visits to Guangdong.

Mir Bangal Khan Marri, Member of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Balochistan Awami Party, pointed out that strong political leadership of the Communist Party of China has effectively guaranteed and promoted the progress of China’s poverty reduction, and will surely lead the Chinese people to win the tough fight against poverty. China’s experience in party capacity building and poverty alleviation is very valuable, and it is worth learning from China for all parties.
Feedback from participants

Jantirar Abay Yigzaw
Advisory Minister on Infrastructure and Urban Development for the Prime Minister, Ethiopia

China shows us no country is created poor or no country is created wealthy. Leaders and the people are factors for the country to be poor or wealthy. The China Communist Party and central government of China did good and still doing an excellent intervention based on its own model. Stability of the country consistency at every action, well organized system and well functioned structure, proper identification of intervention areas and rural transformation agendas are very appropriate actions taken by each level of governance.

We have learned from you that, the poverty eradication strategies you implemented were practical and first tested and later replicated in the rest of the country. This tremendous practice has given the country an opportunity to identify the weaknesses in the strategy before undertaking the same in the whole country. We recognize the remarkable improvements made, leading to effective and efficient implementation of poverty reduction programs.

We have paid keen attention towards the need to strengthen the preservation of the people’s identity, cultural values and heritage in our respective countries, a key lesson learned from the Chinese people. Dedication and lack of corruption in the leadership in your nation is one thing that cannot go unmentioned.

Achie Florence Clara
Enterprise representative from Uganda

Our countries should build on their national-specific plans, and incorporate the lessons learned in those plans throughout the implementation process as you listen further. We have understood that poverty eradication should be people centered and the participation of the common man is critical, noting that, this was key in the success of poverty reduction interventions in China. This is because collective participation respects the voice of the poor people and their issues are heard right from the grass-root levels in the rural areas, thus emphasizing the bottom-up approach leadership style.

We have learned from the presentations that you deployed the six precisions and five batches as a strategy to implement the poverty eradication measures in the Peoples Republic of China. These have given us a new dimension to consider in the efforts to eradicate poverty in our respective countries. We have also heard from you that, there are a number of interventions that can be deployed to eradicate poverty ranging from policy reforms, having committed leadership, patriotism, improving the public administration and management mechanisms and, having specific resources for poverty reduction.
Facilitating International Poverty Reduction Cooperation

IPRCC actively expands cooperation with African, Asian and Latin American countries to explore effective methods of applying Chinese poverty reduction models abroad. So far, it has signed bilateral cooperation agreements with relevant departments of Tanzania, Mauritius, Laos, Mozambique and Columbia. Projects include the East Asia Poverty Reduction Cooperation Pilot Project, China-Africa Cooperation Project, Asian Regional Cooperation Special Fund Project and Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) Project.

The East Asia Poverty Reduction Cooperation Pilot Project

In order to implement the Cooperation Initiative on Poverty Reduction in East Asia proposed by Premier Li Keqiang at the 17th ASEAN +3 Leaders’ Summit, IPRCC participated in the design and implementation of the East Asia Poverty Reduction Cooperation Pilot Project (hereinafter referred to as the pilot Project). The pilot Project is a practice of applying Xi Jinping’s thought on targeted poverty alleviation in international poverty reduction efforts. The project is the first village-level China Aid project on poverty reduction. It is of great significance for China in exploring new international poverty reduction cooperation systems, showcasing China’s poverty reduction experience to the world, developing global poverty reduction models and promoting the global poverty reduction process.

The pilot Project has now entered its final stage. With the joint efforts of all parties, impressive progress has been made regarding the development of infrastructure and public service facility, livelihood improvement and capacity building. People’s living standards in the pilot villages have been greatly improved. The project is proved to be successful as a good example of poverty reduction cooperation, receiving high compliments from the people and relevant agencies of partner countries as well as the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), and the Agency for International Economic Cooperation of MOFCOM (AIECO).

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Project duration: 3 years

2
2 pilot villages each country

3 Partner countries

Laos
Cambodia
Myanmar

Management and implementation mechanism

China’s project management agency: AIECO
Assistant management agency agency: IPRCC

China-partner country project leading group

Project implementation agencies from China
Project Center of Sichuan Poverty Alleviation and Development Bureau
Guangxi Foreign Capital Poverty Reduction Project Management Center
Yunnan International Poverty Reduction and Development Center

Project implementation agencies from partner countries
Department of Rural Economic Development, Ministry of Rural Development, Cambodia
Department of Rural Development and Cooperatives, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR
Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar

Joint Project Management Office (JPMO)
Implementation teams
**Project Progress in Cambodia**

**Infrastructure:**
Drinking-water program was conducted covering about 800 households to solve their safe drinking water needs. 42 houses were rebuilt and 148 renovated. 100 toilets were also built for poor households. The villagers’ basic living conditions have been truly improved.

**Public facilities:**
The Rural Economic Development Center was built, covering 400 square meters. The center serves as a place for communication, training, activities and delivery of services. The center can be used to convene meetings for villagers and village managers and to carry out technical trainings.

**Livelihood improvement:**
After research, plantation of cash crops in the courtyard and cattle-raising were carried out in the villages, and two detergent factories were also built to provide jobs for villagers. Training on how to cook Chinese dishes was also rolled out to help villagers find jobs in towns.

