Serving the real economy should be the starting point and objective of development of finance, and the efficiency and capability of financial services should be improved comprehensively to allocate more financial resources in key areas and weak links in economic and social development, so as to better meet the financial needs of the people and the real economy.

--Xi Jinping
Message from the Chairman

Enriching the service for “Sannong” and implementing rural revitalization strategies. To show our integrity and determination, we strengthened the top-level design, promoted reform and innovations in key areas including the “Big Sannong”, “New Sannong” and “Unique Sannong”, enhanced financial services for supply-side agricultural reform and fostered our “No.1 Project” for serving “Sannong”, so as to open an economic renaissance for rural areas, better living environment, and prosperous farmers. Always taking financial poverty alleviation as an important political and social responsibility, we hold nothing back when addressing poverty alleviation.

Serving supply-side structural reform and supporting transformation of the real economy. With the unwavering perseverance, we focused on measures to build the modern economy, supported supply-side structural reform and carried out five high-priority tasks which include: reducing overcapacity, eliminating excess inventory, deleveraging, lowering costs, and strengthening areas of weakness. At the same time, to comply with major regional strategies of the country, we increased financial services in new industries, new forms of business and new modes such as new economy industries and welfare industries. We established new mode of inclusive finance—“Sannong Finance Business Department plus Inclusive Finance Business Department” and implemented the national strategy of supporting the development of small and micro businesses, to improve the national economic health.

Green finance is the key to reducing pollution. We implemented our three-year plan for green finance and developed green credits, green investment bank, and green customer finance. As the first bank to issue a green bond in China, we cooperated with international organizations to launch carbon finance services and worked to establish a green financial system that plays a leading role domestically and internationally, so as to provide strong supports for the coordinated progress in economic, political, cultural, social and ecological deployment as well as green development in China. ABC contributed wisdom to winning the battle of pollution prevention and control, striving to take a leading role in promoting the building of a more beautiful China.

Promoting innovations in products and services and meeting customers’ financial needs. We have continued to improve our customer service system, took advantage of our global network and diverse platforms, and provided customers with more intelligent, convenient, and high quality financial services with new technologies such as “Internet Plus” and big data. We established and developed the rights and interests protection system for our clients with a focus on systemic control and long-term mechanism, so as to protect the legitimate rights and interests of customers.

Facilitating the employees’ growth and career development and progressing together. Adhering to a people-centric approach, we respect and protect the enthusiasm and creativity of the 490,000 employees of ABC. We respect their talents and continue to improve the talent management system and social security system, carried out the reform of dual career development paths and established a platform for employees to realize their own life values, so that they could make progress with the company in building a world-class commercial banking corporation and enjoy their achievements within ABC.

Boosting the stable and harmonious communities and working together to build a happier China. Upholding the idea of common development and shared achievements, we actively participated in community building. We have carried out educational programs to improve the public’s awareness of guarding against counterfeiting, money laundering, fraud and illegal fund-raising, etc. As a large state-owned bank, we also are responsible for carrying out charitable activities, strengthening volunteer team building, and establishing a finance-featured public welfare platform to support disaster relief and reconstruction, which is our responsibility as a corporate citizen.

2018 is the first year that we will put the policies from the 19th CPC National Congress into action. In compliance with the new goals, tasks and requirements proposed by the 19th CPC National Congress, we are going to define what it means to be a modern socialist country.
Taking root in the real economy and serving national strategies. Focusing on the supply-side structural reform and five other high priority tasks (which include reducing overcapacity), ABC adjusted and optimized the credit policies, innovated service patterns, and provided strong support for major development strategies such as the Belt and Road Initiative, the integrated development of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, the Yangtze River Economic Belt and Xiuguo and Xinjiang New Area, as well as for major national projects such as the urban infrastructure project, water conservancy project, and urban renovation project. In 2017, ABC has granted loans and advances of RMB 10.72 trillion, a year-on-year increase of RMB 1 trillion. We have developed and set up Inclusive Finance Business Departments in 37 branches. Loans for small and micro enterprises have met regulatory requirements. We have formulated new guidance for financial services in the new economy and support emerging strategic industries.

Further promoting "Sanning" financial services and ending poverty. To actively serve the security of agricultural products, we have provided agriculture-related loans of RMB 1.64 trillion focusing on 13 major grain producing areas. We have also implemented the "Green Homes for Hundreds of Cities and Thousands of Towns" initiative to promote a new type of urbanization. ABC granted more farmer resettlement loans, which helped 510,000 households to settle down in urban areas. While serving "Sanning" with innovative Internet-based finance, we have promoted the upgrading of 245,000 "Hui Nong Tong" service points with Internet information technology. With a focus on "targeted poverty alleviation", we granted loans of RMB 815.07 billion to 812 key counties for poverty alleviation, which helped 6.65 million people. We also provided strong support for poverty alleviation of Beijing, Huaining and Fuping in Hebei, Huanggang in Guizhou and Xishan in Chongqing, and successfully lifted Xishan out of poverty in 2017.

Developing green finance and serving ecological progress. We have firmly carried out the requirements of the policy of cutting overcapacity, strictly controlled the risk exposure of industries with excess capacity, and refused to cooperate with customers that did not meet the national standards for environmental protection. The risk exposure of steel and iron industry and coal industry reduced by 50.1 billion and 65.6 billion in 2016 and 2017 respectively. We issued the Development Plan for Green Finance of Agricultural Bank of China (2017-2020) as well as the first credit asset securitization product "Green Mountains and Clear Waters" with green certification of China, and established a green development fund in Xiongan New Area, with the balance of green credit reaching RMB 700 billion. We promoted paperless transaction modes. Electronic channel transactions made up 97% of total transactions, which reduced resource consumption. Also, we promoted green procurement, took part in environmental protection activities and advocated energy saving, emission reduction and low-carbon travel in ABC.

Improving financial service quality and providing satisfactory customer services. ABC has applied innovative financial technology to provide a more convenient and intelligent financial service experience. We accelerated the "Intelligent" service transformation of outlets. Moreover, 13 outlets received the title of "Top 100 demonstration enterprises" within the banking industry. We strengthened the protection of customers’ rights and interests, protecting the information of customers and taking measures to guard against wire fraud. In 2017, we have successfully cracked down on 23,287 wire fraud incidents, refused 32,027 abnormal account-opening applications, and reversed 15,800 fraudulent ATM transfers.

Mitigating risk with strict compliance, and protecting national financial security. Adhering to the principle of “avoiding risks and giving priority to compliance”, we have placed greater importance on risk prevention and management and taken serious measures to reduce non-performing loans. As a result, the asset quality improved, non-performing loan ratio was reduced to the average level of the banking industry, and we fulfilled our responsibility to shareholders, the market, and investors. We fully carried out the decision of the State Council, managing regularities within the markets. Also, we promoted strict compliance, regulated cross-industry business such as wealth management and interbank business, and strictly prevented liquidity risks and market risks. By doing this, we fulfilled the responsibilities for protecting financial security. 2018 is the first year to implement the spirit of the 19th CPC National Congress and a crucial period for building a comprehensively prosperous society and implementing the 13th Five-Year Plan. It is also an important year for ABC to transform and build a world-class commercial banking corporation. We will fully implement Chinese President Xi Jinping’s leadership and adhere to the consciousness of the need to maintain political integrity, think in big picture terms, uphold leadership, and fortify our confidence in the socialist path, theories, system and culture. We will work harder and make more contributions to secure a prosperous society.
About Us

Company Profile

Established in 1951, the Agricultural Cooperative Bank eventually became the Agricultural Bank of China (ABC). Since late 1970s, ABC has evolved from a state-owned specialized bank to a wholly state-owned commercial bank and subsequently a state-owned shareholding commercial bank. The Bank was restructured into a joint stock limited liability company in January 2009. In July 2009, the Bank was listed on both the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Capitalizing on our comprehensive business services, extensive distribution network and advanced IT platform, the Bank provides treasury operations and asset management, in addition to a diverse portfolio of corporate and retail banking products and services for a broad range of customers. Our business scope also includes, among other things, investment banking, fund management, financial leasing and life insurance.

By the end of 2017, the Bank had 23,661 domestic branch outlets, including our Head Office, the Business Department of the Head Office, 3 specialized business units managed by the Head Office, 3 training institutes, 37 tier-1 branches (including 5 branches directly managed by the Head Office), 378 tier-2 branches (including the business departments of provincial branches), 3,485 tier-1 sub-branches (including business departments in municipalities, business departments of branches directly managed by the Head Office and business departments of tier-2 branches), 19,701 grass root branch outlets, and 52 other organizations. ABC has 13 overseas branches and 4 overseas representative offices and has 15 subsidiaries where it is the controlling shareholder.

The Bank focuses on four central themes: orienting around Sannong (meaning agriculture, rural areas and farmers) banking services, serving both urban and rural areas, maximizing shareholders returns, and assisting staff development. ABC is committed to building an international commercial banking group with professional operations, efficient and convenient services, diversified functions, as well as demonstrated value-creation capability.

In 2017, the Bank ranked No. 38 in Fortune’s Global 500, and ranked No. 6 in The Banker’s “Top 1000 World Banks” list in terms of tier 1 capital.

Corporate Governance

We continuously promoted the modernization of our corporate governance system and capacities and tried to make our governing bodies operate independently, with counterbalance effectively, cooperate and coordinate efficiently. We constantly re-evaluate decision-making of the Board of Directors, thoroughly promote the effective performance of senior management, and empower our Board of Supervisors.

At the end of 2017, the Board of Directors was comprised of 13 directors, including 2 executive directors, 6 non-executive directors and 5 independent non-executive directors; the Board of Supervisors comprised of 5 supervisors, including 1 shareholder representative supervisor, 2 employee representative supervisors and 2 external supervisors. In addition, ABC has 6 senior management members.
Compliance in operations

Upholding the principle of risk aversion and prudent operation, we strictly follow the requirements of regulatory authorities, articles of association and have developed our group-wide rules and regulations. We constantly review our fundamental operations, administrative measures and protocols to continuously optimize business management processes and systems, which help regulate all management activities.

- Established the general counsel system and created the position of general counsel in the Head Office
- Improved rules and regulations for corporate governance and protocol for ABC by building law-based governance
- The president holds the post of chairman of the committee, and the vice president and chief compliance officer hold the post of the vice chairman
- Formulated the Rules of the Compliance Management Committee of Senior Management
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- Issued Opinions on Further Strengthening the Development of Compliance Culture to make comprehensive plans for developing compliance culture from 2018 to 2020
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Risk management

ABC has set up a clearly defined, scientific, applicable, and comprehensive risk policy and system framework, including basic risk management policies composed of risk preference and special risk management policies, general and special risk management regulations, as well as daily risk management instructions and operating rules.

The Bank is resolute in preventing credit risks of local governments and conducts financing business with local governments in compliance with the law. While strengthening supervision and analysis, the Bank prevents anyone to accept the guarantee of local governments or relevant departments against regulations. Strictly implementing the regulatory requirements of housing credit, the Bank also adjusted to the credit policy in real estate industry, and maintained both control of the total resources and structure adjustment, in order to make sure that real estate credit business are in compliance with requirements.

Implementing relevant financial order requirements

ABC has continuously adopted the prevention and response mechanism for illegal fund-raising which requires bank-wide coordination, clear division of labor, as well as the close cooperation of the front office, middle office, and back office. Protocol has been standardized across departments, including publicity and education, early warning, public opinion monitoring, staff management, and reporting. With access to the appropriate metrics in big data, ABC has developed an analysis model for illegal fund-raising and carried out special investigation and inspection on illegal fund-raising activities. Once there are any problems, ABC can report to the People’s Bank of China and relevant departments.

Preventing risks in government platforms and real estate loans

Carrying out the Regulations for Corporate Governance of Overseas Institutions and Subsidiaries of Agricultural Bank of China, ABC has set up and improved a complete and efficient governance structure with a clear division of labor. ABC formulated the Outline of Developing Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Systems of Agricultural Bank of China, Administrative Measures for Business Involved in Sanctions of Agricultural Bank of China, and Subsequent Administrative Measures for Money-Laundering and Sanction Risks to strengthen the prevention and control of cross-border money laundering and sanction risks.

Preventing Risks in overseas and cross-border business

By the end of 2017, the non-performing loans (NPLs) of ABC were 0.56% lower than that of 2016, the non-performing ratio of total assets was 1.81%, the provision coverage was 208.37%, showing a robust level of resilience to risks and strong ability to absorb losses.
Responsibility Management

Core ideas of our corporate culture

Our Mission
Providing “Sannong” banking services for both urban and rural areas, maximizing shareholders returns, and helping employee development.

Our Vision
To be an international commercial banking group.

Our Core values
Integrity is the basis of a business, and prudence helps it develop and go far.

Philosophy on responsibility

Giving priority to responsibility
As a large state-owned commercial bank serving Sannong, ABC has shown to be a champion of national macro-economic policies, focuses on the social responsibility to serve Sannong, and regards creating value for shareholders as its core goal.

Shoudering responsibilities
ABC considers social responsibility fulfillment within the context of the whole nation and economy, and shoulders responsibilities in all aspects to promote comprehensive social progress.

ABC spirit
Shouldering the responsibility to serve Sannong.

Relevant philosophies under the guidance of core values

Operation philosophy
Market-oriented and customer-centric operation with the benefits as the goal.

Management philosophy
Details determines success or failure; compliance helps create value and the sense responsibility contributes to achievements.

Service philosophy
Always sticking to the principle of “Customer First”.

Talent philosophy
Stressing both integrity and ability with the integrity as the foundation, respecting and selecting talents based on performance.

Anti-risk philosophy
Violation brings risks, and safety brings benefits.

Ethical standards
To be honest and upright and create a clean and righteous environment.

Responsibility governance

ABC has established and optimized its social responsibility management system, and continuously implemented management rules including the Agricultural Bank of China Guidelines for Social Responsibility, Agricultural Bank of China Indicator System for Social Responsibility and Agricultural Bank of China Guidelines for Public Welfare Projects. Led by the corporate culture department of the Head Office, all departments of the Head Office and its branches have specific positions to oversee daily CSR work.

Responsibility topics

ABC has made analysis about material topics and identified sustainable issues.

Collecting feedback through various means:
- Feedback from senior management of the Head Office
- Feedback from domestic and overseas branches
- Feedback from external stakeholders
- Review of relevant social responsibility standards
- Analysis from internal and external experts

Following the Agricultural Bank of China Guidelines for Social Responsibility, ABC ranks the topics by studying their importance to the sustainable development of Agricultural Bank of China and importance to stakeholders.

The Board of Directors, with the help of professional third-party organizations, is responsible for reviewing sustainable development topics, adjusting and deciding the priority of topics.

ABC summarizes and analyzes the implementation of the sustainable development topics over the year, and determines the goals and implementation plans for the next year, so as to constantly improve its sustainability.
### Importance to the sustainable development of Agricultural Bank of China

#### Very high importance

- High importance to stakeholders
- High importance to the bank

#### High importance

- Importance to the bank

### SDGs

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4. Calculated in accordance with the Rules for the Compilation and Submission of Environmental Information by Commercial Banks and Other Financial Institutions to the Public, No. 16.
5. The Head Office includes the Southern and Northern Building of ABC Plaza, Fengtai District, Beijing.
6. The calculation of energy consumption includes the consumption of electricity, water, and gas.
7. The calculation of electronic transactions includes the number of transactions conducted through electronic channels.
8. The calculation of employee compensation includes the salary of full-time employees and the amount of donations to capital stock.
9. Balance of loans to rural households including the balance of general loans to individual households, loans for general purposes, loans for purchasing or building houses, loans for business, loans to individuals, loans to small and medium enterprises, and other loans.
10. Number of farmer households benefiting from Hui Nong Cards = Number of cards issued per capita x issuance rate of Hui Nong Cards x issuance rate of Hui Nong Cards.
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12. Village and township banks (VTB).
13. The number of employees includes the amount donated by the Bank, but does not include the amount donated by employees.
14. Minority and rural areas include Inner Mongolia, Guangxi, Chongqing, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Tibet, Shanxi, Gansu, Qinghai, Ningxia, and Xinjiang (including Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region).
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9. Balance of loans to rural households including the balance of general loans to individuals, loans for general purposes, loans for purchasing or building houses, loans for business, loans to small and medium enterprises, and other loans.
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11. In accordance with the Opinions of China Banking Regulatory Commission on Measuring the Financial Inclusion for Small and Micro Enterprises (Yin Jian Fa [2016] No. 7), ABC has adjusted the statistical口径 of Sichuan small and micro enterprises to include the loans for small businesses and the loans for owners of small and micro enterprises.
12. Village and township banks (VTB).
13. The number of employees includes the amount donated by the Bank, but does not include the amount donated by employees.
14. Minority and rural areas include Inner Mongolia, Guangxi, Chongqing, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Tibet, Shanxi, Gansu, Qinghai, Ningxia, and Xinjiang (including Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region).
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A NATIONAL TEAM to Lead the Financial Service for Sannong

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- **Farmer resettlement loans**
  - RMB 182.02 billion

- **Poverty alleviation loans**
  - RMB 371.84 billion

- **Balance of farmer loans**
  - RMB 206.04 billion

- **Agriculture-related loans**
  - RMB 1.64 trillion

- **Balance of agriculture-related loans**
  - RMB 3.08 trillion

- **Urban loans**
  - RMB 562.52 billion

- **Agriculture-related loans provided to 13 major grain producing areas throughout China**
  - RMB 335.30 billion

- **Helped 6.65 million people living below the poverty line**
  - RMB 6.65 billion
ABC “No. 1 Project” Making Innovations to Serve “Sannong”

The power of finance is indispensable in serving “Sannong”. Remaining true to its original aspiration and keeping the lofty mission of serving “Sannong” in mind, ABC actively explores new means to serve “Sannong”, and makes serving “Sannong” with Internet-based finance a high priority in “Sannong” business. The aim is to solve traditional financial problems in rural areas, provide farmers with more convenient, diversified and comprehensive modern financial services, promoting thriving rural businesses and rural economic health.