**Capacity building and technical assistance:**
China sent to Cambodia several expert teams to provide assistance and guidance. The teams have carried out there one training program on management, four on skills and two on practical techniques, benefiting about 230 participants. Two training seminars were also organized in China, attended by officials from Cambodia’s rural development units at various levels with the State Secretary of the Ministry of Rural Development as the head of delegations. These trainings have empowered Cambodia’s project managers and villagers for self development.

The second training seminar in China was held in April 2019 in Sichuan Province, and Dr. Tan Weiping addressed the opening session.
Project Progress in Laos

Infrastructure programs in Laos were all implemented with some already completed and delivered. Livelihood programs are ready for implementation.

**Infrastructure:**
Asphalt roads were built in the two pilot villages, with a length of 4.16 kilometers. Drinking water program was completed, benefiting 581 households. A bridge was building in Xor Village to help solve the traffic problem that plagued the villagers for many years.

**Public facilities:**
Public facilities were built or installed, including villagers’ activity centers, mini-clinics, school dormitories, basketball courts, toilets, and solar-powered street lamps. Village-level implementation teams were mobilized to formulate follow-up maintenance and management measures, a good way to get villagers involved and enhance their capacity to manage public facilities.

**Livelihood improvement:**
Assistance was provided to help villagers raise cattle and chickens, plant maize and vegetables, weave and develop tourism-based activities. 36% households that received assistance in the first phase were poor ones. Livelihood program management committees, supervisory committees, fund management committees and sectoral production groups were elected with management rules in place.

**Capacity building and technical assistance:**
Eight management and technical training programs were launched. Xienglom Village was twinned with Dazhai Village of Longsheng County in Guangxi and the sister villages have carried out two exchange events. Two delegations were invited to China for training, paying field visits to Guangxi, Yunnan and Beijing to learn about local poverty reduction policies and practices.
Project Progress in Myanmar

Significant project progress has been made in Myanmar, which can serve as a good example of poverty reduction cooperation. Delegates to the 11th ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication paid a field visit to Aye Chan Thar Village and spoke positively of the project achievements in this village.

Infrastructure:
Several projects were carried out in terms of flood control, drinking-water access, electricity supply and road construction, which greatly improved the living conditions of the two pilot villages. For now, 1282 households in the villages can have access to clean and safe drinking water.

Public facilities:
Public facilities were built or renovated, including classrooms, library, clinics, toilets, community centers, sports ground, and solar-powered street lamps. Garbage dumps were also built and garbage trucks were bought for the two villages. To improve the environment and raise villagers’ awareness of environment protection, environmental improvement implementation teams were organized and primary school students were mobilized to serve as volunteers.

Livelihood improvement:
The idea of “building on traditional industries to improve their efficiency and promote successful models” was put in action to develop several industries in the villages. A piece of pilot farmland covering 40 acres was chosen to experiment good farming techniques and skills of rice, peanut and sesame. Villagers were facilitated to be employed in the neighbouring enterprises. Courtyard plantation and livestock raising activities were piloted, including building plant nurseries and raising pigs. For now, 20 households have planted fruits and vegetables in their yards with incomes increasing and 20 households have been trained for raising pigs.

Capacity building and technical assistance:
Capacity building workshops were held at different levels to promote exchanges between practitioners from China and Myanmar. Nine field trainings were carried out to teach farming and raising skills, benefiting 350 local villagers. A group of villagers were sent to Yangon to visit the China Culture Center and learn about environment improving projects. Environmental improvement implementation teams were organized and primary school students were mobilized to serve as volunteers to raise villagers’ awareness of environment protection. A study tour to Yunnan and Shanghai was organized for practitioners.
Project Promotion Meetings

The third project promotion meeting was held on March 19 in Nanning, Guangxi. All units shared their comments and views regarding the promotion of the project implementation. IPRCC Deputy Director General Dr. Tan Weiping attended the meeting.

The fourth promotion meeting was held on June 27 in Nanning, Guangxi and Dr. Tan Weiping attended the meeting. Delegates from Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar were also invited to update the project progress, share implementation experience and discuss further work plans.

IPRCC held the fifth promotion meeting, concurrently the 2019 annual summing-up meeting on December 5 in Beijing. General project progress in 2019, existing problems and further work plans were reported and discussed at the meeting. Director General Dr. Liu Junwen (the second from the left), Deputy Director General Dr. Tan Weiping (the third from the left), and other colleagues from AIECO, IPRCC and project implementation organizations attended the meeting.

Demonstration effects of the project are highly recognized by the people from the pilot villages and relevant government agencies from both China and partner countries.

Domestic recognition

During his inspection tour to Xienglom Village, Laos on September 25, 2019, CIDCA Vice Chairman Deng Boqing expressed his satisfaction with the project progress and highly appreciated the efforts of the JPMO. CIDCA noted that the pilot Project was "small-scaled but impressive", and decided to promote it as a good example of China Aid project on livelihood improvement.
AIECO Deputy Director General Mr. Zeng Huacheng spoke highly of the management and implementation of the project and gave great compliments to Chinese expert teams for their hard efforts, during his field survey in Xor Village, Laos on September 21, 2019.

Compliments from the partner countries

H.E. OUK Rabun, Minister of Rural Development of Cambodia, in his message to H.E. Wang Wentian, Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia, thanked the Chinese government for the support offered to the pilot Project, acknowledged that the project has greatly promoted Cambodia’s rural development and poverty reduction, and requested the Chinese government to continue to support the project and expand its scope of implementation.

H.E. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister of Laos, paid a special visit to Xor Village. The Prime Minister called upon villagers to work hard, keep learning and sharpen skills for a better life. When visiting China, the deputy ministers of Agriculture and Forestry of Lao, H.E. Thongphat Vongmany, H.E. Phouang Parisak Provongviengkham and H.E. Khambounnath Xayanone, all have expressed their appreciation for China’s assistance to the pilot Project in Laos and expected to carry out a second project or implement the project in more places. Laos hopes to include into its poverty reduction strategy experience obtained in the two pilot villages and apply the practices in more places.

Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation of Myanmar H.E. Aung Thu pointed out in the launching ceremony that the pilot Project was Myanmar’s urgently needed development project that was fully aligned with the country’s national economic strategy of achieving “people-centered, inclusive and sustainable development”. Delegates to the 11th ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication paid a field visit to Aye Chan Thar Village and spoke highly of the practices and experience of the project. Myanmar has mentioned on many occasions that it hopes to expand the scope of the project and implement new ones.
Local villagers were engaged in the implementation of the project, actively participating in production activities. They appreciated the support and assistance provided for them and were very pleased with the gratifying changes in the villages after the implementation of the project.

Villagers are smiling with satisfaction after removing to new houses as a result of the house renovation program in Cambodia.

When the drinking water project in Laos was completed in 2019, villagers were truly benefited and made thumbs-up signs.

97.6% and 99.5% residents, respectively, in the two pilot villages of Myanmar indicted in a poll their satisfaction with the drinking water project.

Xinhua News Agency, Peoples Daily, CGTN, China Central Television, Cambodian National Television, Lao National Television, Myanmar National Television and many other Chinese and foreign media have reported and tracked the project. The Village Full of Hope, a documentary produced by CGTN, has been broadcast several times on CGTN channel.

CCTV reporter interviewed a local villager in Cambodia, 2019

Myanmar media reporter interviewed IPRCC Deputy Director General Dr. Tan Weiping in 2019
Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC)

Events of the second “LMC Week”

Series of themed events were held to celebrate the second “LMC Week” on March 19-20, 2019 in Nanning, Guangxi. The events were co-hosted by LGOP General Office and Guangxi Office of Poverty Reduction, and co-organized by IPRCC and Guangxi Foreign Capital Poverty Reduction Project Management Center. More than 60 participants took part in the events, including representatives from LGOP General Office, AIECO, IPRCC, Guangxi Office of Foreign Affairs, Guangxi Office of Poverty Reduction, Guizhou Office of Foreign Affairs, Guizhou Office of Poverty Reduction, implementation agencies of the East Asia Poverty Reduction Project, Guangxi Television Station, Laos National Television, Thailand National Television, academic institutions and advisory bodies.

Events included the implementation promotion meeting for the East Asia Poverty Reduction Project, the Seminar on Lancang-Mekong Poverty Reduction Cooperation and field visits. General progress of the East Asia project, existing problems and further work plans were reported at the promotion meeting. Participants also exchanged views on the results and practices of Lancang-Mekong poverty reduction cooperation and offered suggestions on how to share China’s poverty reduction experience and strengthen LMC.

A kick-off ceremony was also held for the documentary Lancang and Mekong Cooperation in Full Blossom. The documentary was jointly produced by the TV stations of China, Laos and Thailand, recording the steady progress of LMC and the positive changes in Lancang-Mekong countries.

ZHANG Liang, Deputy Director General of LGOP General Department attended the seminar and delivered a speech. Dr. TAN Weiping, IPRCC Deputy Director General hosted the seminar and addressed the promotion meeting.
Seminar on Capacity Building for Lancang-Mekong Poverty Reduction Cooperation

The opening session of the Seminar on Capacity Building for Lancang-Mekong Poverty Reduction Cooperation was held on September 10, 2019 in Beijing. The seminar was the first in its kind hosted by IPRCC and supported by LMC Special Fund. Dr. TAN Weiping attended the opening ceremony and presented a lecture, followed by lively interaction with participants.

The seminar lasted three weeks, with 27 participants coming from Lancang-Mekong countries, including Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand. Government officials, experts and representatives from social organizations and enterprises involving in poverty reduction were invited to deliver lectures on such topics as China’s poverty reduction since the reform and opening-up, targeted poverty reduction strategy, poverty reduction by developing certain agro-businesses, education programs for poverty reduction, e-commerce-based poverty reduction and social organizations’ efforts in poverty reduction. Participants also went to Guizhou for a field study to learn about local poverty reduction practices.

Field visit to Bijie Poverty Alleviation Industrial Demonstration Park in Guizhou
China-Laos Pilot Project of Community-Based Poverty Reduction Cooperation

The China-Laos Pilot Project of Community-Based Poverty Reduction Cooperation is a village-level poverty reduction project carried out in Thatokkham Village, Saythany District, Vientiane, Laos, by IPRCC using the Special Fund for Asian Regional Cooperation. The pilot project can help improve people’s livelihoods and exert a sustained influence on the country. As an early harvest project of LMC, this new project phase builds on the achievements of the first phase and continues to support the building of activity center and vegetable greenhouses and carry out technical trainings with the aim of increasing villagers’ income. The project is managed by the China-Laos JPMO of the East Asia Poverty Reduction Project and all sub-projects are under implementation.