The “No. 1 Project” of ABC sets up a unified service platform of “Hui Nong e-Tong” with new technologies that include Internet, big data and block chain, and establishes a new mode of integrated “online and offline Sannong” financial services.

Formulating Opinions on promoting the Internet serving “Sannong”

To establish a unified Internet-Based Financial Services Platform for “Sannong”
To promote online financing
To promote basic financial services such as online payment and settlement
To develop e-commerce financial services for rural areas
To promote the upgrading of Hui Nong Tong service points with Internet information technology

The general thought on serving “Sannong” with Internet-based Finance

Adopting the innovative modes of online financing, like Internet and big data, to improve the coverage rate of credits
Keeping up with the new changes of rural payment environment and farmers payment habits to combine the Internet-based Sannong basic financial services with customers’ production and life; selectively promoting the upgrade of Internet-based Hui Nong Tong service points to build them into multi-functional integrated financial service stations
Integrating the internet with basic rural financial services
Special e-commerce finance as the support
While emphasizing the unique characteristic of ABC in the e-commerce finance platform, respecting the current distribution situation in county areas, starting from previous cooperation with rural supermarkets, county dealers, wholesalers, logistics parks and the subjects of agricultural production, and providing e-commerce services package to all users in the agricultural production-supply-sales chain, and improve the advancement to establish an integrated service system of e-commerce and finance.

Key performance indicators

- The number of farming households using “Hui Nong e-Loan” reached 151,000, the balance of the loans was up to RMB 15.18 billion
- We developed more use cases and payment products and upgraded 245,000 “Hui Nong Tong” service points with Internet technology accounting for 39.5% of all the service points
- The number of merchants using “Hui Nong e-Tong” reached 1.56 million with transactions of RMB 249.15 billion

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ABC “No. 1 Project” Making Innovations to Serve “Sannong”
Writing a New Chapter for Payment Systems Benefiting the Farmers

The issue of “Sannong” concerns our country’s stability and our people’s wellbeing. Serving “Sannong” and making rural areas stronger, ABC complies with the new changes, new characteristics and new trends in agriculture and rural economy, focuses on serving key areas including the “Big Sannong,” “New Sannong” and “Unique Sannong,” and improves the quality of “Sannong” financial services.

The focus of the strategy of serving rural revitalization with finance

Focusing on the “thriving businesses”, we will further promote the financial services for the modern industrial system in rural areas.

Focusing on improving quality of life, we will strengthen the support for rural infrastructure construction and environmental protection.

Focusing on prosperity, we will work harder on targeted financial poverty alleviation and provide financial services related to people’s livelihood.

Focusing on “rural governance” and “social etiquette and civility”, we will actively promote the building of financial ecology.

To do the best in serving “Sannong” will give the ABC financial business department the new development opportunities.

It is an important choice for ABC to seize the market opportunity and start a new “Sannong” financial business.

It is an important choice for ABC to strengthen its advantages, and improve the competitiveness of “Sannong” business.

Formulating the Opinions on Implementing the “No 1 Central Document”, Serving “Sannong” and Developing County Area, ABC specifies the focus of “Sannong” financial services and the direction of reform and innovation, and further promotes the reform of Sannong Financial Business Department. ABC also issues the Policies for Supporting Strong Counties with Strong Branches, and Policies for Supporting Strong Counties with less-developed Branches, so as to fully support the development of county-level branches and improve the capability to serve “Sannong”.

Effective measures for the strategy of serving rural utilization with finance

To pay close attention to the top-level design and arrangements of supporting policies.

To make targeted innovations in “Sannong” financial business.

To accelerate the “No.1 Project” of serving “Sannong” with Internet-based financial services.

To further deepen the reform in “Sannong” financial business department.

To further strengthen internal coordination and external cooperation.

Serving the supply security of agricultural products

It is our responsibility to serve the national food security strategy. While formulating the Opinions on Providing Good Financial Services to the Functional Zone of Grain Production and Production Protection Zone for Major Agricultural Products, and the Opinions on Providing Good Financial Services to the Collection and Storage of Major Agricultural Products Including the Grain, we have provided financial support to the supply security of agricultural products in the market by focusing on 13 major grain production provinces (districts) and 800 counties with greatest crop production. By the end of 2017, ABC has granted agriculture-related loans of RMB 1.64 trillion to the 13 major grain production areas throughout China.

Irrigation and drainage project is the key foundation for realizing stable and high agricultural output and ensuring national food security. Actively responding to the plan for developing high-standard farmland in China, ABC has issued the Opinions on Providing Financial Service for High-Standard Farmland Construction and Credit Policies on Supporting High-Standard Farmland Construction, and continuously promoted financial services for farmland construction. Providing strong support for water conservancy projects, we tried our best to satisfy the financing demands of 172 major national water conservancy projects.

By the end of 2017, the balance of loans for water conservancy projects was up to RMB 335.30 billion from 2010.
By the end of 2017, the balance of loans for leading enterprises of agricultural industrialization reached RMB 151.75 billion, an increase of RMB 10.79 billion from the beginning of 2017.

The balance of loans for specialized farmers’ cooperatives and their members was RMB 22.90 billion, an increase of RMB 4.07 billion from the beginning of 2017.

According to the strategic pattern of agriculture which is comprised of “Seven Zones and Twenty-Three Areas” 1, ABC initiated the special project of “Top 100 featured agriculture production areas” to support the development of advantageous endemic agricultural products and local featured agriculture. ABC issued the Guiding Opinions on Service for Agricultural Supply-side Structural Reform and Financial Services for the Development of “Three Zones, Three Parks and One Complex” 2, and the Opinions on Providing Good Financial Services for the Cultivation of New Agricultural Business Entities, and enhanced the support for the leading enterprises of agricultural industrialization and specialized farmers’ cooperatives to make full play of their leading role in developing modern agriculture and increasing rural incomes.

1 “Seven Zones and Twenty-Three Areas” refers to seven major agricultural production areas and twenty-three kinds of agricultural products such as the wheat, corn, and cotton.

2 “Three Zones, Three Parks and One Complex” refers to the functional zones for grain production, protection zones for major agricultural products, and advantage zones for featured agricultural products, modern agricultural industrial park, science park and pioneer park, the pastoral complex.

Measures of supporting agricultural modernization

- Formulate guiding opinions including the Opinions on Providing Good Financial Services for the Cultivation of New Agricultural Business Entities and Opinions on Carrying out the Special Financial Service Project of “Top 100 Featured Agriculture Production Areas”.
- Promote the special campaigns of “Ten Billion Financing for a Hundred Companies” and “Deepening Promotion of 10 Thousand Cooperatives”, support the development of new agricultural operation entities such as leading enterprises and specialized agricultural cooperatives, by the end of 2017, 80 customers were listed in the “Ten Billion Financing for a Hundred Companies” with the balance of loans of RMB 32.94 billion; for the “Deepening Promotion of 10 Thousand Cooperatives” campaign, the balance of loans reached RMB 22.90 billion, with 1,917 new cooperatives receiving financial services.
- Encourage innovative services with a focus on “Seven Zones and Twenty-Three Areas”, strengthen the support for the development of advantageous endemic agricultural products and local featured agriculture. By the end of 2017, the balance of loans for featured agriculture production areas reached RMB 15.18 billion.
- Increase the support for every link of the agricultural industry chain and promote the integration and development of the agricultural industry; focus on supporting large agricultural enterprises that cover the whole-industrial-chain integration; support high value-added projects such as the deep-processing of agricultural products and cold-chain logistics; promote the participation of specialized agricultural cooperatives and their members; conduct thorough research on the demonstration projects jointly started with the Ministry of Agriculture.
- Provide financial services package for international investment and cooperation in agriculture; convene interministerial joint meetings for international agricultural cooperation; support the financial promotion conference for international agricultural cooperation; participate in the targeted matchmaking meetings, launched by the Ministry of Agriculture, of “10+10” banks and businesses on agriculture to “Going Global”.

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ABC’s service spans both the rural and urban markets, we have the natural advantage to serve new-type urbanization. By formulating policies for serving new-type urbanization and beautiful countryside, innovating loan products for urbanization, giving priority to satisfying the funding needs of urbanization projects, and exploring the modes of county-level tourism financial services such as the mode of “tourism + characteristic towns”, ABC has boosted the orderly flow of financial factors in rural and urban areas and the development of new-type urbanization. By the end of 2017, the balance of county-level urbanization loans was RMB 562.52 billion, an increase of RMB 162.47 billion from the beginning of the year; the balance of county-level tourism loans was RMB 28.93 billion with an increase of RMB 10.6 billion from the beginning of the year.

Conducting business investigations and researches of urbanization
learn about the needs of financial service for the development of characteristic towns and beautiful countryside.

Innovating the loan products for urbanization
launch innovative products such as the “loans for comprehensive improvement of environment in small towns”, “loans for beautiful and livable rural and urban areas” and “loans for developing beautiful countryside”.

Carrying out the “Green Homes for Hundreds of Cities and Thousands of Towns” initiative
support city infrastructure construction and provide financial services of integrating financing and collaborative intelligence.

Promoting county-level PPP financing business
coordinate with the Ministry of Finance (MOF) and National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) to set up the database for county-level PPP projects.

Measures of supporting the new-type urbanization

Supporting the development of characteristic towns
issue the Marketing Guidelines for Developing Characteristic Towns and work out differentiated financial service plan and supporting service strategies.

Conducting rural land reclamation business
revise the Measures on Management of Loans for Rural Land Reclamation in Agricultural Bank of China, and provide loan services for rural land reclamation. By the end of 2017, the balance of loans to rural land reclamation was RMB 11.23 billion.

ABC has expanded county-level loans amount, supported the development of new agricultural operation entities, and given full play of the exemplary role of “large family businesses” and “skilled farmers” to lead farmers to gain more incomes and fortune. ABC has expanded “Hui Nong Tong” convenient service stations and improved rural financial infrastructure; ABC has granted “farmer resettlement loans” to improve the living quality of farmers and help them to live a pleasant life.

By the end of 2017, the balance of farmer loans was RMB 206.04 billion, the number of Hui Nong Cards issued by ABC was 206 million, the electronic devices for “Kins Hui Nong Tong” have covered 74.4% of administrative villages, the “farmer resettlement loans” amounted to RMB 182.02 billion.

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A characteristic town in Suzhou—Zhenze Town, Wujiang District (Photo by Yao Li from Zhenze Branch, Suzhou)

The employee of “Yin Xun Tong” service station in Xuanya Village explains financial knowledge (Photo from Zhaojue County Sub-branch, Sichuan province)

The customer manager introduces the “farmer resettlement loans” (Photo by Shi Yan from Huai’an Branch, Jiangsu province)

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By the end of 2017, ABC has totally held 1,453 training courses throughout the year with 47,000 people being trained

Increasing loans to large and specialized family businesses (family farms)
By the end of 2017, the balance of loans to large and specialized family businesses (family farms) reached RMB 65.6 billion up by RMB 12.8 billion as compared to the beginning of this year.

Increasing loans to large and specialized family businesses (family farms)

Carrying out financial knowledge training for large and specialized family businesses.

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Strengthening services for large and specialized family businesses (family farms)
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Engaging in Targeted Poverty Alleviation

It is an important mission for ABC to promote poverty relief and poverty alleviation. Fully implementing the requirements for winning the battle of poverty alleviation and securing a decisive victory in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects proposed in the 19th National Congress of the CPC, ABC promotes more targeted financial and innovative poverty alleviation, strengthens external cooperation on poverty alleviation, and spares no efforts in targeted poverty alleviation, through which ABC makes contributions to realizing the goal of ensuring rural residents live above the poverty line by 2020.

In 2017, ABC has issued a series of targeted financial poverty alleviation policies, continuously increased the loans to poverty-stricken areas, especially supported key areas and weak links of economic and social developments in the poor areas, such as the infrastructure construction, development of modern agriculture, county-level industrial enterprises, small and micro enterprises and projects that benefit people. To help areas in severe poverty to win the battle of poverty alleviation, ABC formulated the Opinions on Helping Areas in Severe Poverty Win the Battle of Poverty Alleviation, significantly strengthened the efforts in financial poverty alleviation and promoted financial poverty alleviation in these areas. ABC implemented specialized assessment for key counties of national poverty alleviation with specialized annual credit plans.

At the end of 2017, the balance of the loans granted to 832 key counties of national poverty alleviation was RMB 815.07 billion, an increase of RMB 110.66 billion over the beginning of 2017, up by 15.71%.

Major policies for targeted poverty alleviation issued in 2017

- The Opinions on Making a Good Job of the Financial Poverty Alleviation in 2017
- The Opinions on Making a Good Job of the Targeted Poverty Alleviation in 2017
- The Opinions on Helping Areas in Severe Poverty Win the Battle of Poverty Alleviation with Financial Support
- The Special Plan for Evaluating Financial Poverty Alleviation in 2017

### Improving the modes and policies of poverty alleviation

- Helping villages in extreme poverty burst into bloom of “property”
- The “Rose” of desert blooms with the watering of finance
- Building a “high ladder” of financial poverty alleviation on the step
- Financial workers walking through the cow dung pave a road of fortune
- Levering the poverty alleviation situation with credits

Scan the QR code to learn more about ABC’s work on poverty alleviation:

- We have set up branches in poverty-stricken areas
- By the end of 2017, ABC offered pension insurance in 1,425 counties for the urban and rural residents and new rural cooperative medical insurance in 920 counties. We also secured a total of 5,586 agricultural related financial funds and 9,954 public utility projects.
- We have established an online sales channel for featured products in 10 key counties.
- We have set up branch outlets in poverty-stricken counties, and accelerate the “Huinongtong” project in poverty-stricken villages beyond branch outlets coverage areas.

### Improving basic financial services

ABC continuously promotes the basic financial services in poverty-stricken areas, and solves the “last mile” problem in basic financial services, providing more convenient modern financial services to farmers.

![Photo by Ding Piqing from Gannan Branch, Gansu province](image)
According to the regional characteristics of impoverished areas, ABC focuses on the support for major poverty alleviation projects such as new agricultural operation entities, tourism and e-commerce to implement more targeted financial alleviation.

By the end of 2017, the balance of industrial and retail poverty alleviation loans was RMB 79.45 trillion.

**Promoting industrial poverty alleviation**

- Issuing specialized supportive policies
- Drawing up county-specific financial services plans
- Assigning cadres to provide comprehensive and direct support
- Increasing the intensity of credit and the provided more targeted support of credit loans
- Poverty reduction by developing industries
- Supporting the infrastructure construction to improve the living environment of poverty-stricken areas
- Innovating products and catering the financial needs of poor households
- Comprehensively improving basic financial services

**Intensifying the support for targeted poverty alleviation**

Following out the spirit of the working conference of the CPC Central Committee on targeted poverty alleviation since 2016, ABC has given full play to its coordination and financial strengths, and helped five counties, including 4 counties targeted for poverty alleviation – Raoyang and Wuqiang in Hebei, Huangping in Guizhou and Xushan in Chongqing, as well as Fuping in Hebei (enjoying the same poverty alleviation policies as other targeted counties). In 2017, ABC has granted targeted poverty alleviation loans of RMB 2.19 billion, an increase of RMB 1.29 billion as compared with 2016, and helped 21,987 registered people with low-income.

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<td>by the Head Office assigned 5 cadres to serve the temporary positions of Deputy Magistrate or the assistant of Magistrate to the key counties targeted for poverty alleviation and Fuping County in Hebei, and dispatched 2 “First Secretaries” to impoverished villages. Apart from these efforts, we sent 5 more cadres to serve the temporary position of vice-presidents to branches to these counties.</td>
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<td>we strengthened the priority distribution of resources and made favorable policies</td>
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<td>in 2017, ABC provided 1 special fund of RMB 27.20 million for targeted poverty alleviation, carried out 34 targeted poverty alleviation projects, held 34 training classes, and implemented 20 projects of “strengthening Party building and promoting poverty alleviation”, which directly benefited 20,811 people in poverty</td>
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Stressing to promote targeted poverty alleviation through financial innovation, ABC actively innovates various financial poverty alleviation products that cater to local characteristics to help lift areas out of poverty. In 2017, ABC launched 2 innovative region-specific products (ABC has launched 11 innovative region-specific products since 2016).

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By the end of 2017, we have cooperated with 72 enterprises in 41 key counties of national poverty alleviation and held charity-sale of 388 kinds of products, with 6,198 transactions of RMB 610,000, which benefited 2,400 households.

ABC has constantly developed projects of public welfare and poverty alleviation, explored the targeted poverty alleviation mode of “ABC financial supports + leading enterprises for poverty alleviation + public welfare and poverty alleviation of sales promotion”, and held various events concerning public welfare and poverty alleviation, trying our best to lift areas out of poverty.

In 2017, ABC underwrote RMB 500 million bonds for poverty alleviation for Yinan County Urban and Rural Construction Development Co., Ltd. The bond has a term of 10 years. The entire amount of fund raised therefrom would be used for the poverty alleviation program in Yinan county. As the first social impact bond for poverty alleviation in China, it is not only of great significance to poverty alleviation, but also a great innovation in products of financial market.