China-Philippines Poverty Reduction Cooperation

IPRCC worked with Tsinghua University’s One Belt-One Road Strategy Institute in carrying out the Study on the Model of China-Philippines Poverty Alleviation Cooperation on Fisheries. Based on field research and literature materials, the study was conducted to explore the prospect and feasibility of China-Philippines cooperation on fisheries to reduce poverty. The study report sorts out the production and living conditions of fishermen in typical poor communities in the Philippines and the main challenges they face, and systematically analyzes the development experience of China’s aquaculture industry and its relevance to the Philippines. Based on this, the report proposes a fishery cooperation model that promotes the development of local social enterprises, empowers poor groups, and assists in the construction of mariculture demonstration zones.

China-Denmark Poverty Reduction Cooperation

High-level Dialogue
From May 12 to 14, 2019, LGOP Vice Minister Xia Gengsheng led a delegation to visit Denmark. During the visit, he exchanged views with Ms. Trine Rask Thygesen, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, on poverty reduction cooperation between the two sides, and held talks with officials and experts from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Employment of Denmark.

Cooperation in Capacity Building
In May 2019, IPRCC and the Danish Embassy in China jointly organized a seminar and invited experts to introduce the experience and practices of Danish agriculture to about 90 grassroots-level officials and practitioners from four provinces of Sichuan, Gansu, Guizhou, and Guangxi.

China-Pakistan Poverty Reduction Cooperation

Under the framework of the MOU on Poverty Reduction Cooperation signed by LGOP and the Ministry of Planning Development and Reform of Pakistan and Working Group on Social and Livelihood of CPEC, poverty reduction cooperation between the two sides has been advanced in an orderly manner. A research on poverty cooperation between the two countries has been completed.
Pilot and Demonstration Project of Poverty Alleviation and Agriculture-based Industry in Poor Areas of China financed by the World Bank

Pilot and Demonstration Project of Poverty Alleviation and Agriculture-based Industry in Poor Areas of China financed by the World Bank (the Sixth World Bank Loan Project on Poverty Reduction) was launched on September 28, 2015. It has been piloted in 537 villages in 27 counties in provinces of Sichuan, Guizhou and Gansu. It aims to develop and extend the agricultural value chain in pilot areas, promote equitable organizational arrangements, participation, and the sustainable increase of income for poor households in the project areas. A total of 400 cooperatives are planned to be established in the three provinces. Up to now 406 cooperatives have been established, and 405 of them have got their business investment plans approved and are in operation.

Project Objectives

The project is aiming to increase the income of farmers, improve their self-development capacity, enhance their organizational level, promote sustainable development, and provide template of poverty reduction through agribusiness development for other impoverished areas in China through mobilizing social resources to jointly establish a comprehensive value chain comprising production, processing and marketing, which is market-oriented and focusing on farmer’s cooperatives as a platform.

Project investment

- 1.8 billion RMB
- Total investment
- 150 million USD
- Loans from the World Bank
- 60 million USD (Loans to Gansu Province)
- 50 million USD (Loans to Sichuan Province)
- 40 million USD (Loans to Guizhou Province)

Project content

- The establishment and management of specialized farmer cooperatives
- Exploring modern agricultural value chain
- Industrial infrastructure and provide public services
- Training on cooperative operations and skills
- Monitoring and management capacity of PMOs at various levels

Project progress

- As of the end of 2019, investment amounting to 1.13 billion RMB has been completed
- Sichuan completed 52% of its total investment
- Guizhou completed 53% of its total investment
- Gansu completed 77% of its total investment

460 million RMB has been reimbursed by the World Bank, which is nearly 50% of its total loans.
Initial outcome of the project

- The income of farmers has increased significantly.
- Experience has been achieved in developing sustainable farmer cooperatives in poor areas through standardized operations.
- The poor’s capacity of self-development has been greatly improved by involving them in running the cooperatives.
- Experience has been gained in innovating agricultural value chain and exploring poverty reduction models through developing modern industries.
- Experience has been gained in keeping sustainable development in poverty reduction and economic, social and ecological aspects.
- Organizational level of poor farmer has been improved.
- Some agribusiness-based poverty reduction models with standardized operation, profitability, dividend and pro-poor effect have been preliminarily set up.

Project supervision and support

In February, May and October, 2019, IPRCC respectively arranged three missions together with the World Bank project expert team for project supervision and technical support to 22 cooperatives in 11 counties of the three provinces. The team has identified several problems in project management and implementation and offered solutions to the provinces.

In 2019, two training programs were carried out in Beijing in May and in Guangxi in July respectively to improve the monitoring and management capacity of PMOs at different levels and strengthen the standardized building and operating of cooperatives. 150 participants from 27 project counties joined the programs.
Expanding Global Poverty Reduction Network

Since 2014, IPRCC has been in cooperation with international organizations, including UNDP, IFAD, UNICEF, the Bestseller Foundation, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, carrying out a series of poverty reduction demonstration projects in rural poor areas of China, such as integrated poverty reduction projects, industrial poverty reduction projects, and child poverty reduction and development projects. The effective implementation of poverty reduction demonstration projects has propelled local poverty reduction and development. More importantly, these projects have served as carriers that introduce advanced international poverty reduction ideas and program management methods, provide reference for the innovation of China’s poverty reduction and development systems, and contribute to global poverty reduction exchange and cooperation.

China-UNDP Poverty Reduction Cooperation Project

Since 2005, IPRCC began to implement the China-UNDP poverty reduction cooperation project. The first project phase was “Establishing the International Poverty Reduction Center in China” (2005-2008), and the second phase was “Strengthening the Capacity of the International Poverty Reduction Center in China for South-South Cooperation ” (initially from 2009 to 2012 and later extended to the middle of 2017). The third phase began in May 2017 and is still ongoing, which is “Building inclusive development cooperation on poverty reduction and between China and developing countries.” The previous two project phases were completed with notable achievements, helping strengthen IPRCC’s institutional development to promote South-South cooperation for poverty reduction and building a global hub of research, training, cooperation and knowledge sharing in poverty reduction. The third phase of the project focuses on promoting developing countries (particularly those in Africa and Asia) to participate in the formulation and implementation of poverty reduction and development policies. It is to implement the Program for Strengthening Cooperation on Poverty Reduction between China and the AU and poverty reduction cooperation agreements reached with ASEAN countries.

Cooperation with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Under the framework of the MoU between LGOP and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, IPRCC and Gates Foundation formally signed a cooperation agreement in May 2019. IPRCC is responsible for implementing the research cooperation project China’s Poverty Alleviation – Knowledge Generation and International Sharing, which aims to summarize China’s poverty alleviation experience, to inform future strategies and promote international knowledge and experience sharing. Ten studies were conducted in the 2019-2020 cycle.

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IFAD Project Technical Support Team

Entrusted by the Department of International Financial Cooperation, Ministry of Finance, IPRCC serves as the “IFAD project technical support team” to provide technical support for IFAD’s projects in China. IPRCC also takes part in organizing and coordinating IFAD’s activities in China, including providing policy advice and project support, promoting experience sharing and holding meetings and seminars.

Providing technical support for IFAD’s projects in China

1. Participated in the 2019 working meeting on IFAD’s programs in China to exchange program experience.

2. Wrote progress report of IFAD projects in China and submitted it to the Department of International Financial Cooperation, Ministry of Finance.

3. Sent teams to Shaanxi, Yunnan, Qinghai, Jiangxi, Sichuan, Ningxia and Hunan for project review and finalized review reports.

Providing policy consultation and advice on IFAD documents.

1. Organized experts to provide consultation on documents of the 42nd session of the IFAD Governing Council.


3. Reviewed the 46 program applications for the South-South and triangular Cooperation Fund and proposed 10 projects for approval by the Department of International Financial Cooperation, Ministry of Finance.

Summarizing China’s cooperation with IFAD

The compilation of the “IFAD’s 40 Years in China” brochure was launched to celebrate the 40th anniversary of China’s cooperation with IFAD. The brochure reviews IFAD’s work in China in the past 40 years, summarizes and disseminates cooperation outcomes, showcases the effects of IFAD programs, and provides good reference for China’s planning of overall strategy and policies in rural poverty reduction.
IPRCC conducted and completed the *Research on the Mechanism of Aligning Poverty Reduction with Social Security in China and International Experience*. Based on the analysis of China and other countries’ major social security models and typical practices, the study aims to summarize good international experience and practices, especially the experience on social security financing, services delivery and management, and practices in identifying, targeting and assisting poor people, as well as the distinction and coordination of social assistance, social insurance and social benefits in a specific social security system. This can be used to inform the effective alignment of poverty alleviation efforts with social security policies and the decision-making on poverty reduction strategies beyond 2020.

In addition, several research outcomes are published in both Chinese and English editions, including *Research Report - Study on China’s Agricultural Value Chain and Its Models for Poverty Reduction, Research on the role of Electronic Commerce in the Development of Agricultural Industry Value Chain in Poor Areas and The Study of Poverty Alleviation Practices Aided by IFAD Grants.*

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**Cooperation with UNICEF**

LGOP has cooperated with UNICEF since 2007 to promote research and pilot programs on child poverty and development in order to understand the current child poverty situation and improve poverty reduction in rural areas. The task has been shouldered by IPRCC since 2014. IPRCC has engaged in a lot of work, including studies and trainings on child poverty reduction and development.

- Conducted comparative research on child poverty reduction models; developed a course on applying in China international child poverty reduction practices and trial the course with questionnaires at the training seminar held in Shenzhen for the writers of the *Yearbook of China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development*, initiated the “Case Study and Policy Report on China’s Child Poverty Reduction” and the “Course Development on Multidimensional Child Poverty Reduction.”

- Jointly visited the Philippines with the focus on child poverty reduction.

- Organized the meeting on National Pathways to Child Poverty Reduction at the FOCAC Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference.
Building the Poverty Reduction Exchange and Cooperation Team

In order to strengthen team cultural development and the spirit of teamwork, IPRCC has organized many colorful team-building and capacity building activities for its staff members and has also sent some members to other countries for training.