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Amount of loans granted:
RMB 10.72 trillion

The balance of loans to health care industry:
RMB 36.17 billion

The balance of loans for affordable housing projects:
RMB 141.58 billion

The balance of loans to small and micro businesses:
RMB 1.36 trillion

Amount of corporate loans to strategic emerging industries:
RMB 128.02 billion

The balance of loans to educational industry:
RMB 23.40 billion
Supporting Supply-side Structural Reform

Following the national strategy and deployment of the supply-side structural reform and the five major industry-wide goals (cutting excess capacity, reducing inventory, deleveraging, reducing costs and strengthening weak sectors), we have adopted differentiated and lean industrial credit policies. We have shifted business focus to advanced equipment manufacturing and new technology industries, to a new economy including new industries, new forms of business and new modes, and to industries and businesses that promote comprehensive development. With these efforts, we develop new driving forces to promote economic transformation.

The corporate loans to strategic emerging industries was RMB 128.02 billion.

The balance of loans to the manufacturing industry was RMB 1.24 trillion, an increase of RMB 16.22 billion as compared to the beginning of the year.

The balance of loans to the happiness industries was RMB 114.7 billion, up by 11% as compared to the beginning of the year.

The loans granted to major marketing projects database was RMB 567.8 billion, an increase of RMB 208.1 billion as compared to last year.

The loans were reduced by RMB 181.4 billion to 13 industries with overcapacity and high risks including steel and coal industries.

Supporting advanced manufacturing industries
- Supporting “Made in China 2025”
- Increasing the proportion of loans to strategic emerging industries in loans for manufacturing industry
- Supporting enterprises in advanced manufacturing industries such as the intelligent manufacturing, “green” manufacturing, strong industrial bases and high-end equipment innovation industries
- Adjusting the industry layout of manufacturing customers and credit structure

Supporting the development of “happiness” industries
- Optimizing the industrial structure and customer base of “happiness” industries
- Improving the business structure
- Capital structure issuance
- Marketing guidelines for tourism, culture, sport, health, elderly care as well as education and training

Improving the marketing of major projects
- Establishing a list of international projects in our marketing database
- Releasing lists of major projects during the 13th Five-Year Plan period and projects for international production capacity cooperation to the Bank
- Issuing supportive policies such as allocating corresponding economic capital to major projects

Cutting overcapacity and strictly controlling the credit for overcapacity industries
- Implementing industry credit limit management for 13 industries with high risks and overcapacity such as the iron and steel industry and the coal industry
- Supporting the decision of government to close enterprises that violate laws and rules such as enterprises producing “low-quality steel”

Strengthening financial services in the new economy
- Proposing the marketing focus and measures of new forms of businesses including emerging strategic industries, modern service industry and high-tech industrial parks
- Drawing up differentiated policies and strategies in credit business, product innovation, accounting and assessment, and risk control

Promoting market-oriented equity swaps and supporting the deleveraging of enterprises
- Signing projects with market-oriented equity swaps, paying close attention to debt restructuring in the process of cutting overcapacity and deleveraging

Responsibility Focus
Serving National Strategies

Regional coordinated development is essential for the sound development of economy and society. The 19th National Congress of the CPC and the 2017 Central Economic Work Conference released basic requirements for promoting high quality regional coordinated development. ABC has formulated differentiated strategies for financial services to foster high quality regional coordinated development.

ABC formulated opinions on the implementation of serving the “Going Global” government policy, and steadily develops overseas institutions of ABC, which provides strong financial support for enterprises to expand internationally. In 2017, ABC won the honor of “Best Belt and Road” Chinese Bank Award for Services in the Middle East and Africa” announced by Asiamoney.

In Africa, the penetration rate of banking service is low with lack of types of financial products and services, which cannot satisfy the needs of most people. To improve local financial services, ABC actively responds to the Belt and Road Initiative, and cooperates with the government of the Republic of Congo to establish the SCBA and signed The Agreement Between Republic of Congo and the Agricultural Bank of China for Deepening Financial Strategic Cooperation and Cross-border RMB Financial Service. ABC is the first Chinese commercial bank that conducts financial cooperation with a country in central Africa.

Taking the idea of “serving the people”, SCBA fully combines ABC’s strengths in products, systems and management with the experience and resources of the Republic of Congo, and improves local general financial development so that more people in the Republic of Congo can enjoy financial services.

Case

Sino-Congolese Bank for Africa (SCBA) was established in the Republic of Congo.

The Yangtze River basin is one of economic development focuses in China and the development of the YREB concerns social economic development of China. Closely following the development of the YREB, ABC strengthens efforts to support infrastructure construction projects and economic transformation and upgrading, and continuously pushes for economic development of the YREB.
Ensuring People’s Well-being and Health

The development of science, technology, education, culture and health mostly concerns people’s livelihood. ABC actively gives full play to its strength in financial resource coordination, and improves people’s well-being through financial product innovation, service mode innovation and differentiated credit management.

Education

With continued support for educational development, ABC fosters bank-university cooperation, innovates and researches to develop the “smart campus” product, and promotes the application of digital products such as online payment system, reimbursement system, etc., so as to satisfy the needs of students and teachers for convenient financial services. By the end of 2017, the balance of loans granted to educational industry reached RMB 23.40 billion, and we have integrated our services with 234 campuses.

Healthcare

Actively responding to the national plan for medical and healthcare industries, ABC has upgraded the “Yinyitong” system, increased credit loans to medical institutions, and innovated financial service mode to provide medical and health care development. By the end of 2017, the balance of loans granted to healthcare industries was up to RMB 36.17 billion, and our Yinyitong service is used by 615 institutions.

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Serving the development of Xiong’an New Area

The development of Xiong’an New Area is crucial for national development. With the sense of responsibility as a large state-owned bank, ABC seizes the opportunity of Xiong’an New Area development, satisfies the financial needs for the development of Xiong’an New Area, and improves financial service capability in Xiong’an New Area, striving to be the pioneer and main force in the development of Xiong’an New Area.

Future plan

Building a financial service system with ABC characteristics

Coordinating with Xiong’an New Area development committees and strengthen government-bank cooperation

Establishing Xiong’an New Area Branch

Formulating the overall plan and implementation plan for serving the development of Xiong’an New Area

Taking Xiong’an New Area as a test base for financial service innovation of ABC

Setting up a special fund to serve infrastructure construction and high-end industry in Xiong’an New Area

Establishing subsidiaries and a middle and background center at a head-office-level

Intensifying priority distribution of resources to Xiong’an New Area

Supporting the coordinated development of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region

Actively promoting the coordinated development of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, with a focus on investment banking business and service, and give full play to ABC’s strength in coordination

Supporting the construction of inter-province railways and expressways as well as national and provincial highways; supporting infrastructure projects for electricity and centralized heating, and clean energy projects in new energy power generation, etc.; supporting urban environment governance projects which include tree planting, cleaning up rivers, road resurfacing and urban landscaping

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Housing security

Always giving priority to the development of affordable housing projects and renovation of rundown districts, ABC has issued special affordable housing credit policies and measures for the management of renovation loans, formulated differentiated credit policies, supported affordable housing projects and satisfied customers’ needs for affordable housing. By the end of 2017, ABC has granted loans of RMB 141.58 billion for affordable housing, representing an increase of RMB 71.25 billion and 101.32% as compared to the beginning of the year; the balance of retail loans for affordable housing was RMB 10.46 billion, representing an increase of RMB 518 million as compared to the beginning of the year.

Cultural industries

ABC explores and innovates financial services in the cultural creative field, and promotes the reform of the cultural creative system, as well as the upgrading of the cultural creative industry. In 2017, ABC signed a strategic cooperation agreement with the Beijing’s Palace Museum, striving to further explore the cultural connotations of fine traditional Chinese culture and realize mutually beneficial cooperation by fostering the integration of finance and culture. By the end of 2017, the balance of loans to cultural industries reached RMB 72.06 billion, representing a year-on-year increase of 19.18 billion.

Issuing the plan for specialized loans for areas in need of renovation and specialized product measures, ABC has regarded the renovation of older areas as a key area in the transformation of credit business operation. By the end of 2017, the balance of loan was RMB 327.12 billion, representing an increase of RMB177.49 billion and 118.61% as compared to the end of last year.

Supporting the construction of the silk cultural base in Zhenze (Photo by Wang Yi from Wujiang Branch, Suzhou)
ABC supported Ninghai Construction, Investment & Development Company to issue the first sustainable development asset securitization program and the temporary housing asset securitization program for renovation of county-area districts in China, which meet the latest ICMA standards for sustainable development bond. The proceeds raised were used to build temporary houses for renovation of districts and make environmental improvements, which played an important role in solving housing problems and protecting local environment.

Employment support

Following the CPC Central Committee’s policy of supporting employment and business startups, ABC has innovated a financial product to support startup—the business startup secured loans. The business startup secured loans exert positive impact on social development by promoting employment and entrepreneurship of low-income groups and development of entrepreneurs. By the end of 2017, ABC has provided loans of RMB 7.5 billion to help almost 193,000 people find jobs and start up businesses, showing good social benefits.

Developing Inclusive Finance

Developing inclusive finance services and providing appropriate and effective financial services to all social groups with the financial needs, is the inevitable requirement to promote the harmonious society, reflecting the responsibility of a state-owned bank. With extensive experience in risk control and cost management, ABC gives full play to its strengths in the well-established financial service system and the wide coverage of branch outlets, and integrates all the resources to realize shared information, shared risks, and shared success, striving to promote sustainable development of inclusive finance.

In 2017, the case study of “Promoting Inclusive Finance, Agricultural Bank of China” was officially included in the database of the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which is the first international themed inclusive finance case study of a large state-owned bank in China. The case thoroughly analyzed the coordinated channels and systems of “outlets, smart banks, service points and mobile finance” for inclusive financial service, and the innovation in differentiated inclusive financial products. By doing this, ABC shows the experience of exploring inclusive financial services and promotes the global innovation and development of inclusive finance.
The Bank provides various financial services including payment and settlement, as well as financing and trust financing services to key customers covered by inclusive finance such as the small and micro enterprises, farmers, urban low-income population, people in poverty and people with disabilities. While continuously improving the coverage rate, accessibility and satisfaction of inclusive financial services, the Bank focuses on small and micro enterprises as the major group of inclusive finance business, strives to be a quality brand of the “Credit Factory for Small and Micro Enterprises”, establishes a specialized financial operation system for small and micro enterprises and explores new thinking and new mode of financial services for small and micro enterprises.

By the end of 2017, the balance of loans granted to small and micro enterprises reached RMB 1.36 million.

Measures of serving small and micro enterprises
- Catering to needs and innovating products
- Promoting technology-driven development and broadening channels
- Matching resources and stressing gleaning security
- Optimizing procedures and innovating modes
- Transparent pricing and reduced fees

Innovative products and services of inclusive finance
- Differentiated credit business
- Focusing on inclusive business with a credit line of less than RMB 10 million to small and micro enterprises; and launching “Wei Yi Dai” with a credit line of less than RMB 5 million
- Online financing products
- Promoting the ERP system for core enterprises and online loans business that serve small and micro enterprises;
- Strengthening cooperation with financial technology enterprises to develop “Internet Plus” for small and micro enterprises
- Coordinating with government cooperating with government departments and parks, integrating external resources and providing financial services to small and micro enterprises including “mass entrepreneurship and innovation” enterprises and technology enterprises

ABC strives to improve the innovation ability for inclusive financial products, and develops a series of financial products with regional characteristics that are good for sales.

The product needs no guarantee and no mortgage. Small and micro enterprises can complete borrowing and repayment online without visiting one of our branches.

With flexible loan terms, enterprises can use loans according to specific cash conversion cycle.

Credible enterprises can also enjoy favorable interest rates, which greatly lowers the financing cost.

Innovative products and services of inclusive finance
- Taking advantage of financial technology
- Promoting innovation in service modes
- Applying ecosystem and platform thinking

ABC develops inclusive finance business as a way to fulfill social responsibility and promote economic transformation, and explores new technology, new products and new modes to improve the efficiency and quality of inclusive financial services.

Measures of inclusive financial services
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  - The economy of scale of smaller loans reduces the marginal cost of inclusive financial services and realizing better risk management
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During the 19th CPC National Congress of the Communist Party of China, it discussed creating a market-oriented green technology innovation system, developing green finance, supporting energy conservation and environmental protection industry, cleaner manufacturing industry, as well as clean energy industry. Developing green finance is an important measure for achieving green development and also an important part of supply-side structural reform. Fully implementing the spirit of the 19th CPC National Congress and green development, ABC formulated the Development Plan for Green Finance of Agricultural Bank of China (2017-2020). By planning with a broad outlook, and improving green finance business and green finance service system, ABC is committed to being a leading bank in practicing green finance.

Since the Development Plan for Green Finance of Agricultural Bank of China (2017-2020) was carried out, on specific conditions of different regions and environment, ABC implemented working plans, improved green finance management, made innovations in products and services, and strengthened international cooperation in green finance. As a result, ABC took a leading role in the development of green finance in China.

We will keep combining social responsibility fulfillment and sustainable development, actively promote innovation of green finance products and services so that we can provide strong support for green development and coordinated progress in economic, political, cultural, social and ecological areas.

We will actively promote the development of green finance. ABC also won the honor of "Best Domestic National Commercial Bank in China" in the competition of banking industry held by Asia Money in 2017. The first security supported by green assets in Shanghai Stock Exchange – "Special Plan Backed by the Green Asset of Right to ABC Suiying & Jinfeng Technology Wind Power Tariffs" won the "The Best Securitization Prize" under Triple A Country Awards in 2016 announced by The Asset in Hong Kong.
Dedication to Green Finance

Green credit

Focusing on the national strategy of green development, and in compliance with the Guiding Opinions on Building Green Finance System jointly issued by the seven ministries and commissions including the People’s Bank of China, Ministry of Finance, and the Green Credit Guidelines of the China Banking Regulatory Commission, etc., the Bank guides the allocation of more monetary resources toward green, low-carbon, and recyclable development, and implements practical methods for decision makers in terms of business with high environmental and social risks, to promote the transformation of industrial structure to a resource-conserving and environmentally friendly direction.

By the end of 2017, the balance of green credit was RMB 747.63 billion, equal to reduced emission by 21.85 million tons of standard coal, 47.8 million tons of CO2 equivalents, 160,000 tons of COD, 20,000 tons of ammonia nitrogen, 1.08 million tons of sulfur dioxide and 1.69 million tons of nitrogen oxides, plus 18 million tons of water saved.

Green credit measures

- ABC actively supported key areas including clean energy, green transport, green agriculture, green building, regional pollution prevention and treatment, industrial energy and water conservation, recycling, etc.
- ABC continuously promoted green credit cooperation with International Finance Corporation (IFC), with a focus on key parts including the management mechanism, product innovation and capacity building, so as to accelerate the process of improving our green credit management system.
- With environmental and social risk assessment the important basis for rating, access, management and withdraw, ABC strictly required unanimous consent in environmental and social risk management.
- ABC continuously strengthened the credit control of overcapacity industries, reduced excess capacity and ended businesses with high polluting customers.
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Green finance cooperation

ABC attaches great importance to international communication and cooperation and makes major breakthroughs in green finance product innovation, management mechanism and capacity building by introducing international concepts and experience. In 2017, Agricultural Bank of China (AX) was invited to the “Belt and Road Initiative” green finance research project, in order to provide cooperation policy suggestions on green finance for China-UK financial dialogue.

Securitization of green assets

ABC continues to focus on key industries and business related to green development that are relevant to the government, the people and market prospect. Based on “green city, green industry transformation, green nature development and green poverty alleviation”, ABC provides green asset securitization products with different underlying asset portfolios and structural designs.

Issuing the first credit asset securitization product with green certification of China

In December 21 in 2017, ABC issued “The 2017 first Nongying Green Credit Assets Backed Security (Zhejiang special asset securitization program named ‘Green Mountains and Clear Waters’).” As the underlying assets and the products were used for green development, the security became the first green credit asset securitization product with certification in China, which created a new mode of promoting green industries and accelerating ecological progress with investment banking tools including asset securitization. ABC issued over RMB 60 billion of “Green Mountains and Clear Waters” special loans for water conservancy and hydropower, wastewater treatment and comprehensive utilization of water resources in Zhejiang province, and effectively stimulated project investments of over RMB 150 billion.

Initiating the first asset securitization program in the national 5A-level scenic spot in China

In compliance with the requirements of supply-side reform, ABC started the first asset securitization program in the national 5A-level scenic spot in China named “ABC Suzhou Jiayitou Huizhao Special Plan Backed by the Service Charge for Huishan Mountain Scenic Spot”, with an issuance size of RMB 212 million and a term of 1 to 4 years, aiming to support the protective development of ecological tourism resources of Huishan Tourist Group.

Green bonds

Fully participating in green bonds market, ABC undertakes and issues green bonds to support energy conservation and environmental protection, pollution prevention and treatment as well as resource saving, and promote the sound development of the “green” real economy. In 2017, ABC issued 10 green bonds with proceeds of RMB 38.3 billion, in which ABC held RMB 6.16 billion.

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Green funds

By setting up different green funds, ABC supports projects in areas including rail transportation, environmental protection technology and equipment, pollution prevention and treatment, as well as waste treatment.

Case

Issuing the first non-financial enterprise green debt financing instruments

In 2017, ABC issued a medium term note of RMB 2 billion for China Three Gorges, which represented the underwriting of the first non-financial enterprise green debt financing instruments. The proceeds were used for offshore wind power projects of China Three Gorges, which complied with the regulations of “clean and efficient use of energy” and “new energy development” in the Issuance Guidelines for Green Bonds released by National Development and Reform Commission, and also the requirements for the use of proceeds of green debt financing instruments made by China, National Association of Financial Market Institutional Investors.

Supporting green development of Xiong’an New Area

ABC was the first to propose the green development plan for Xiong’an New Area to the financial affairs office of Hebei province, earmarking a green development fund of RMB 270 billion to support the development of a green smart city, a green traffic system and the green high-tech industry in Xiong’an New Area.