Actively participating in activities organized by LGOP

IPRCC actively took part in activities organized by LGOP, such as the caroling of “red classics” and fun sports games. The center won the title of “Outstanding Organizer for the 2019 Sports Games of the Central Party and State Organs” issued by LGOP Party Committee, and won the second place (team) in the Fun Games Competition organized by LGOP.

IPRCC team participating in the caroling of red classics activity
Organizing team-building activities

IPRCC has organized many colorful team-building activities in order to enrich the cultural lives of its staff members, strengthen team cultural development and the spirit of teamwork, enhance the bond between each other, stimulate their enthusiasm, and promote high morale and avidness for poverty alleviation.
Awarded the Excellent Partner by CIPG
In September 2019, the China International Publishing Group (CIPG) held in Beijing an awarding ceremony to celebrate its 70th anniversary of founding. IPRCC was awarded “Excellent Partner” by CIPG. This award was set to identify and reward those domestic and foreign organizations (and individuals) who have a long-term relationship with CIPG, help promote CIPG’s external publicity business and enjoy a good reputation within a specific sector. Winners were chosen through a process of nomination, qualification review, preliminary selection, soliciting opinions, determining qualified candidates, approval and disclosure, and awarding. 12 organizations from China and abroad won the award, including IPRCC and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.

Dispatching officials to temporary posts for training
Under the coordination of the Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee and LGOP, IPRCC have assigned 5 excellent officials to temporary posts at lower local levels for training. Wei Boping, then Director of the Finance Division, and Wang Dajun, then Director of the International Exchanges Division, were assigned one after another to work for three years as Deputy Director of the Office of Aid to Qinghai Province, concurrently Member of the Leading Party Group of Qinghai Office of Poverty Alleviation. Zhao Jia, Deputy Director of the Research Division was assigned to work for two years as the Deputy Head of Shicheng County, Jiangxi Province. Yu Hui, a member of the Intenntional Exchanges Division, was assigned to work for two years as the First Party Secretary of Nanmeng Village, Leishan County, Guizhou Province and returned to IPRCC in September 2019. Through Yu’s hard work during the two years, the village he headed succeeded in passing the third-party evaluation and was removed from the list of poor villages. Lyu Shenshen, a member of the Cooperation Division, was assigned to work for 6 months with the National Public Complaints and Proposals Administration. Lyu was responsible for sorting out letters to General Secretary Xi Jinping and was commended on the compiling of reports about people’s complaints and concerns.

Organizing Chinese poverty reduction officials to visit South Africa and Brazil for training on rural reform and poverty reduction
In October 2019, IPRCC organized a team of 30 officials from LGOP, IPRCC, offices of cooperation between the East and the West and offices of poverty alleviation of Chongqing, Yunnan and Hainan provinces and sent them to South Africa and Brazil to participate in the Training Program on South Africa Models of Rural Reform and Poverty Reduction and the Training Program on Brazil Poverty Reduction Models. Through these programs, participants comprehensively and systematically learnt about the poverty situation in South Africa and Brazil, and their poverty relief polices and measures, which could usefully inform China’s targeted poverty reduction efforts, and they also had a deeper thinking and understanding on how to better reduce poverty in China.
Publications

Annual Report
Annual Report 2017-2018

Yearbook of China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development
Yearbook of China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development 2019 (Chinese edition)
Yearbook of China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development 2018

Books
International Poverty Reduction Theory and Frontier Issues 2019
The Way Forward: Stories of Poverty reduction in China (Chinese)
The Way Forward: Stories of Poverty reduction in China (English)
A Foreign Lens——How Global Partners View China’s Poverty Alleviation Efforts
Community-Based Development - Study on the Reference Value of Targeted Poverty Alleviation
WTA Best Practice in Poverty Alleviation through Tourism 2019

Research reports
Connecting Poverty Alleviation and Rural Revitalization:International Experience and China’s Path
The Definition and Content of Assets Incomes and Path Choice of Poverty Alleviation through Assets Income Management from the Perspective of Sustainable Poverty Reduction
Modernity and Locality: Poverty Cultures in Severely Impoverished Areas and Their Solutions -- Findings from Field Investigation of 5 Poor Villages in Zhaojue,Sichuan
An Analysis of Poverty-Reduction Effects of Chinese Enterprises’ Investments in Southeast Asia
Sharing and Research on China’s Anti-Poverty Experience
Japan’ Sixth Industrialization: Operating Mechanism and Poverty Reduction Mechanism
Research Report: Study on China’s Agricultural Value Chain and Its Models for Poverty Reduction
Research on the Role of Electronic Commerce in the Development of Agricultural Industry Value Chain in Poor areas
The Study of Poverty Alleviation Practices Aided by IFAD Grants
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Japan’s “Sixth Industrialization”: Operating Mechanism and Poverty Reduction Mechanism