Setting up the Beijing Huaxue Green Industry Development Fund

ABC set up Beijing Huaxue Green Industry Development Fund together with Beijing Huaxue Group Co., Ltd., for sanitation infrastructure construction including industrial and household waste collection, transportation and disposal, as well as upgrading projects in the sanitation industry such as recycling rubber and metal.

Setting up the Zhejiang Green and Environmental Protection Industry Fund

Together with Hangzhou Iron and Steel Group Company, ABC set up the Zhejiang Green and Environmental Protection Industry Fund, which invested in environmental protection projects that complied with national and provincial industrial plans and policies, including pollution prevention and control, solid waste disposal, environmental governance projects, environmentally friendly products and services, resource recycling business, ecological restoration of soil, building cities with permeable concrete, comprehensive utilization of biomass resources, etc.
Fully exploring the value of information technology, ABC provides more types of e-bank, to help save resources and reduce negative effects on the environment.

By the end of 2017, the number of financial transactions via e-channels was up to 44.79 billion, accounting for 97% of the total financial transactions this year;

Accelerating the integration of financial services and financial technology, and promoting the upgrading from mobile interconnection to smart interconnection

The number of mobile bank customers was 206 million, with an accumulative number of 8.82 billion transactions, up 100% year-on-year, and an accumulative amount of RMB 31.8 trillion, up 116.3% year on year;

Providing online booking services for customers through the mobile app “ABC we-service”

The WeChat official account “Agricultural Bank of China” releasing news about earthquake relief, serving Sannong development, and financial knowledge and education.

Wi-Fi covered over 28,000 branch outlets, with more than 24.09 million registered users and the daily page visit of 166,000 on average.

With the efficient and green instant messaging channel online, providing online services and reducing the use of phone call or text messages.

The number of customers who registered customer service reached over 64,500, with a usage rate of 85.94%.

The first to offer paperless ATM machines

ABC was the first to launch the ATM QR code receipt and realize paperless ATM machines.

ATM QR code receipt is a transaction voucher shown in the form of QR code, which can be saved by scanning or photographing the code with a smartphone.

Green services

Mobile banking

E-banking

Wi-Fi for Business Outlets

WeChat banking

Customer manager online

Online sales made up 98.31% of the total sales of personal wealth management products through corporate e-banking channel accounted to 88.49% of the total sales;

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Green office work

In response to the call of energy conservation, carbon reduction, “green development”, and “low-carbon finance”, ABC has put further priority on energy conservation and environmental protection in its business strategy. Due to the nature of ABC’s business, no environmental laws and regulations will cause major impact to the Bank.

Measures of green office work

- Setting up a special energy leading group to coordinate energy management of the whole bank
- Carefully implementing relevant management measures including The Energy Management System for the Head Office of the Agricultural Bank of China
- With measures of issuing Energy Conservation Notice, organizing training in energy-saving and selecting energy-saving models, carrying out in-depth energy-saving publicity and education
- Implementing centralized printing of documents in the Head Office, so as to reduce the use of paper and save office costs. In 2017, the paper consumption per capita in the Head Office is 3.04 kg
- Organizing focused training programs and improving energy-saving mechanisms, so as to promote energy conservation through management and technology transformation
- Improving water conservation by improving water conservation management system, increasing publicity and education, and implementing technological transformation

Energy consumption data

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1. Departments of organizations of the Head Office in Beijing includes The Head Office, Chemistry World Trade Center (the Business Department) and Golden, Tong International Finance Building (Software Development Center).
2. The calculation of water consumption is in accordance with the calculation method of Water Conservation Notice of China National Bureau of Statistics.
3. The sewage equals to water consumption*0.85. The sewage discharge coefficient refers to the Code of Urban Wastewater Engineering Planning (GB 50336-2007) and relevant documents of National Bureau of Statistics.
Taking Part in Environmental Protection Activities

Encouraging employees to take part in environmental protection activities such as tree planting, energy saving and emission reduction and low carbon travel, ABC guides employees to contribute to environmental protection, and build green homeland together. In 2017, The Bank organized or took part in 2,778 environmental protection activities that involved 54,135 employees.

ABC and China Youth Development Foundation jointly started the “ABC Youth Forest” project, planning to plant one thousand Mu (equivalent to about 66.7 hectares) of ecological forest to promote ecological environmental protection in Beijing–Tianjin–Hebei region. In April 21, 2017, the project was launched in Zhulu county, Hebei province. In the launching ceremony, hundreds of young volunteers took part in the voluntary tree planting activity and planted 500 trees in total.

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A PIONEER to Provide Quality Service

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Defending Against Wire Fraud

To better serve customers, the Bank strengthens customer service management, protects consumers' rights, and promotes the establishment of a healthy financial ecology. Wire fraud has adopted more high-tech means and developed through more channels along the whole industrial chain. These new methods of fraud and increasing frequency of criminal activities are seriously threatening property security and the stability of the society. Through publicity and education, as well as skill training and account protection based on the Announcement on Preventing and Cracking down on Crimes of Telecom Fraud and Notice of the People’s Bank of China on Matters Concerning Strengthening the Administration of Payment and Settlement and Preventing New-type Illegal and Criminal Activities Related to Telecommunication Network, we have advanced experience in the management of fraud-related crimes and have accelerated the formation of a long-term governance mechanism. This effort is a result of combining the functions of anti-theft technologies and civil defense, so as to enhance the prevention and control of internet or wire fraud.

We used various forms of internet and traditional marketing, including posters and videos, typical cases, sharing in accordance with the Notice on Organizing the Publicity Month Activity about Cracking down on New-type Illegal and Criminal Activities Related to Telecommunication Network, and the Publicity Month Activity through branch outlets, websites, WeChat, the "Six Visits" marketing campaign, to enhance customers’ ability to recognize and prevent fraud.

Tips on Preventing Wire Fraud

Four Don’ts

- Don’t pay
- Don’t assume
- Don’t leak private information
- Don’t click the link

Eight Alls

Typical examples of fraud:

- Public security authorities asking for payment
- Requested payment to a “secure” account
- Payment for sweepstake prizes or rebates
- Request payment from unknown party on behalf of a family member
- Request of personal information or identification code
- Verify personal information
- Pose as coworker asking for payment
- Unusual web links

In 2017, the Bank actively protected against wire fraud, canceled 15,800 ATM transfers, detected 9,301 suspicious accounts reported 49 criminal accounts to the public security department, stopped 23,287 wire frauds.

Resiliency is critical to maintaining social harmony and stability and to protecting the property of customers, further establishing our reputation as a responsible state-owned bank brand.

Skill Improvement: Counter-fraud

The Bank organized employees to read brochures and watch educational videos to further their understanding of the harm caused by wire fraud. Trainings on all types of frauds and preventive measures were held to enhance employees’ vigilance and prevention awareness. By strengthening coordination and cooperation with public security authorities, we aim to jointly resist wire fraud.

“Green Shield”: Protecting Account Security

One customer sets up one Category I account under the same phone number of his/her own ID number
Non-counter transfer management which permits successful ATM transfer after a 24-hour hold
Suspending non-counter transaction services after six months of inactivity
Forbidding the leasing, borrowing, selling and purchasing of banking accounts. Suspending non-counter banking services for suspicious accounts (including restricting the opening of new accounts)
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Protecting Customers’ Rights and Interests

The Bank lays emphasis on the protection of consumers’ rights and interests. We strengthened the system and organizational structure for protecting customers’ rights and interests, included the protection of consumers’ rights and interests into the auditing process, and revised the Administration of Audio and Video Recording in Sales Sections of Branch Outlets of Agricultural Bank of China in accordance with the latest regulatory requirements to ensure operational compliance. Adhering to the principle of fairness, equality, honesty and credibility, we disclosed information about service prices, protected customer information, addressed complaints, stop-loss and provided compensation mechanisms, and cracked down on financial crimes to maximize the protection of customers’ rights and interests.

According to requirements stipulated in the Circular on Canceling and Suspending the Charge for Basic Financial Services Provided by Commercial Banks, the Bank canceled and suspended the charge for some basic financial services, further standardizing service fees for enterprises and protecting consumer rights and benefits.

Strengthening information security


The Bank established a systematic prevention and control system and a long-term mechanism to enhance employees’ ability to prevent financial crimes, and made proper publicity about related knowledge among customers, thus effectively preventing financial crimes and ensuring the security of funds and information of customers.

Building an anti-fraud technology platform.

Collaborating with the Ministry of Public Security, National Development and Reform Commission, the People’s Bank of China, China Banking Regulatory Commission, Supreme People’s Court, General Administration of Customs and other related authorities to get access to information of concerned personnel and their account data and to effectively identify, monitor and prevent risks.

Promoting judicial inquiry system.

Formulating the Notice on Strengthening the Administration of the Judicial Inquiry System of Agricultural Bank of China, organizing judicial inquiry training courses, and conducting judicial inquiry compliance inspections.

Sharing information on the data platforms.

Collaborating with the Ministry of Public Security, People’s Bank of China, Supreme People’s Court, Ministry of State Security and General Administration of Customs to share information on the data platforms, so as to build an all-encompassing network for cracking down on criminal activities.

Establishing a rewarding mechanism for whistle-blowers.

Formulating the Measures for Rewarding Whistle-blowers for Criminal Cases of Agricultural Bank of China (for Trial Implementation) to encourage employees to voluntarily discover and promptly report all kinds of criminal activities.

Anti-money laundering

The Bank strictly abides by requirements stipulated in the Opinions on Improving the Regulatory Systems and Mechanisms for Fighting Against Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Tax Evasion, Anti-money Laundering Law of the People’s Republic of China and Counterterrorism Law of the People’s Republic of China and other laws and regulations while promoting centralized, professional and systematic reform of anti-money laundering work, continued to conduct customer identification and due diligence, and has effectively promoted the monitoring of high-value transactions and suspicious transactions. We assisted the judiciary in carrying out inquiries and freezing of assets, and organized anti-money laundering and sanction compliance training, all of which played an important role in safeguarding national security and social stability.

Anti-counterfeit Currency

We intensively strengthened the anti-counterfeit training and professional accreditation for bank tellers to improve their skills for identifying counterfeit currency; validating serial numbers and recording the serial number of each deposit and withdrawal to provide technical support for public security agencies to resolve disputes and detect criminal activities related to counterfeit currency; by setting up counterfeit currency monitoring stations in business outlets with large cash flow, we provide support for the nationwide counterfeit currency monitoring and detection of counterfeit currency-related cases.
Providing High-quality Customer Service

To better serve customers, the Bank integrates service resources, improves facilities and equipment, and provides innovative services. We are committed to setting ourselves as an example in the industry and building our brand image by offering better customer service.

Upgrading branch outlets

The Bank released the Opinions on Further Strengthening and Improving the Service and Management of Branch Outlets to improve the distribution of branch outlets as well as their service.

The Bank has established a comprehensive business platform covering fund management, securities and investment banking, financial leasing, life insurance, and equity swaps, and has been continuing to implement the comprehensive business strategy.

By the end of 2017, 22 overseas branch outlets and one joint-venture bank have been established in 17 countries and regions, forming a core network of overseas institutions covering five continents.

Measures taken to improve service quality

- Improving service skills.
  - establishing the special fund of “Going Global”; improving relevant systems of “Going Global”; carrying out specialized marketing activities for “Going Global”; improving country risk limit management

- Setting a good example.
  - Created a list of the best branch outlets as rated by the China Banking Association; conducted the selection of outlets which meet the requirement of “beautiful environment, excellent service, high efficiency and zero complaint” and the selection of “Outstanding Lobby Managers” to give play to the leading role as an exemplar in the industry

- Strengthen supervision and inspection.
  - Organized and recorded spot inspections made by plain-clothes staff; provided channel for providing feedback on customer service; established teams of young interns to experience the services offered by branches and put forward suggestions for improvements; conducted surveys on service satisfaction among customers and employees of major branches, and realized a customer satisfaction rate 89.2 points, a year-on-year increase of 2.7%

In the 2017 brand building campaign organized by the China Banking Association, 13 branch outlets of ABC, such as the business department of Wenzhou Branch of Zhejiang, received the title of Exemplary Unit of Chinese Banking Service and 2 branch outlets won the Honorable Mention.

ATMs with facial recognition

When customers withdraw money, the machine will conduct facial recognition based on previously recorded customer data. It then verifies the customers’ account information, including mobile phone number, ID card number, and the transaction password. Customers do not need to bring a bank card and can directly withdraw their money. As of the end of 2017, 30 branches added facial recognition function to 6,672 ATMs.

Intelligent robot

A multifunctional robot greets customers and provides them with information about our business. As an assistant to the lobby manager, the robot is equipped with facial recognition technology, which enables it to identify customers as well as their age with its integrated camera. It can help customers register for cards, deposit, withdraw and transfer money, as well as with their wealth management services.

Scan the QR code to watch the report of Chinese Business News on ABC’s ATMs with facial recognition functionality

By integrating information technology and traditional banking business, the Bank has created an internet-based financial service platform with its own characteristics, aiming to improve financial services that are more intelligent.
Innovative 
products and 
services

In 2017, the Head Office launched a total of 608 products, an increase of 48 products compared with the previous year.

Moreover, the Bank launched 351 product innovation projects, of which 103 projects were implemented by the Head Office and 248 by branches.

The innovation management system integrates product innovation collection, innovation transformation, and sharing of the products of the Head Office and featured products of branches via closed-loop management that relies on the Bank’s product information. This acts as an incubator for internal product development, similar to start-ups in the private sector.

The “ABC e-innovation” system is a platform for product innovation that applies technology, enhances innovation, and disperses innovation throughout the Bank and improves the incentive mechanism for innovation by setting up special rewards and bonuses.

The financial technology which features big data and artificial intelligence technology is playing an increasingly important role in the business development and internal management of commercial banks. On June 20, 2017, ABC and Baidu signed a strategic cooperation agreement and co-established the “FinTech Joint Laboratory”. Based on the complementary advantages and strengths of the two parties, the Bank and Baidu will create creative products and services to meet diversified customer demands.

As one of China’s largest and most strategically positioned financial enterprises, Agricultural Bank of China is the leading practitioner of inclusive finance. At the same time, Baidu owns the world’s most advanced artificial intelligence technology. Finance is a key sector for the application of AI technology, and through collaboration in AI FinTech (AI-financial technology), ABC and Baidu will usher in an era of intelligent finance for the banking industry.

——— Robin Li, CEO and founder of Baidu

Promoting the sharing of information about the latest innovative products, so that they can be spread and promoted to all sectors of the Bank in a rapid manner; further improving product innovation ability of the Bank.

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The Bank now supports more than 170 applications in the market, including mainstream payment tools such as Alipay, WeChat, UnionPay, Jingdong and Meituan, as well as APPs of 14 commercial banks, including ICBC, ABC, BC, CCB, BoCom, and so forth. The Bank generates only a QR code for each customer (the QR code is installed on the checkout counters), and the customer is free to choose any payment tools on his mobile phone to scan the code and complete the transaction.

We added Huawei Pay and Mi Pay to our payment portfolio, which had already included Apple Pay and HCE. After binding their credit card or debit card on Huawei Wallet and Mi Wallet applications, customers are able to complete transactions by simply swiping their mobile phones.
Agricultural Bank of China 95599 customer service center

Case
Analyzing and discussing customer complaints

The Bank has several support channels for customer issues, strengthened the analysis and management of customer complaints, and improved the complaint handling efficiency and customer satisfaction degree.

Responding to complaints proactively

Criminals have numerous means of defrauding others. Some customers are easily induced and prone to complaint to the bank after suffering money loss. The Bank analyzed and solved problems from the customer's point of view, guided customers patiently, appeased customers' mood and provided solutions as soon as possible, so as to help customers recover their loss in a timely manner.

In 2017, our customer Ms. Zuo notified customer service center about unauthorized activity on her account. The representative quickly reversed the unauthorized transfer through the banking system after verifying her information. Then Ms. Zuo was told when the amount will become available again in her account. The efficient work of the customer service representative prevented the customer from being a victim of fraud.

Credit Currency

Credit Currency provides customers with virtual credit account service, covering online and offline consumption, installment and overdraft transfer, etc. The application for the service is rather simple. Customers can enjoy the convenient service immediately through ABC's mobile APP.

“ABC Campus Loan”

By taking advantage of information technology, we offer full-time undergraduates and graduate students micro-loans to support their daily expenses, business ideas, training programs, etc. The service is processed online with high efficiency and outstanding customer experience. It was introduced to provide a better campus financial market for college students and to provide them with safe, high quality financial services.

Data network loan - “Cloud chain” loan

Customers can borrow and repay a loan instantly at an amount determined in line with the sum of the amount hashed between the upstream/downstream customer and the core enterprise. This service features intelligent decision making, credit-based lending, nationwide coverage, customized financing and automatic process.

PhoenixMiles (co-branded) Credit Card / China Southern Sky Pearl (co-branded) Credit Card

The Bank issued the PhoenixMiles (co-branded) Credit Card with Air China and issued the China Southern Sky Pearl (co-branded) Credit Card with China Southern Airlines. The two cards integrate financial functions and business travel services.

Major Product Innovations of ABC in 2017

Formulating the Measures for the Management of Complaints from Personal Customers of the Agricultural Bank of China (for Trial Implementation), establishing a special meeting system, holding regular special meetings and researching customer complaints and suggestions as well as problems detected through investigations.

Amending and improving the Measures for the Joint Management of Customer Service at the Agricultural Bank of China, realizing integrated management of customer service and customer solutions and enhancing the complaint protocol.

In 2017, we received 46,200 complaints from customers. 100% of them properly handled resulted in an overall customer satisfaction degree of 98.84%.

In 2017, the Bank won the “Customers Service Collaboration Award” issued by China UnionPay.

Complaint Management Mechanism

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to Lead Employee Career Paths

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The percentage of employees that are trade union members is 100%.

Holding
29,900 training classes
Assisting almost 30,000 employees

Training
1.61 million employees

487,307 in-service employees
8,007 university graduates and college-graduate village officials newly recruited with an increase of 3,046 from the previous year

Female employees make up 46.6% of total employees

812 employees in overseas subsidiaries

8,007 in major domestic subsidiaries
Power of Role Models

Adhering to “Stressing both integrity and ability with the integrity as the foundation respecting and selecting talents based on performance,” the Bank keeps encouraging employees with the role models, guiding employees to learn from them and improve themselves, through which we pass on positive energy and inspire society. Employees of ABC perform their duties with a cautious and conscientious attitude and in a practical way, work hard and are ready to take on responsibilities. Many of them are role models who have been honored with the National May 1 Labor Medal and excellent members of the CPC of China, which demonstrates the good character and quality of ABC employees and creates a good social atmosphere.

Dedication
Holding a post in the snow-covered plateau

As a member of the Party in ABC, I will further study and pass on the spirit of the 19th CPC National Congress and devote myself to learning banking business and skills so as to provide better financial services to people in Tibet.

Dawa
Vice-operations Manager of Shiqu County Sub-branch of ABC in Sichuan province

Pacing down the spirit of craftsmanship
A role model of responsibility fulfillment

Located in Garze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in the northwest of Sichuan province and at the junction of Sichuan, Qinghai and Tibet, Shiqu county, the “life addiction zone” has an average elevation of 4,568 meters. Despite the difficult life and working environment, Dawa constantly strives to improve his skills, fulfill responsibilities, and improve the service quality of his branch.

Because of long-time working and living in the cold plateau, Dawa suffers from serious pleurisy and cerebral edema, and his health continues to worsen. However, he keeps performing his duty and carefully provides business services with a more dedicated attitude after the surgery. As a member of the CPC, he gets to the grain-right, and promotes the “getting close and getting in pairs”. He has visited more than 3,000 herdsmen and provided translation service for over 3,000 times, and made great contributions to social stability of Shiqu county. In 2017, Dawa attended the 19th CPC National Congress as a representative of the financial industry, and listened to President Xi’s report.

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Wang Dongyun
Vice General Manager of Business Department of Wujin Sub-branch of Changzhou Branch of ABC

The spirit of craftsmanship

Wang Dongyun created a new way of counting cash by shaking right arms, which has been commonly used in financial skills competition. In 2017, she won the “Impossible Challenge” show of China Central Television in CCTV-1. She completed the task of counting cash by listening to the sound, and succeeded in the challenge on the first try, showing the charm of craftsmanship in China.

Carrying forward the spirit of the role model

Wang Dongyun gives training and careful guidance of cash-counting skills to new employees of the Jiangsu Branch. She believes, “counting cash is a basic skill in our bank. I would like to be a pioneer and train more apprentices to help them master the skill, so that the cash counting skill in ABC can be improved and the spirit of craftsmanship can be passed down.”

Great achievements

Wang Dongyun has won the cash-counting championship in the national competition of ABC, the National May 1 Labor Medal and the title of an excellent member of the CPC of China. The “Yi”, her apprentice, won the championship of counting cash on “Can’t Beat for Single Counting” in the national competition of ABC in 2019, and won the crystal trophy on the episode “Cash-counting talents” of the CCTV show “China Talents” in 2017, the “Wang Dongyun Model Worker Innovation Workshop” named after her was awarded as the “National Financial System Model Worker (Excellent Skilled Talents) Innovation Workshop.”

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Wei Shiming
Lobby Manager of the Litang Sub-branch of ABC in Binyang County in Guangxi Province

Growing up in the countryside made him tough

Yan Jieshi
Manager of “Sannong” Business Center of the Lankao County Sub-branch of ABC in Henan province

ABC provides safety training including how to react to a robbery, aiming to raise their awareness of safety risk prevention and improve their emergency management ability in the face of dangerous events. There was a robbery in the Litang Sub-branch in Binyang County of Guangxi in April 2017. The lobby manager, Wei Shiming, stayed calm in face of the robbery and immediately dispersed the crowd. He was then able to help subdue the suspect 10 minutes later. The safeguarded people’s life and property, and contributed to social security and stability.

Wei Shiming won the title of “Advanced Individual Acting Voluntarily to Help Others in Danger” and the “May 1 Labor Medal of Agricultural Bank of China in 2017”. His experience has been broadcasted in mainstream media including the “CCTV news” and “CCTV News Live”, winning appraisal from the public.

Yan Jieshi upbringing in rural China has improved his level of resiliency. Whatever the season or weather is, he is always the first to come to work and the last one to go home. As he keeps doing that year in and year out, the colleagues call him “iron man”. He overcomes the difficulties of lower education background and is proficient with office software and systematic management and operation of business.

Growing up in the countryside, he is dedicated to his duty

Yan Jieshi strictly follows regulations for every loan transaction he deals with, sticking to his principles. He consciously eliminates privileges with regulations, controls risk. He does a great job in fulfilling the engagement goal of providing loans and avoiding the granting of non-performing loans.

Since he became the customer manager for farmer loans of the Lankao County Sub-branch in 2008, Yan Jieshi has provided 4,452 loans of RMB 710.2 million to farmers. He has visited over 200 villages around the county, and helped 1,100 farming households solve funding problems. Loans he issued to farmers accounted to 58% of the total farmer loans in the Lankao County Sub-branch. He has won the title of “Spirited of the Iron Man” awarded by the Head Office, and the honor of “May 1 Labor Medal” and “Top 10 Good Customer Managers”.

Responsibility fulfillment for rural revitalization

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Passing down the spirit of craftsmanship

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Employees in Litang Sub-branch in Binyang County stayed calm in face of dangers and bravely fought against the robber, they show the heroic quality of our employees and deserve public praise and praise.

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Protecting Rights and Interests of Employees

Protecting rights and interests of employees serves as the foundation of stable development for the enterprise. Advocating a people-oriented approach, ABC strives to provide stable jobs and fair compensation, improve the social security system for employees, and provide a healthy work schedule.

In strict compliance with the national labor laws and regulations, ABC has actively performed its legal obligations, developed the Administrative Measures on Labor Contract, and adopted a contract system. ABC is firmly opposed to employment discrimination, forbids recruitment of child laborers and treats employees with different nationalities, religious beliefs and cultural backgrounds and of different races and genders equally and fairly.

By the end of 2017, ABC had 487,307 in-service employees in total, including 10,907 newly recruited university graduates and college-graduate village officials, increased 3,046 from the previous year. There are 8,007 employees in major domestic subsidiaries, 812 local employees in overseas institutions, and 8,007 employees in major domestic subsidiaries.

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Degree structure:
- Master’s Degree or higher: 5.2%
- Bachelor’s Degree: 46.2%
- Associate Degree: 30.5%
- Vocational school or lower: 18.1%

Democratic values
Valuing suggestions of employees for company development and management, ABC improves its democratic management system, strengthens communication with employees, and safeguards the employees’ right to participate in democratic decision-making, democratic management and democratic supervision so as to inspire the enthusiasm to engage in enterprise management.

By the end of 2017, the Annuity Scheme and Retirement Benefits Fund amounted to RMB 92.9 billion, yields of 6.6% and 5.5% respectively.

Compensation and welfare
ABC offers the benefits and welfare policies on compensation, social insurance, holidays and leave, and labor protection. ABC has set up a unified compensation system and improved the compensation and welfare structure. The compensation allocation gave favor to grassroots banks to ensure the income of grassroots employees. We have continued to improve the welfare system to set up a pension system and a supplemental medical insurance system. We optimized the management mechanism for retirement plans and stuck to prudent investment and lean management so as to ensure the retirement benefits of employees.

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ABC attaches much importance to expanding the development of young employees, and carries out the project of expanding the development of young employees in counties (2.0) in 2017. ABC held four training seminars for young employees in counties and two training seminars for rural customer managers.

Expanding the development of young employees in counties

Young people are faced with many good opportunities. The point is to make steady progress, strengthen the foundation, make unremitting efforts, and take the hardship as an opportunity to improve yourself.

——President Xi Jinping

Young employees in counties will be the new generation of leaders of ABC to serve ‘Sannong’ and the pioneers in building a world-class commercial banking corporation.

——Zhou Mubing

Concerned about the career development of employees, ABC sets up platforms for employees to develop and improve themselves. According to the principle of "equivalent level, quantity control, cross promotion and full empowerment", ABC has improved its job placement system, and provides both horizontal and vertical career opportunities. Following the trend of comprehensive development, informatization and international development, we have started the international employee cultivation program and expanded our development of new employee into new areas.

Promoting the Development of Employees

Case

Case

Allowing multiple paths for career development

In 2017, ABC has fully implemented the Opinions on Deepening the Reform on employee Development Mechanism and Opinions on Strengthening the Construction of Professional Posts, and created multiple paths for career development of employees.

Putting reforms into practice

Organizing two sessions of recruitment events for high-level professional posts, selecting 145 senior experts and around 2,200 experts and senior specialists, developing an employee development structure divided into two types: management and skilled, and mobilizing the enthusiasm, initiative and creativity of all employees.

Improving the employee development mechanism in grassroots banks

Formulating the Guiding Opinions on Improving the Post Setting in Tier-1 Branches and Business Outlets, and Notice on Strengthening Development of Professional Posts of Branches, and developing the "1+4" career development channel for outlet leaders, customer managers, wealth management managers, wealth consultants and counter managers in order to inspire the initiative of grassroots employees.

Creating high-quality service culture (Photo from Liuzhou Sub-branch, Guangxi province)
Caring for Employees

By the end of 2017, we have held 29,900 training classes that trained 1.6 million employees.

Furthering the development of ABC-University, ABC has developed special courses and innovated teaching methods, striving to build its own brand of education and training. Furthermore, ABC also expands training channels, gathers training resources and develops training methods. We have strengthened theory training with its core of studying and implementing the underlying principles of the 19th National Congress of the CPC, and enhanced business training with a focus on business transformation and financial technology, to as to help employees to improve their knowledge and work abilities.

In compliance with the requirements of laws and regulations about national occupational health, ABC has established and implemented a staff health examination system, strengthened labor protection for employees, and set up the Internet plus health management platform. ABC also has developed psychological health APP for employees to seek online consultation and complete online tests, released psychological electronic journals every month and regularly organized first aid training and lectures on psychological health. By doing this, ABC popularizes the occupational health and safety knowledge and creates a comfortable and safe environment for employees. In 2017, ABC has compiled and released 5,000 copies of The Guidebook on Caring for Psychological Health of Employees; there was no occupational disease or acute poisoning incident and no injury or death incurred on the job.

ABC shows concern for the physical and mental health of employees, provides help for the employees in need, continuously promotes corporate culture development, and enriches the life of employees, which strengthen the solidarity of the enterprise.

**Occupational health and safety**

In 2017, the Head Office dining hall passed reexamination of central authorities and received the title again of “Healthy Mess Hall of Central State Organizations”. ABC offers centralized assistance, expands the channels for providing assistance, and offers assistance to special groups including employees disabled due to injury suffered on the job or the family members of the employees who died in line of duty, model workers, single mothers, and victims of disasters. We have organized activities during New Year’s Day and Spring Festival. In 2017, we have helped almost 30,000 employees in need.

**Special help**

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ABC protects the legitimate rights and interests of female employees, organizes lectures on women’s health and provides special health care allowance and health examination to help female employees prevent diseases. ABC also innovates in setting up the nursing rooms for mothers. In 2017, the Head Office has completed special health examinations for almost 1,500 female employees.
ABC encourages employees to balance work and life, increases its investment in development of culture, life, and healthcare, improves plans for employees’ cultural activities and creates a positive and energetic environment. We have organized various recreational and sports activities such as fun sports meetings, calligraphy and photographing activities, to enhance the interaction among employees and enrich their cultural life.

1. Fun sports meeting of ABC-competition of setting-up exercises to music (Photo by Huang Shurong from Taizhou Branch, Jiangsu province)
2. The Calligraphers Association of ABC organizes the activity of “extending culture to grassroots”
3. Zhang Liang climbs to the peak of Nanga Parbat in Pakistan (Photo by Zhang Liang from Shenzhen Branch)
4. Employees honor revolutionary martyrs (Photo by Huang Yuanzhen from Fuzhou Branch, Fujian province)
5. Holding original song competition (Photo by Laing Zhiqiang from Yunnan Branch)
6. Holding the art festival of employees (Photo by Tang Lifeng from Suzhou Branch)
7. The ABC team wins the first place in team total score in the Third Workers’ Sports Meeting of National Financial System
A PIONEER to Facilitate the Social Harmony

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56,000 registered young volunteers
80,000 person-times
197,000 hours of volunteer service

Carried out over 24,000 home visits as part of the Financial Knowledge Going into Thousands of Households campaign

Benefiting nearly 19 million people

Donated a total of RMB 44.11 million to various causes
37.01 million were used for public welfare

Organized 25,000 activities for the popularization of financial knowledge

With more than 14 million participants
## Assistance for Women in Poor Areas

Ending poverty and improving the well-being of people are key actions to build a prosperous society and realize the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Bank is committed to improving the quality of life for women in poor areas and becoming a "catalyst" of a beautiful China and "booster" of the Chinese Dream.

### Our Aim

Many women in rural areas live in poverty, lack income sources, and have little access to basic social welfare such as education and health care. To help poor mothers and their families solve difficulties, and to enhance their confidence in life and ability to seek self-development, the Bank actively supports the development of women's welfare projects.

### Our Actions

We support projects that promote women's well-being and have cooperated with China Women's Development Foundation, including projects that offer women interest subsidized loans to help kick start financial independence including "Water Cellar for Mothers", "Spring Bud Project", "Small-Sum Loans with Interest Subsidy for Rural Women", "Postal Parcel for Mothers", "Healthy Mother Express", etc.

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#### Representative Projects of ABC

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  - **Donated**: RMB 10.94 million in 2017  
  - **Beneficiaries**: Nearly 200,000 women in total, including nearly 120,000 working women from China Women's Development Foundation...  
  - **Introduction**: In 2013, we donated RMB 10.94 million to "Postal Parcel for Mothers", the public welfare program launched by China Women’s Development Foundation, helping nearly 60,000 poor mothers and their families in 17 provinces and autonomous regions in central and western China, including Sichuan, Henan, Anhui, Jiangxi, etc. Women receive necessary daily supplies such as towels, handkerchiefs, sanitary pads, etc.  

- **Project**: "Healthy Mother Express"  
  - **Donated**: RMB 8.60 million in 2017  
  - **Beneficiaries**: Nearly 80,000 poor mothers and their families in 17 provinces and autonomous regions in central and western China, including Tibet, Qinghai, Ningxia, Xinjiang, Gansu, etc.  
  - **Introduction**: In 2017, ABC was awarded "Healthy Mother Express" for poverty-stricken areas in Chongqing, Hebei, Guizhou, Jilin, Yunnan, Gansu, etc.  

- **Project**: "Spring Bud Project"  
  - **Donated**: RMB 5 million in 2017  
  - **Beneficiaries**: Nearly 20,000 women in total  
  - **Introduction**: In 2014 and 2015, the Bank donated RMB 8.60 million to China Women’s Development Foundation for the purchase of 70 vehicles for "Healthy Mother Express" vehicles, which help mothers and pregnant women in remote regions and areas affected by disasters. In 2017, ABC donated 5 million RMB to China Women’s Development Foundation for the purchase of 70 vehicles for "Healthy Mother Express" and an additional 5 million RMB to support the development of women’s welfare projects...

### In 2017, ABC was awarded

- **Award**: Best Outlet Award for Social Responsibility  
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**Yang Yuncai** —— My house and all I had were destroyed by the floods. It is "Postal Parcel for Mothers" that brought me hope.

“…Flooded, whom are I entrusted to the floods? It is "Postal Parcel for Mothers" that brought me hope.”

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Popularizing Financial Knowledge

Financial Knowledge Popularization Month

People’s lives have become increasingly associated with financial activities. In order to popularize financial knowledge such as anti-counterfeiting, anti-money laundering, fraud and illegal fund-raising prevention, as well as improve public financial literacy and raise people’s awareness of financial risks, the Bank formulated The Plan of Financial Knowledge Popularization 2017, and organized relevant activities such as “Financial Knowledge Popularization Month”, “Financial Knowledge Going into Thousands of Households” and “Great Journey for Popularizing Financial Knowledge”.

In 2017, the Bank conducted over 100,000 various financial knowledge popularization activities and distributed 27.70 million publicity materials to 57 million people.

In September 2017, the Bank launched the “Financial Knowledge Popularization Month” campaign with the theme of “popularizing financial knowledge, improving financial literacy, preventing financial risks, co-developing financial harmony”, where we conducted 25,000 activities involving more than 14 million people and distributed over 7.66 million publicity materials. The campaign was viewed more than 1.80 million times on WeChat and reported by the media 879 times. ABC Changchun Training Center performed good during the “Financial Knowledge Popularization Month” campaign and was honored the title of Advanced Unit for Financial Knowledge Popularization in 2017.

Supporting Community Development

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Promoting public welfare with financial characteristics

The Financial Knowledge Going into Thousands of Households campaign

In 2017, the Head Office and branches of the Bank worked together to popularize financial knowledge in schools, communities, and enterprises, and for people living in plateau and rural areas. More than 22,000 branch outlets participated in or carried out over 24,000 activities for more than 19 million people and distributed over 7.77 million publicity materials. The Bank was selected by CBRC as an exemplary unit for its contribution to the Financial Knowledge Going into Thousands of Households campaign.

In 2017, The Bank actively participated in public and volunteer services within communities, and contributed to the country and social development. As of the end of 2017, the Bank donated a total of RMB 44.11 million (donations officially made by all domestic branches, excluding those by employees), of which 37.01 million were used for public welfare.