International Poverty Reduction Briefing
Financing the End of Extreme Poverty
Why Secondary Towns Can Be Important for Poverty Reduction
Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2018: The Most Detailed Picture to Date of the World’s Poorest People
Explaining a “Development Miracle” - Poverty Reduction and Human Development in Malaysia since the 1970s
Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2018: World Regions
Economic Growth, Inequality and Poverty: Is There a Sound Relationship?
Measuring and Responding to Income Poverty
Living standards, Poverty and Inequality in the UK
Poverty Convergence with Growth Stagnation and Redistribution
Do Developing Countries Enjoy Faster Poverty Reduction as Their Initial Poverty Incidences Decline over Time? A Dynamic Panel Analysis
Child Poverty, Disasters and Climate Change: Investigating Relationships and Implications over the Life Course of Children
Household Expenditure and Poverty Measures in 60 Minutes: A New Approach with Results from Mogadishu

Training Briefing
International Poverty Reduction Training Briefing 2018

Poverty Reduction Briefing No.1-36 (Chinese edition)
Major Events in 2019

January

January 22
Case review meeting of the Global Solicitation on Best Poverty Reduction Practices was held in IPRCC.

February

February 19
IPRCC Deputy Director-General Zhang Guangping met with the delegation headed by Dr. Holger A.Kray, Lead Agricultural Economist for Africa in the World Bank’s Agriculture Global Practice.

March

March 18-23
Hong Tianyun, Vice Minister of LGOP, and Zhang Guangping, IPRCC Deputy Director-General, led a delegation to Buenos Aires, Argentina to attend the Second High Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation and relevant events.

March 19
The implementation promotion meeting for the China-Aided Pilot Project of Poverty Reduction Cooperation in East Asia was held in Nanning, Guangxi.

March 20
LGOP Vice Minister Chen Zhigang met with the delegation headed by Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Kung Phoak. Then IPRCC Director-General Zuo Changsheng attended the meeting.

March 20
The Seminar on the Lancang-Mekong Poverty Reduction Cooperation was held in Nanning, Guangxi, co-hosted by LGOP General Department and Guangxi Office of Poverty Alleviation, and co-organized by IPRCC and Guangxi Foreign Aid Poverty Reduction Project Management Center.

March 26-28
2019 GDLN Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting hosted by IPRCC was held in Beijing.

April

April 23
The Second Seminar under the China-aided pilot project of poverty reduction cooperation in Cambodia was held in Chengdu, Sichuan.

May

May 12-14
LGOP Vice Minister Xia Gengsheng led a delegation to visit Denmark, and exchanged views and reached consensus with Ms. Trine Rask Thygesen, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, on poverty
reduction cooperation between the two sides.

**May 14-17**
LGOP Vice Minister Xia Gengsheng led a delegation to visit Italy, paid a courtesy visit to the Permanent Representative Office of China to FAO and had bilateral meetings with IFAD, FAO and WFP respectively.

**May 15**
On May 15, IPRCC and its partners jointly organized the International Seminar on Global Poverty Reduction Partnerships.

**May 28-30**
The training seminar for the writers of the Yearbook of China’s Poverty Alleviation and Development 2019 was held in Shenzhen, Guangdong.

**June**

**June 12-22**
IPRCC Deputy Director General Dr. Tan Weiping led a delegation to head the fourth monitoring tour to Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar on the China-Aided Pilot Project of Poverty Reduction Cooperation in East Asia.

**June 14**
LGOP held a meeting with representatives of international organizations in China and foreign NGOs. LGOP Minister Liu Yongfu attended the meeting and talked with the representatives.

**June 23-25**
Atty. Noel K. Felongco, Secretary of National Anti-Poverty Commission of the Philippines, headed a delegation to visit China. IPRCC Deputy Director-General Dr. Tan Weiping accompanied the delegation on field visits.

**June 24-July 8**
2019 Seminar on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction and 2019 Seminar on Small and Medium Enterprises Development and Capacity Building in Poverty Reduction of NGOs for Developing Countries were hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Guangxi.

**June 25**
The Workshop on China-Japan-Korea Rural Vitalization Experiences: Implications for ASEAN Countries was hosted by IPRCC and organized by CISSCA in Nanning.

**August**

**August 6-15**
Seminar on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction for Political Parties of Developing Countries was hosted by the CPC International Department and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Guangdong.

**August 13-26**
Seminar on Poverty Reduction and Development for Uganda Government Officials was hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Guizhou.

**August 13-27**
The 2019 Seminar on Development-Oriented Poverty Reduction Policies and Practices for Developing Countries was hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Guizhou.

**August 21-23**
IPRCC Deputy Director General Dr. Tan Weiping led a research team to Weiyuan, Gansu for field surveys on cooperatives under the Sixth Word Bank Loan Project on Poverty Reduction and on education programs supported by IPRCC and Guangxi Office of Poverty Alleviation, and supported by the ASEAN Office of Poverty Alleviation and other institutions.
Members of IPRCC’s International Cooperation Team went to Naypyidaw, Myanmar to participate in the project planning workshop on “Promoting Alliances on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication among the LMC Countries through Exchanges”.

**September**

**September 6-26**
2019 senior Seminar on Anti-poverty for Developing Countries was hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Jiangxi.

**September 10-27**
The Seminar on Capacity Building for Lancang-Mekong Poverty Reduction Cooperation hosted by IPRCC was held in Beijing, which was the first capacity building program for LMC.

**September 13-October 3**
Seminar on Integrated Rural and Urban Development and Poverty Reduction for Zambia Government Officials was hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Jiangxi.