The Bank advocates the concept of “micro-public welfare” and cooperates with the community to build a platform for public participation in public welfare undertakings. We integrate public welfare actions and our business development to contribute to the establishment of a public-service brand with financial characteristics.

- The first online platform for charitable donation launched by Hebei Branch (Photo by Gao Hongshui from Xingtai Sub-branch, Hebei province)
- Popularizing financial knowledge (Photo by Ji Ming from Xinjiekou Sub-branch, Jiangsu)
- Bringing financial knowledge to schools (Photo by Ma Cunguo from Pingxiang Sub-branch, Xingtai, Hebei province)
- Teaching cash counting methods to officers and soldiers (Photo from Jiangxi Branch)
- From July to September 2017, the Bank launched the “Great Journey for Popularizing Financial Knowledge” campaign with the specific themes of “Payment and Settlement Account Safety Promotion Monthly”, “Electronic Intelligent Service Promotion Month”, and “Telecommunications and Internet Fraud Prevent Promotion Month”, distributing over 12 million publicity materials and receiving over 24 million consumers. Due to the remarkable success of the campaign, ABC was awarded by China Banking Association the Best Performance Award for the undertaking.

Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2017
The Bank has created a donation platform “Small Credits • Big Dream” as part of its public welfare program in 2015. This platform allows ABC credit card holders to pool “charity points” together and converted into the public welfare funds to support various causes and programs, including the Hope Project, Health Growth of Left-behind Children and environmental protection. As of the end of 2017, a total of RMB 2.17 million of funds were raised. In the past two years, the program helped 222 classes of rural primary schools set up libraries and subsidized 400 at-risk children to complete their studies. By far, more than 10,000 students benefited from the program. In the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, nearly 1,000 Mu of “ABC youth forests” were constructed as a part of our commitment to contributing to ecological progress and building a beautiful China with ABC’s youth volunteers.

Youth volunteer services

The Bank formulated The Articles of ABC Youth Volunteer Association and The Management Measures of Young Volunteer Registration to give full play to the dedication of young employees, and guide them to care for others, love society and protect nature. In 2017, volunteer activities were carried out to help left-behind children and sanitation workers, blood drives, as well as provide student subsidies. More than 80,000 young volunteers participated in the services totaling more than 197,000 volunteer hours.

Beautiful urban environment would not be possible if there were no sanitation workers. However, they often face difficulties in getting drinking water, places to rest and hot meals. Therefore, the Bank makes full use of the large number of branch outlets and has set up lounges for sanitation workers. In 2017, more than 633 lounges were set up at 21 branches, of which nearly 196 lounges were established at branches in counties.

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Employees at the “Gold 100 Seconds”, Sharing Experience of Helping the Visually Impaired

On the night of December 24, 2017, Tan Xu and Xu Zhi, members of the volunteer group, took the stage of the “Gold 100 Seconds”, a TV show aired by CCTV3. The two employees of ABC narrated the experience of helping the blind and showed their talent. As of the end of 2017, the volunteer group had presented 48 movies to visually impaired people.

Scan the QR code for the clip of our volunteers at the “Gold 100 Seconds”
Providing Relief to Disaster Areas

The Bank is quick to act in event of disasters, carries out rescue missions and provides financial support to affected areas.

Disaster relief

When disaster strikes, the Bank assumes its responsibilities and promptly initiates the disaster emergency response mechanism and rapid rescue plan to participate in rescue operations. In 2017, the Bank conducted rescue operations for typhoon “Hato” in Guangdong Province, floods in south China, the earthquake in Ludian, mudslide in Maoxian County, Sichuan Province and the earthquake in Jiuzhaigou, Sichuan Province.

ABC’s Natural Disaster Response Mechanism

Initiating emergency response plan and setting up the disaster relief group responsible for the unified arrangement and command of relief operations

Inspecting the affected branches in disaster areas and visiting local employees, examining the damage to personnel, property and other aspects; comforting affected staff and preventing secondary disasters

Resuming business to ensure the normal operation of self-service equipment

Opening up expedited channels to provide organizations and people in disaster areas with quick financial service

Formulating special financial relief programs based on the research on the financial needs of affected areas

Coordinating with local electric power and water supply organizations to guarantee logistic support and production recovery

Briefing People’s Bank of China and China Banking Regulatory Commission after verifying damage

For post-disaster reconstruction, the actual needs of people afflicted by disasters need to be addressed. As a financial institution, the Bank assumes its responsibilities, helping enterprises in disaster-afflicted areas resume production and supporting the restoration of infrastructure.

Providing Effective Financial Services for Earthquake Relief Work

After the earthquake in Jiuzhaigou, the Bank promptly repaired facilities and resumed operations when communication was interrupted and branches were damaged. On the first day after the earthquake, 286 deposits totaling RMB 5.4 million were processed for the people in the quake-stricken areas; 279 deposits were withdrawn, amounting to RMB 5.19 million. In addition, 23 disaster relief expedited channels were successively opened up at branches to provide advice and disaster relief services for 3,000 people. The Bank also set up “Financial Service Stations for Earthquake Relief Work” and youth service teams to provide financial services for people in the disaster areas.

Case

An Employee of ABC Saves the Life of Tourists when Earthquake Struck

On August 8, 2017, Han Shengbiao, who worked for the Department of System Operation and Management of the Data Center, and his family experienced an earthquake during their trip in Jiuzhaigou. Their bus was hit by rocks. Immediately after finding a safe spot for his family, Han bravely turned to rescue injured passengers who remained in the bus. Then, Han and his wife who was a doctor helped treat the injured passengers. In 2017, Han was awarded “Excellent Party Member of Agricultural Bank of China”. Meanwhile, the Bank was awarded “Shanghai Advanced Group of Righteous Behavior and Courage” by the Shanghai Foundation for Righteous Behavior and Courage and the Shanghai Review Committee.

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From Heihe of Heilongjiang province to Tengchong of Yunnan province, there is a geo-demographic demarcation line. The south-eastern side of the boundary covers 42.9% of China's territory and its population accounts for 94.4% of China's total population, while the north-western side of the boundary covers 57.1% of China's territory and its population only accounts for 5.6% of the country's entire population. ABC has set a large number of branches in the regions on the north-western side of this boundary to provide inclusive financial services for the majority of China’s minorities and border areas. In Xinjiang, ABC is the only financial institution that has set up two provincial level branches: the Xinjiang Branch and the Corps Branch. In China, ABC has more than 10,000 branches and organizations in rural areas, and 210,000 employees work in undeveloped, rural and remote areas.
Branch Case Study

Beijing Branch

As an economically strong district of Beijing, Haidian District has maintained its top position in terms of GDP as well as its quality and efficiency of economic development. Our Beijing branch, with Haidian District as one of the key targeted areas, has long been dedicated to providing high-quality and efficient financial services for the capital’s economic and social development. Following closely the pace of economic development in Haidian District, the Beijing Branch focuses on industrial upgrading and boosting regional economic restructuring. Since the signing of the cooperation agreement between the Beijing Branch and the local government of Haidian District in 2012, the two sides have made remarkable achievements in some key fields such as the construction of core area of Haidian’s technology hub in Zhongguancun.

In October 2017, our Beijing branch and the People’s Government of Haidian District signed a strategic cooperation framework agreement, which proposed the provision of RMB 100 billion of credit support for key programs in Haidian District and for promoting sustainable, rapid, healthy development of the regional economy. The agreement furthered the strategic partnership between the two sides, which will play a significant role in promoting the construction of the core area of national science and technology innovation centers.

Tianjin Branch

Small and micro enterprises have the closest relationship with citizens. However, the lack of financing channels and high financing barriers had hindered their development. Our Tianjin branch strives to solve the financing problem faced by small and micro enterprises through policy support, business service innovation, risk control, etc. and ensured the steady growth of credit for small and micro enterprises, successfully fulfilling the regulatory requirements of “Three No Less Than”.

Providing Five Guarantees for the Development of Small and Micro Enterprises

By the end of 2017, 934 small and micro enterprises had been supported, resulting in a loan balance of RMB 34.90 billion.

1. Growth rate of small and micro enterprise loans is no less than the average growth rate of various loans; the number of small and micro enterprise loans is no less than that of the same period of last year; small and micro enterprise loan obtaining rate is no less than that of the same period of last year.

Improving service efficiency

Launching new project “Rong Bao Tong (Financing Guarantee Project)” to support the financing of small and micro enterprises

Enhancing credit sublicensing of branches and sub-branches

Optimizing procedures of loan applications for small and micro enterprises

Improving service quality

Improving the functions of carriers to provide better services

Implementing Int-based management and promoting customer service for small and micro enterprises

Enhancing policy support

Formulating detailed supporting policies specially for small and micro enterprises

Prioritizing customers of small and micro enterprises while issuing loans

Enhancing publicity to boost the ABC brand

Promoting policy measures and special financial products for serving small and micro enterprises

Participating in roadshows, capital connection, theme forums and other activities for innovative entrants

Controlling risks of issuing loans

Making comprehensive plans for credit extension and credit availability

Closely monitoring loan use

Closely monitoring small and micro enterprises accounts

Formulating the due diligence and liability exemption system for small and micro enterprises credit services
Our Hebei branch supports the central government’s major decisions and construction of Xiong’an New Area. In accordance with the requirement of the Bank on “striving to be the main force and pioneer in serving the construction of Xiong’an New Area”, Hebei Branch has made all efforts to better its financial services.

Hebei Branch supports the construction of Xiong’an New Area in terms of land acquisition and other fields through industrial funds. It has set up a settlement account for China Xiong’an Construction Investment Group Co., Ltd. which offers the highest credit line among the Big Four state-owned commercial banks. The Branch also actively coordinates with the main body of construction financing and key enterprises of the New Area, through which it had established communication with near 20 central enterprises with offices in Xiong’an New Area by the end of 2017.

Hebei Branch pays close attention to the progress of the construction of the Xiong’an New Area and consolidates its financial services through channel construction, branch outlet service improvement, product promotion, etc., to accelerate the construction of service points for helping farmers and get through the “last mile” of financial services. As of the end of 2017, a total of 492 cash withdrawal points for farmers were set up in the Xiong’an New Area.

Serving the Construction of Xiong’an New Area

Rich in energy resources, Shanxi Province shoulders the heavy responsibility of exploring the transformation of China’s resource-based economy. While gradually phasing out production capacity generated by coal, it is also intensifying the effort to develop clean energy resource projects, so as to optimize the structure of energy resources and achieve green energy growth.

Shanxi Jincheng Branch has actively carried out in-depth cooperation with the five largest power groups of China to support the development of large-scale clean energy and wind power projects of China Power Investment Corporation Ltd., China Huadian Corporation Ltd., etc. Based on the advantages of the network, resources and services, Jincheng Branch provides financial support, asset management, capital settlement and other services for the groups to help build a broad platform for bank-enterprise cooperation, extended services and so on. As of the end of 2017, a total of RMB 465 million of loans were lent to the five largest power groups, which, as estimated, will provide 402 GWh of clean energy and reduce 361,000 tons of CO2 emissions each year.

Making Clean Energy the Engine for Economic Development
In line with the strategy to create a green agricultural and livestock products manufacturing and processing base, our Inner Mongolia branch continues to deepen financial innovation in rural pastoral areas in terms of product, channels, mechanisms and so on, so as to fully serve the supply-side structural reform of agriculture and animal husbandry.

Enhancing supply capacity through product innovation
With new products like poverty alleviation via microcredit loans and industrial funds for Beautiful Countryside as the lead, Inner Mongolia Branch promotes the combination of mortgage on land management rights, the guarantee of direct financial subsidy funds and the guarantee of professional guarantee companies, and encourages county-level governments to purchase relevant financing services, such as “farmer and herdsman housing loan” and “data P2P loan”.

Creating the synergy of service through innovation
Our Inner Mongolia branch beyond promoting the “Kins Hui Nong Tong” project, also supports consolidating agency services, mobile payments, new rural cooperative medical care system, and the construction of county-level physical branch outlets to build a Sannong services channel system that integrates physical branch outlets, rural finance self-service kiosks, Hui Nong service stations and internet finance.

In the process of serving “Sannong”, there have been problems such as lack of mortgage guarantees, uncontrollable risks, information asymmetry, etc. The emergence of new technologies such as big data and cloud computing has provided strong technical support for accurately identifying clients’ qualifications, effectively raising the quality and efficiency of “credit support for agriculture”.

To solve problems of low efficiency and high operating cost in providing loans for farmers, our Liaoning branch has set the goal to provide large quantities of convenient and universally beneficial loans for farmers made available online. It innovated in and launched the Kins Quick Agricultural Loan, promoted the network financing business in different batches and categories, and gradually enriched the credit extension model. The Liaoning branch has steadily expanded our customer base. It has established through cooperation with government departments of agriculture, finance and poverty alleviation to ensure that the loan is implemented properly for increased availability of loans to farmers.
Underground utility tunnels in China have brought some adverse impacts on urban safety, functions, landscape as well as the improvement of comprehensive carrying capacity of cities, impeding the overall urbanization process.

Since Jilin is a pilot province for underground utility tunnel construction projects in urban areas of China, our Jilin branch has taken the initiative to set up full-time special service teams for optimizing credit approval processes and support for the construction of underground utility tunnels and supporting industries, effectively making up for the lack of funds.

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Heilongjiang Branch

Providing Quality Financial Services for Beidahuang Nongken Group

The total area under cultivation by Heilongjiang Beidahuang Nongken Group accounts for 2.1% of agriculture in China, which generates 3.2% of the national total grain output, thus making it the largest grainery in China. The Heilongjiang branch takes various measures to promote the business transformation of reclamation areas through policy support, innovation of credit products, and improvement of basic financial services. As of the end of 2017, a total of RMB 1.85 billion of corporate loans and an average annual of RMB 1.67 billion of loans for farmers had been issued. The Branch also provided agency services for RMB 66.60 billion of farmer-related funds and built up 932 service stations for the "Kins Hui Nong Tong" project.

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Opening up a New Chapter for the Belt and Road Initiative through Trans-provincial Collaboration

Xinjiang is the core area and frontier of the Belt and Road Initiative, but poor financing channels and high financing costs are hindering the development of enterprises in Xinjiang. How to provide more convenient and effective financial services for enterprises in Xinjiang to “Going Global” has become an urgent problem to solve. Tebian Electric Apparatus (TBEA), as one of the earliest and largest developer of photovoltaic power stations in China, put forward the demand for further reducing financing costs during cooperation with the Bank. China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone Branch (FTZ Branch) of Agricultural Bank of China, by actively participating in the Belt and Road Initiative and creating the new business model of “re-issuing foreign financing guarantees + FTZ loans + leaseback” through trans-provincial collaboration with our Xinjiang and Hong Kong branches, provided RMB 200 million of internally-insured free trade loans for TBEA, successfully opening up the channel for capital of Shanghai FTZ to enter Xinjiang and setting a good example for serving enterprises in Xinjiang to “Going Global.”

A Flourishing Economy from a Village Famous for Juicy Peach to a Juicy Peach Town

Yangshan, located in Wuxi of southeastern China, is famous for peaches. In 2017, Yangshan was listed among the second batch of 276 characteristic towns issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development. From a town relying solely on the peach industry for economic development to a town featuring diversified cultural elements, beautiful ecological environment and tourism industry. The transformation of Yangshan is indispensable from the financial aid of our Wuxi Branch. In the past five years, the Wuxi Branch has issued a total of RMB 2.17 billion of various types of loans, providing financial assistance for construction, production, living environment and ecology.

Building a “livable town”

Following the construction plan of Yangshan to build a “beautiful and livable rural area”, the Jiangsu Branch granted a total of RMB 700 million in loans to support the “shantytown reconstruction project at Yangshan.” The action improved the living environment of more than 2,000 households in Yangshan and helped realize the intensive use of land, effectively separating the residential area from the leisure and tourism area.

Supporting the transformation of characteristic tourism town

In active response to the local government’s proposal of developing its tourism town characterized by culture and health preservation, Jiangsu Branch issued RMB 210 million in loans for the construction of the first pastoral complex project in China — The Pastoral Orient. The project receives 1.2 million tourists each year, setting a benchmark for rural tourism in eastern China.

Enriching local farmers

In active response to the local government’s proposal of developing its tourism town characterized by culture and health preservation, Jiangsu Branch issued RMB 210 million in loans for the construction of the first pastoral complex project in China — The Pastoral Orient.

The Jiangsu Branch provided capital support for local farmers to expand operations, by granting RMB 120 million in loans to 48 major peach orchards and 7 professional peach orchard cooperatives. In addition, Jiangsu Branch included vegetable gardening and three other leading sectors of Yangshan as key areas for modern agricultural support. As of the end of 2017, the balance of agriculture-related loans stood at RMB 760 billion.

Farmer’s loans have promoted local agricultural development and increased farmers’ incomes, and helped farmers live a prosperous life.

Visiting local farmers

Jiangsu Branch
Zhejiang Branch

Supporting the Development of Modern Agriculture

The inefficient operation of agriculture, the difficulty of land circulation and the shortage of funds have been the three major bottlenecks restricting the development of China’s agricultural modernization. Our Zhejiang Branch, focusing on the agricultural supply-side structural reform, has built a diversified and multi-level financial supply system to strengthen financial support for agricultural modernization. By the end of 2017, the balance of agriculture-related loans had reached RMB 345.94 billion, showing an average annual increase of more than RMB 20 billion in the past three years.

Supporting the Development of Modern Agriculture

Promoting the establishment of the operation system for new-type agriculture to enhance intensive and industrialized level of agriculture in Zhejiang Province

Pushing forward the base construction of leading agricultural enterprises at the provincial level and above and the development of agricultural industry chain through supply chain finance

Launching “Rural Tourism Loan”, “B&B Loan” and other financial products to support the development of well-reputed agritainment and boutique B&Bs

Offering custom products and services including “Scientific Innovation Loan” and “Jia ke Tong” to support the development of agricultural exhibitions, smart agriculture, etc.

Increasing credit granted for the integrated development of the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors of the economy

Designing credit and loan products for seasonal grain procurement and off-season storage of chemical fertilizers to provide strong guarantees for the Non-Staple Food Project and Staple Food Project of Zhejiang Province

Providing support for more than 20 wholesale markets of agricultural products with a total loan of RMB 5.9 billion

Anhui Branch

Helping Jinzhai Revolutionary Base Area Reduce Poverty through “Camellia Oil Loan”

In October 2017, the Anhui Lui’an Branch and the People’s Government of Jinzhai County signed a cooperation agreement on the “Camellia Oil Loan” program. The agreement stipulates the provision of no less than RMB 500 million in loans for the camellia oil industry in Jinzhai County in the next 5 years, which is estimated to increase the income of 20,000 poor households of farmers.

Developing characteristic agriculture industry is an important way to improve self-development in poverty stricken areas. Jinzhai County, with rich woodland resources and excellent ecological environment, is suitable for planting camellias and other crops. Camellia oil is a kind of high-quality edible oil with great nutritional value and is thus known as the “olive oil of the East.” Vigorously developing the camellia oil industry will help farmers in Jinzhai get out of poverty and improve the national consumption structure of grain and oil.

Our Anhui Branch took the lead in launching the “Camellia Oil Loan” aiming to support farmers engaged in the cultivation and processing of camellias and leading enterprises engaged in poverty alleviation. The Anhui Branch offers preferential loan interest rates and types of guarantees, effectively solving the capital needs of the industrial chain (planting, processing and selling camellias) and lowering the cost of funds and pressure for loan repayment of farmers. Since the launch of the “Camellia Oil Loan”, it has been well-received by local governments and producers.

The Anhui Branch has made great effort towards poverty alleviation products and expanded loans. It has successively launched special products for providing financial support for poverty alleviation, such as “Photovoltaic Poverty Alleviation Loan,” “Cooperation for Poverty Alleviation Loan” and “Quick Poverty Alleviation Loan,” to help people in poverty-stricken areas improve production and living conditions.

By the end of 2017, a net increase of loans for 31 poor counties of the province had reached RMB 15.1 billion with RMB 3.65 billion more than the same period of last year.
Fujian Branch

Promoting Accelerated Development of the Pomelo Industry through “Pomelo Planter Loan”

Pinghe County, Zhangzhou, Fujian Province is the hometown of China’s Guanxi pomelos, where it has been more than 500 years since the planting of pomelo. The pomelos from Pinghe County have been exported to over 40 countries and regions. The pomelo industry is a pillar industry of Pinghe County with near RMB 5 billion of annual output value, bringing over RMB 10 billion of output value to the whole industry chain. However, the lack of funds and financing difficulties have limited the development of the pomelo industry.

In August 2017, our Zhangzhou Branch launched the first internet finance product for pomelo planters — Kins Quick Agricultural Loan (Pomelo Planters). The application of the loan features rapid turnaround, automation, simplified procedures, and producers can apply for the loan in batches through standardized and modular application procedures. As of the end of 2017, a total of RMB 116.91 million of loans had been granted to local farmers through Kins Quick Agricultural Loan (Pomelo Planters).

Jiangxi Branch

Improving the Ability to Serve the Real Economy

In order to comprehensively enhance the quality and efficiency of the service to the real economy, our Jiangxi Branch firmly grasped the main features of economic development, optimized the direction of loans, and accelerated the innovation in services. As of the end of 2017, the balance of loans remained RMB 218.3 billion and the loans to the real economy increased by RMB 36.8 billion, a year-on-year increase of RMB 21.6 billion, among which the proportion of the balance of loans to the real economy accounted for 99.7%.

The Business Department of Jiangxi Branch Supports Construction Material Enterprises

Anyi County is the main industrial base of construction material processing in Jiangxi Province. Most of the local enterprises are aluminum processing or supporting enterprises, forming together an obvious industrial cluster. In order to facilitate the development of the building material industry in Anyi, the business department of Jiangxi Branch set up a professional service team to provide marketing service plans for local small and micro enterprises, to promote the rapid development of these enterprises, especially their assets operations. By the end of 2017, the bank had supported a total of 146 small and micro enterprises, issuing an aggregate of RMB 1.51 billion.

Jingdezhen Branch Backs Local Ceramic Industry

In order to provide a full range of financial services to local ceramic enterprises, the Jingdezhen branch constantly innovates its service portfolio and has designed differentiated credit products for ceramic enterprises in different stages of development. For local ceramic startups, the Branch mainly provides simple credit products to help them overcome difficulties in applying for loans, due to the fact that these new enterprises haven’t gone into operation and cash flows fail to accurately reflect their business condition. As for enterprises that are growing steadily, self-service recyclable credit products are provided to enhance their liquidity management and reduce the financial costs. In addition, the Branch explored the “expert evaluation + artwork commission + resale by professional companies” model for the introduction of credit services with ceramic artwork commissions. As of the end of 2017, the balance of loans of our Jingdezhen branch for local ceramic industry amounted to RMB 756 million.

Supporting the oil painting industry

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In order to meet customer needs, the Shandong Licheng Branch launched a new concept for banking and financial services. The new concept bank centers around customers’ needs and sets up 9 major areas such as customer guide area, information center, wealth management service area, corporate business area, self-service banking area, waiting area, etc. The new concept bank also adopts intelligent zoning control for lighting and background music. In the meantime, the bank features modern decor, breaking the traditional design arrangement and reflecting modernity and technology. The new concept bank allows more customers to experience the convenient and efficient online and offline services offered by ABC.

New concept banking and financial services
- giving a dynamic display and details of all sections of the bank
- setting up an advanced video and audio system for product launch, customers salon and product promotion to launch and sell products simultaneously
- enabling customers to check the location of nearby branches and the queues with a touch on the screen
- protecting customers’ privacy and enhancing their efficiency through the installation of electric glasses, and offering the “new customer experience” that is “friendly and interactive, intelligent and perceptive, convenient and efficient”

Supporting the Reform of Local SOEs

In June 2017, the Agricultural Bank of China and Henan Transport Investment Group signed a strategic cooperation agreement on the debt-to-equity swap in Zhengzhou, Henan Province. According to the agreement, the debt-to-equity swap is to be carried out in stages, involving RMB 30 billion in total. The Henan branch conscientiously implemented all the strategic plans of the provincial Party committee and government, by integrating the provision of quality financial services with key strategies (e.g. expanded services, infrastructure projects) and enhancing the ability to issue loans to support the development of the real economy.

This demonstrates ABC’s initiative to help Henan Province cut excessive industrial capacity, reduce inventory, deleverage, lower corporate costs and improve weak links, and to support the reform of local state-owned enterprises. It not only effectively lowered the ratio of assets to liabilities for Henan Transport Investment Group, but also helped the Henan branch expand services and enrich the supply of financial products.
One of Qichun County’s major industries is mugwort production, a type of herb used in traditional Chinese medicine. By taking into account that Qichun is abundant in TCM resources, the Hubei Branch are attempting to alleviate poverty through industrial development, especially the development of the mugwort industry. This strategy involves the cooperation of government, bank, enterprise, and rural families.

**The New Model for “Internet + Targeted Poverty Alleviation”**

The “Yaogulingtouyan” poverty relief initiative grants loans through online platforms, which promotes the development of the internet and the internet of things in rural areas, providing leading agricultural enterprises, bases and poverty-stricken families with more convenient services.

As of the end of 2017, RMB 95.82 million worth of loans for targeted poverty alleviation were issued by the Hubei Branch, benefiting directly the registered 2,398 families. In 2018, the Branch is expected to make RMB 100 million loans to help another 2,500 households.

**Operation model of the “Yaogulingtouyan” targeted poverty alleviation loan**

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**Hunan Branch**

**Hui Nong Guarantee-Disaster Relief Loan**

In the summer of 2017, Hunan Province suffered an exceptionally serious flood that severely damaged local agricultural production. The Hunan Branch and Hunan Rural Credit Guarantee Company launched the guarantee and financing service named “Hui Nong Guarantee - Disaster Relief Loan” to support local agricultural entities in their efforts to conduct post-disaster restoration and resume production.

Featuring low financing costs, convenient procedures and a clear focus on disaster relief, the “Hui Nong Guarantee - Disaster Relief Loan” service was so well-received by local customers upon launch. The total loans granted reached RMB over 10 million in a few days and the application for about RMB 50 million worth of loans worth was in approval process.

Official website of the State Council publishes on the homepage Xinhua New Agency’s article Hunan: “Disaster Relief Loan” for New Agricultural Entities After the Serious Flood, speaking highly of the financial service.

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**Operation model of “Hui Nong Guarantee - Disaster Relief Loan”**
Providing Cross-border Financing for Companies “Going Global”

Guangdong Branch

By virtue of a globalized service network, the Guangdong branch cut financing costs for enterprises by launching a variety of products, and gave priority to projects of “the Belt and Road Initiative”, helping Chinese companies to expand internationally. As of the end of 2017, the Branch had provided cross-border RMB cash pooling service for more than 125 companies and handled more than RMB 30 billion of cross-border financing for energy companies as well as companies of other industries in their ambition to “go global”.

Assisting ZPH in “Going Global”

ZPH (Zhuhai Port Holdings) has been building wharves and developing global logistics routes to serve countries along the regions targeted in the “the Belt and Road Initiative”. The Guangdong Branch offered ZPH RMB 1.7 billion worth of credit line to support their operations.

Some of The RMB 1.7 billion credit are directly invested in the construction of wharves, of which nearly 500 million are allocated to Zhuhai International Container Terminals (Hongwan) Co., and the remainder are for opening new routes and developing logistics supply chains along the Belt and Road in the future.

– Huang Wenfeng, General Manager of the Financial Department of ZPH

Guangxi Branch

Two-way Cross-border Cash Transaction Service between RMB and the Vietnamese Dong

Over the course of more than twenty years, the Guangxi Branch has devoted itself to the development of financial services for cross-border trade. In the wave of implementing “the Belt and Road Initiative” and cross-border financial reforms, the Branch is committed to serve the reforms by participating in the innovation of cross-border financial services, so as to forge Guangxi as a door to ASEAN countries. In the past three years, it handled a total of RMB 111.3 billion of cross-border RMB settlement business, RMB 41.6 billion of trade financing, and RMB 22.4 billion of currency exchange between RMB and the Vietnamese Dong.

In October 2017, the two-way cross-border cash transaction service between RMB and the Vietnamese Dong was unveiled. At the launch ceremony, the Guangxi Branch and the Mong Cai Branch of Vietnam Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development conducted in-depth discussions on expanding cooperation under the new situation and reached consensus on the launch of the cash transaction service, laying a good foundation for opening up smooth transaction channels. The channels will better satisfy the financial needs of enterprises and residents of both countries in terms of trade and tourism, and are of great significance to further promoting China-ASEAN financial cooperation and deepening cross-border financial reforms.
In June 2017, the Hainan Provincial Government launched the “Hundred Days Campaign” for poverty alleviation via micro-loans. The Hainan branch promptly responded by issuing opinions on the implementation of micro loans for targeted poverty alleviation, and innovating the “Farmer loans” portfolio to solve the bottleneck met while issuing poverty alleviation micro loans. The Branch conducted a mass investigation on customers’ credit history, so as to effectively raise the efficiency of granting the loans.

As of the end of 2017, a total of RMB 2.63 billion of poverty alleviation loans were issued, benefiting 55,900 people in poverty. During the “Hundred Days Campaign”, an aggregate of RMB 113 million micro loans were issued, helping 4,353 households, accounting for 143% of the campaign’s target index and 115% of the annual plan. By far, the poverty alleviation work runs smoothly, and the “Hundred Days Campaign” was rated Good by the provincial government.

**Hainan Branch**

**Targeted Poverty Alleviation with Micro Loan Programs**

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**Sichuan Branch**

**Exploring a New Model for Financial Poverty Alleviation**

The remote Wangcang County used to be the location of the Sichuan - Shaanxi revolutionary base, and is located in the heart of the Qinling-Daba Mountains. Through the innovation of product portfolio and services, the Wangcang sub-branch explored a new financial poverty alleviation model, featuring “Hui Nong Tong”, “Hui Nong Cards” and “Hui Nong Credit”, to help farmers get out of poverty.

As of the end of 2017, RMB 410 million worth of loans were issued for poverty relief by Wangcang Sub-branch, benefiting 2,216 people.

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**Laying a foundation for targeted poverty alleviation via “Hui Nong Cards”**

- The Branch issued Hui Nong Cards to farmers at Hui Nong service points, and established the Hui Nong Cards service model involving ABC branches, towns, villages, village groups. As of the end of 2017, the Branch gave out 69,977 Hui Nong Cards, laying a solid foundation for the promotion of poverty alleviation microcredit and the development of inclusive finance.

**Building channels for targeted poverty alleviation by setting “Hui Nong Tong” as the bond**

- The Branch focused on promoting the construction of payment channels in rural areas. As of the end of 2017, 375 “Hui Nong Tong” service points were established in 323 villages across the county, achieving the full coverage of financial services on all local townships and villages.

**Developing effective measures for targeted poverty alleviation by setting “Hui Nong Credit” as the focal point**

- The Branch established the “5221” credit rating and credit line indicator system, which grants households corresponding credit line according to their own credit rating. (The four indicators of integrity, labor capacity, labor skill and per capita net income are taken into account while calculating the credit scores of households, with each indicator accounting for 50%, 20%, 20% and 10% respectively, the credit rating of each household is then granted based on their scores.)
Guizhou Branch

Alleviating Poverty in Huangping County through Financial Support

As of the end of 2017, Guizhou Branch issued a total of RMB 4,362 million loans for targeted poverty alleviation with a balance of RMB 4,822 million directly benefiting 2,083 registered low-income households and 9,033 low-income people.

Developing poverty relief industry with “Hui Nong Anti-poverty Credit”

The Branch and the government of Huangping County signed the Agreement on Targeted Poverty Alleviation and Anti-poverty Supported by Financial Schemes. In accordance with the “three transformations in rural areas + business entities + registered low-income households + ABC” model, the Branch issued RMB 150 million of “Hui Nong Anti-poverty Credit” loans to support the development of industries, such as orchid production, for poverty alleviation which benefited 1,500 registered low-income households.

Creating new credit model for agricultural business entities

The Branch implemented the “financing guarantee company + new agricultural business entities + ABC” model to effectively help applicants solve the difficulties of getting collateral loans and financing. The model broadened the channels for new agricultural entities such as big businesses, family farms and professional cooperatives to apply for poverty alleviation collateral loans.

Supporting rural infrastructure construction

Our Guizhou branch formulated the Huangping County Sub-branch Financial Service Plan for Poverty Alleviation (2016-2020) and Opinions on Poverty Alleviation in Huangping County (Through Financial Support), giving priority to rural infrastructure construction. By the end of 2017, the bank issued RMB 120 million worth of Beautiful Countryside Loans, supported the construction of 262 kilometers of rural roads as well as 1,428 housing projects for local villagers, benefiting 382,100 people.

Developing integrated financial service stations

The Branch, Huangping County Government and Qianlan Technology (a state-owned enterprise management company of the county) jointly created the “Qielan Lifestyle House” integrated financial service stations to meet the needs of farmers for settlement, payment, e-commerce transaction, logistics transit, and information consultation. By the end of 2017, 25 financial service stations had been opened in villages. In the future, it is expected that the financial service stations will be expanded to cover 142 villages.
Our Yunnan branch implemented the Yunnan Provincial Government work plan by launching targeted poverty alleviation campaigns in two villages, Ludongjiang and Nagu in Foshan Township, Deqin County, Diqing Prefecture. The Branch established the “10+ Poverty Alleviation” model, aiming to completely eradicate poverty from the two villages.

Meanwhile, the per capita income increased by an average of RMB 2,168.2.

10+Poverty Alleviation

The Branch established the “10+ Poverty Alleviation” model for poverty alleviation projects, with the Yunnan Branch invested RMB 1.82 million in poverty alleviation activities. And cooperated with the CCP cadre helped build the “farmer + industry” model, aiming to completely eradicate poverty from the two villages.

By the end of 2017, RMB 559,000 in revenue was generated by these poverty alleviation programs.

Yunnan Branch invested RMB 1.82 million in poverty alleviation projects.

Tibet Branch

In the morning of November 18, 2017, an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.9 occurred in Milin County, Nyinings City. The Nyinings Branch promptly launched the emergency response mechanism to carry out financial services for earthquake relief.

The Branch immediately set up an emergency relief fund with the Party Secretary and President of the Branch as group leaders, leaders from relevant banks as deputy group leaders, and heads of major departments as group members.

After eradicating potential safety hazards, several emergency response teams were set up by the business departments and outlets to establish expedited channels for financial services.

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Giving full rein to the Tibetan spirit which highlights the willingness and ability to bear hardships, to combat difficulties, and to make great contributions, Party members of the Branch journeyed to the disaster area and carried out research on local residents’ needs for financial services, to make sure that their needs could be fully satisfied.

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Agricultural Bank of China Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2017

Shaanxi Branch

Upgrading Service through the Development of “Internet Plus”

In 2017, Shaanxi Branch followed the trend of internet finance and innovated its service portfolio to comprehensively enhance intelligent service.

To help traditional businesses to build their presence in e-commerce without any added costs, the Branch promoted the ABC e-manager platform to provide convenient services to more than 5,000 corporate customers, including industry leaders, small and micro enterprises, county wholesalers as well as “Hui Nong” service stations, offering services to farmers in towns and villages. The service portfolio now covers online payment, UnionPay Online, WeChat Pay and offline payment, etc.