**September 16-30**
Seminar on Poverty Reduction through Finance for Developing Countries and Seminar on Poverty Reduction through Vocational Training and Labor Transfer for Developing Countries were hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Hubei.

**September 30**
IPRCC was awarded “Excellent Partner” by CIPG celebrating its 70th anniversary of founding and a member of the Exchange Team received the award on behalf of IPRCC.

**October**

**October 10-24**
2019 Seminar on Rural Transportation Construction and Poverty Alleviation by Water Conservancy for Developing Countries was hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Shaanxi.

**October 12-25**
IPRCC together with Work Bank Team carried out the ninth project supervision mission to Guizhou, Sichuan and Gansu, reviewing the implementation of Pilot and Demonstration Project of Poverty Alleviation and Agriculture-based Industry in Poor Areas of China (the Sixth World Bank Loan Project on Poverty Reduction).

**October 16**
The 2019 China Poverty Reduction International Forum was held in Beijing, which was co-hosted by CIIC, IPRCC, World Bank, ADB, FAO, IFAD and WFP, and co-organized by China.org, China Development Gateway and Guosheng (National voice) Think Tank.

**October 16-29**
Seminar on Poverty Reduction for Pakistan Government Officials was hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Sichuan.

**October 17**
The 2019 Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum was held in Beijing, co-hosted by LGOP and UN Development System in China and co-organized by IPRCC and UNDP in China. Vice Premier Hu Chunhua attended the opening ceremony and delivered a speech. Participants paid field visits to Fuping and Laishui counties of Hebei Province on October 18-19 and learnt about poverty reduction situation there.

**October 17**
LGOP Vice Minister Chen Zhigang witnessed the official signature of MoU by IPRCC leadership and Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment of Mauritius who came to China to attend the Global Poverty Reduction and Development Forum.

**October 17-31**
2019 Seminar on Inclusive Growth and Sustained Poverty Reduction for Developing Countries was held in Beijing and Sichuan, and the Seminar on Economic and Social Policies for Sustainable Development for Government Officials was held in Beijing and Fujian, both hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC.

**October 20-22**
IPRCC and BN Vocational School jointly organized a training program in Sanya, Hainan for teachers from vocational schools at Leishan County of Guizhou, Weiyuan County of Gansu and Shicheng County of Jiangxi.

**October 27-31**
IPRCC Deputy Director-General Dr. Tan Weiping attended the BRICS Seminar on Governance co-hosted by the CPC Publicity Department, CIPG, Brazil Ministry of Economy and Getulio Vargas Foundation in Rio de Janeiro.

**October 30**
Sardar Azhar Tariq Khan, one of the founders of Pakistan
Tehreek-e-Insaf and Minister of Central Party Finance, and Hamayoun Khan, Director of Pakistan Council on China, visited IPRCC.

**November**

**November 5-19**
Seminar on Poverty Reduction Through Ecological Development and Tourism for Developing Countries in 2019 and 2019 Seminar on Social Security and Poverty Reduction Policy for Developing Countries were hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Yunnan.

**November 8**
Dr. Liu Junwen began to serve as IPRCC Deputy Director-General (acting Director-General).

**November 12-December 2**
2019 Seminar on Industrial Poverty Alleviation Capacity for Myanmar was hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Guangxi.

**November 13-December 2**
Seminar on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction for Rwanda was hosted by MOFCOM and organized by IPRCC in Beijing and Guangxi.

**November 21-29**
IPRCC delegates went to Laos and Cambodia to participate in Lancang-Mekong Poverty Reduction Cooperation events, including the Workshop on LMC Community-Driven Development held on November 21-24 in Laos and the first activity on “Promoting Alliances on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication among the LMC Countries through exchanges” held on November 25-29 in Cambodia.

**November 26**
IPRCC Deputy Director-General Liu Junwen met with AIECO Deputy Director General Zeng Huacheng, and they exchanged views on issues related to the East Asia Poverty Reduction Project and on how to better offer international assistance in poverty reduction.

**November 27**
IPRCC Deputy Director-General Dr. Liu Junwen visited CIDCA and talked with Zheng Yuandong, Deputy Director-General of CIDCA Regional Department I, on outbound foreign aid projects of poverty reduction implemented by IPRCC and on IPRCC’s further engagement in China’s foreign assistance efforts.

**December**

**December 5**
IPRCC held in Beijing the annual review meeting, concurrently the fifth promotion meeting on the China-aided Pilot Project of Poverty Reduction Cooperation in East Asia.

**December 14**
The documentary on the China-aided Pilot Project of Poverty Reduction Cooperation in East Asia debuted at CGTN's Big Story in English.

**December 17**
IPRCC Deputy Director-Generals Liu Junwen and Tan Weiping met with Khambounnath XAYANONE, Laos Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

**December 18**
IPRCC Deputy Director-Generals Liu Junwen and Tan Weiping visited the World Bank’s office in China and held talks with Harold Bedoya, the bank’s Deputy Country Director for China, Mongolia and Korea.

**December 18**
IPRCC Deputy Director-Generals Liu Junwen and Tan Weiping paid a courtesy visit to Nicholas Rosellini, UN Resident Coordinator in China, and the two sides held in-depth talks over the summing-up and promotion of China’s poverty reduction practices.