The Branch supported the “China Century City” in upgrading the community property management system, and built the first community financial service platform for ABC in Shaanxi Province. As a result, online payment is now available to customers by using the WeChat application or scanning QR codes. Customers can also use self-service terminals to make offline self-service payment or check information.

As of the end of 2017, 1,478 transactions totaling RMB 2.28 million were completed.

Internet plus property management, driving forward the development of smart property management

The Branch successfully fulfilled the financial needs of Truck Alliance, a national Top 100 internet enterprise and the largest road freight information platform in China. Bearing in mind that the “one-click” service via mobile phone can provide a good experience for corporate users, the Branch launched the online top-up service using a mobile phone application, successfully building the ABC e-commerce brand in the national freight logistics industry.

As of the end of 2017, 5.95 million transactions were completed, totaling RMB 12.45 billion.

Internet plus logistics, offering new approach to e-commerce

A payment center was set up for the welfare lottery online payment platform for Shaanxi Welfare Lottery Distribution Center. The platform supports a variety of ways to conduct payments such as personal online banking, mobile banking, ABC’s website, ABC e-manager and code scanning. Also, various mobile payment apps are supported, such as WeChat Pay, enabling staff of welfare lottery outlets to process payments with high efficiency.

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Internet plus charity, improving financial service for the public good

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In 2017, the platform added 29,600 registered businesses with a total of 48,200 transactions completed, amounting to RMB 765.61 million.

Internet plus supply chain, assisting enterprises in stepping into e-commerce

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Since the reform and opening-up, Haidong noodle restaurants have opened across the country. Our Haidong branch strengthened cooperation with the government in promoting the transformation and upgrade of the “noodle economy”.

Generating Substantial Profits through Financial Support for Noodle Industry

Conducting surveys of restaurant owners in a number of provinces to learn about their credit needs.

The Branch went to Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Xiamen, Guangzhou, Kunming to conduct field researches, and explored new measures to support the development of the noodle economy with financial schemes.

Generating Substantial Profits through Financial Support for Noodle Industry

Streamlining loan processing and optimizing financial product portfolio.

In accordance with the principle of “voluntary application, guarantee according to regulations, and interest subsidy by government finance”, we streamlined the procedure for guaranteed micro loans to help startups with applying for business licenses, cash flow statements, effective mortgage guarantees, and to give them support in offering lines of credit.

Strengthening cooperation with the government to help businesses apply for loans.

The Branch explored the service model of “bank-government cooperation, credit enhancement by government, and coordinated poverty alleviation”, according to which subsidies of interest are provided by the Employment Service Bureau, which helped solve problems of issuing loans and reduce credit risks.

As of the end of 2017, Haidong Branch offered credit lines which totaled RMB 594 million to 4,434 noodle restaurant owners, 4,273 among whom were provided the “Noodle Economy Credit Card” with a credit line of RMB 464 million. A total of 161 loans valued at RMB 130 million were issued. These credit loans will facilitate the noodle industry of Haidong to develop with unique characteristics. In the future, the Haidong branch will actively participate in the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative, and devote itself to helping Haidong noodles to go global with a stronger brand image.

Ningxia Branch

Haiyuan county is a key area for poverty alleviation and development by national policies. Poverty-stricken areas can be found in 15 townships of the county, where there are more than 40,000 households living below the poverty line. In line with local government’s poverty alleviation work plan and its own business situation, the Ningxia Haiyuan Sub-branch formulated the Haiyuan Sub-branch Financial Poverty Alleviation Program 2016-2018 which specifies the target of financial poverty alleviation as individuals, so as to enhance the initiative of the whole bank in carrying out anti-poverty work. Meanwhile, the bank implemented the “ABC + company + farmer” and “ABC + big business (professional cooperative) + member” models to alleviate poverty and increase farmers’ income through industry development. In order to provide convenient financial services for cardholders in remote mountainous areas, the Sub-branch also launched mobile banking service points, and equipped it with ATMs.

By the end of 2017, Haiyuan Sub-branch had issued RMB 238.48 million of loans benefiting 5,448 households.
Xinjiang Branch

**Strengthening Ethnic Solidarity**

Our Xinjiang branch, with its strong sense of political responsibility and historical mission, adheres to the principles of “helping targeted low-income households, surveying people’s living conditions, improving people’s livelihood, and strengthening ethnic solidarity”. The Branch actively promoted the exchange among different ethnic groups, and further consolidate ethnic solidarity, laying a solid foundation for long-term social peace and stability.

**Making earnest efforts to promote social stability in Xinjiang**

The Branch set up a task force to carry out the activities to improve people’s livelihood, and strengthen ethnic solidarity. At the same time, the Branch compiled handbooks, constantly improved the mechanism and made overall plans for implementing concrete actions. The Bank organized cadres and employees at all levels to sign the letter of commitment to make their voice heard. It also conducted a comprehensive investigation of the villages to learn about the population composition and basic living conditions, and improved the system for directly contacting and serving the people. All these efforts contribute to the long-term normalization and institutionalization of the bank’s service in promoting peace and stability in Xinjiang.

**Improving the living standard of low-income villagers through assistance**

The Branch dispatched 272 cadre employees to villages, and invested RMB 10.6 million of capital and materials in the consolidation of local organizations, poverty alleviation, and the implementation of the Party’s policies. As a result, villages where our employees were stationed rapidly developed resulting in an obvious improvement in living conditions. Employees stationed in Kunabaisha carried out a series of projects, such as beautiful countryside projects, solar powered streetlight project, watermill project, village committee construction police station, as well as the development of the cottage economy in new areas. The Branch built 60 affordable houses for local villagers, as well as 179 livestock sheds, and developed the cottage economy for 173 households.

**Strengthening ethnic solidarity**

2,302 employees of the Xinjiang branch became associated with 3,403 people of various ethnic groups. They signed greeting cards, took group photos and held regular meetings to exchange ideas. These activities helped local residents overcome difficulties, greatly strengthened the bonds among different ethnic groups, and promoted ethnic exchange and harmony. During the “Ethnic Solidarity Week”, the employees of the bank lived, studied and became close with people from various ethnic backgrounds. The employees gave lectures on the spirit of the 19th CPC National Congress, helped local people solve their practical difficulties, and donated almost RMB 1 million worth of living goods out of their own pockets.

**Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC) Branch**

**Enhancing National Unity through Financial Power**

In order to strengthen ethnic solidarity between Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region and Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC), the Branch organized matchmaking activities among households, religious leaders and other special groups from the 5th Company, 44th Regiment of XPCC Third Division to deepen their exchange with each other and integration of different ethnic groups.

**Making earnest efforts to promote social stability in Xinjiang**

Regiment, and dispersing propaganda among different ethnic groups. The Branch organized 8 group visits to a total of 221 minority households of minorities and conducted volunteer work whenever there was an opportunity to help, dealing with 403 issues and benefiting 2,133 people.

**Promoting communication and exchange by setting up platforms**

Organizing seminars, tea receptions, gatherings, and door-to-door visits to let families to get to know each other, watching bilingual patriotic movies, organizing flag-raising ceremonies, visiting the museum of the 50th Regiment, and dispersing propaganda among families.

**Facilitating production development through assistance**

Issuing RMB 1.90 million of interest-free poverty alleviation loans to households through the model of ‘leading enterprises + cooperatives + rural households’, and helping family members cope with the shortage of production materials such as seeds, chemical fertilizers and mulch.

**Improving living standards through care**

Holding poverty alleviation activities such as visits, education, sports, entertainment, etc. and donating clothing, stationery, food and other necessities for low-income families to help improve their living standards.

**Promoting shared growth by learning languages**

Purchasing books on minority languages and organizing financial knowledge publicity teams to give lectures on “learning Mandarin Chinese”, “learning Chinese culture”, etc.
Seafood product processing enterprises of Dalian have gradually grown stronger, and fisheries have been transforming and developing at a faster pace. However, fisheries have encountered problems of shortage of funds and lack of collateral in its development. In response, the Dalian branch invested a large amount of financial support to boost the restructuring and development of marine fisheries in Dalian.

Leading the development of the industry through forward-looking studies and research

In the early 1990s, marine fishery enterprises of Dalian gradually began to abandon their traditional fishing boats and turn to aquatic product processing business. At that time, the Dalian branch launched the first mortgage loan for sea use rights. It adjusted the credit scheme, upgraded service items and innovated the product mix, giving strong boost to the aquatic product processing industry. At the same time, the Branch helped the enterprises to seek suppliers of raw materials through ABC’s platforms to help meet their demand on large quantities of raw materials in the transformation period. Dalian aquatic product processing enterprises finally managed to break through the bottlenecks in development, and then emerged Dalian Hualian Food Co. Ltd., with an annual sale of RMB 700 million and many other well-known aquatic product processing enterprises.

Extending the fishery industry chain

In recent years, Dalian has been promoting the deepened processing of aquatic products. To this end, Dalian Branch has promptly adjusted its credit scheme and concentrated its investment on supporting the production of high-value products such as frozen food and health care products, including sea cucumbers and seaweed. The Bank successively distributed more than RMB 2.84 billion of loans to more than 400 fishery enterprises and rural households to help them with the breeding, development, cultivation and processing of marine food products. Under the support of diversified payment solutions, settlements, and financing services, the export processing of aquatic products in Dalian has gained new momentum with its products exported to more than 20 countries and regions such as the United States, Japan and the EU.

Supporting the Development of Sea Fishing over the Past 30 Years

Supporting leading marine fishery enterprises and seeking shared growth

Marine fishery features high investment, high risk and high yield, for which many high-quality enterprises stagnated or even got bankrupt due to lack of capital during business expansion as well as transformation and development. Our Dalian branch actively supported these enterprises to expand production and achieve business transformation, so as to help them adapt to changes in the market.

In the 1980s, Dalian Zhangzidao Fishery Group was just a small enterprise with only a few fishing boats. Nowadays, it has developed into a large-scale integrated marine food enterprise focusing on aquaculture with businesses covering the breeding of high value marine products, proliferation and cultivation of marine fish, processing, trade and marine transportation. For more than 30 years, the Dalian branch has provided large quantities of funds for these enterprises go through a series of changes and growth.

Supporting the Industrialization of Agriculture

By the end of 2017, the balance of loans to leading enterprises in agriculture industrialization was RMB 2.84 billion, leading to the issuance of a loan balance of RMB 724 million to farmers and other rural households in the industrial chain.

Qingdao Branch

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Vegetable production supported by Qingdao Branch

Supporting the leading development of the industry chain

In the 1990s, marine fishery enterprises of Dalian gradually began to abandon their traditional fishing boats and turn to aquatic product processing business. At that time, the Dalian branch launched the first mortgage loan for sea use rights. It adjusted the credit scheme, upgraded service items and innovated the product mix, giving strong boost to the aquatic product processing industry. At the same time, the Branch helped the enterprises to seek suppliers of raw materials through ABC’s platforms to help meet their demand on large quantities of raw materials in the transformation period. Dalian aquatic product processing enterprises finally managed to break through the bottlenecks in development, and then emerged Dalian Hualian Food Co. Ltd., with an annual sale of RMB 700 million and many other well-known aquatic product processing enterprises.

Extending the fishery industry chain

In recent years, Dalian has been promoting the deepened processing of aquatic products. To this end, Dalian Branch has promptly adjusted its credit scheme and concentrated its investment on supporting the production of high-value products such as frozen food and health care products, including sea cucumbers and seaweed. The Bank successively distributed more than RMB 2.84 billion of loans to more than 400 fishery enterprises and rural households to help them with the breeding, development, cultivation and processing of marine food products. Under the support of diversified payment solutions, settlements, and financing services, the export processing of aquatic products in Dalian has gained new momentum with its products exported to more than 20 countries and regions such as the United States, Japan and the EU.

Supporting the Development of Sea Fishing over the Past 30 Years

Supporting leading marine fishery enterprises and seeking shared growth

Marine fishery features high investment, high risk and high yield, for which many high-quality enterprises stagnated or even got bankrupt due to lack of capital during business expansion as well as transformation and development. Our Dalian branch actively supported these enterprises to expand production and achieve business transformation, so as to help them adapt to changes in the market.

In the 1980s, Dalian Zhangzidao Fishery Group was just a small enterprise with only a few fishing boats. Nowadays, it has developed into a large-scale integrated marine food enterprise focusing on aquaculture with businesses covering the breeding of high value marine products, proliferation and cultivation of marine fish, processing, trade and marine transportation. For more than 30 years, the Dalian branch has provided large quantities of funds for these enterprises go through a series of changes and growth.

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Ningbo Branch

Promoting the Development of Cultural Industries

Ningbo Branch seized the opportunity for the development of cultural industries, explored service models that effectively combine the development of culture and finance, and helped Ningbo become a more popular city in China.

Our Ningbo branch launched 15 exclusive financial products for cultural industry development in 4 different categories including collateral and mortgage financing and transaction financing. It also launched a series of “Cultural” loans products based on small and micro cultural enterprises’ characteristics, such as small asset scale, to provide financial support for light-asset cultural enterprises and start-ups. In 2017, Ningbo Branch served 122 cultural and creative enterprises of various types with a loan balance of RMB 2.35 billion.

Xiamen Branch

Serving BRICS Xiamen Summit and Demonstrating the Excellent Service of an International Bank

In 2017, the Ninth BRICS Summit, which has attracted worldwide attention, was held in Xiamen. How to provide convenient and high-quality financial services to participants was a test for institutions offering foreign financial services.

Our Xiamen Branch, as one of the financial service providers at the Summit, set up a working group that drafted a special financial service plan by adhering to its mission and sense of responsibility as a state-owned bank. The Branch guaranteed services related to branch outlets, self-help kiosks, POS machines, supply of cash in domestic and foreign currencies, etc., demonstrating the professionalism and internationalization of ABC’s services.
Shenzhen Branch

Our Shenzhen Branch attaches importance to the comprehensive development of employees. With the support of the Branch, employee Zhang Liang became the first amateur climber to climb to the summit of 14 mountains with an altitude above 8,000 meters, and the tallest summit in each of the seven continents, while also skiing through the north and south poles. Zhang Liang actively contributes to public welfare. He has participated in public welfare activities related to environmental protection such as the Antarctic expedition and the Arctic Challenge, the disaster relief auction for Wenchuan Earthquake, the torch handover ceremony of the Asian Games, and the “Green Concert” and “Earth Hour” activities of the Shenzhen branch. He has also consulted with government agencies, enterprises, primary and secondary schools, public forums, etc.

Supporting Comprehensive Employee Development

Scan the QR code to know more about Zhang Liang

Suzhou Branch

Zhang Yang used to be an average employee at our Suzhou Wujing branch. Born in the 1990s, she started her career in ABC in 2013 and managed to grow into a proficient bank teller in just a few years.

Demonstrating Vitality

Zhang Yang won the 2015 Counter Service Contest at the Fifth Annual Agricultural Bank of China Skill Competition, won the first prize in the Manual Skill Contest of the 2016 Jiangsu Financial Industry Skill Competition, the Agricultural Bank of China May 1st Labor Medal, “The Most Beautiful Banker” of Suzhou and so on. In 2017, Zhang Yang was awarded the “National May 1st Labor Medal” by the All-China Federation of Trade Unions. Dedication to work and professionalism are the requirements Zhang Yang set for herself, and being devoted, sincere and considerate is the attitude held by Zhang Yang toward customers. With superb professional skills, quality customer service and a positive attitude, Zhang Yang has demonstrated vitality and style of the contemporary youth in ABC.

Zhang Yang, an employee of Suzhou Wujing Branch (Photo by Bu Yan from Wujing Branch, Suzhou)

Guangming Sub-branch launches consumer protection campaign

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Dubai International Financial Center Branch (DIFC Branch)

Participating in Dubai Hassyan Clean-Coal Project and Winning the Best Project Award for Syndicated Loans Business

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Dubai Hassyan Clean-Coal Project (Photo by Liu Zhengping)

Volunteers from the DIFC Branch

Poor medical resources in Southeast Asia pose serious threats to the health and safety of local people. Our Singapore Branch organized staff to participate in the Days For Girls volunteer activity, through which hand-made reusable sanitary pads were made into health kits and distributed to girls in orphanages of Cambodia and Myanmar. Each health kit can be used for three to five years, effectively reducing the infections, diseases, and improving local health and safety awareness.

Singapore Branch

Caring for Female Employees

Volunteer Service

In June 2017, a total of 16 employees of our Tokyo Branch and their family members visited the “Sick Children’s Home” run by a local NGO, Family House. Family House is dedicated to offering accommodations for families of children with chronic life-threatening and life-shortening illnesses who have come to Tokyo for treatment. Volunteers donated food, daily necessities, etc., cleaned and disinfected every corner of the Home, and planted flowers, vegetables and fruits under the guidance of the staff, providing a clean as well as physically and mentally beneficial environment for the children and their families.

Tokyo Branch

Providing Long-term Support for Lok Sin Tong’s Poverty Alleviation Work

Our Hong Kong Branch believe in giving back to society and actively calls on employees to participate in volunteer service and charity activities. Since 2013, the Branch has established a long-term partnership with Lok Sin Tong in Kowloon, and the number of registered volunteers has continued to increase. From 2013 to 2017, the number of volunteers participating in visiting elderly homes grew from about 50 to 200 people. Gifts given to the elderly during the activity were mainly funded by the Hong Kong Branch, who also dispatched volunteer teams to public housing.

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Tokyo Branch
In 2017, a cross-border marketing team comprising members from the Head Office, the Frankfurt branch and several other domestic and overseas branches was formed to sign a 750-million-euro revolving loan agreement with the Volkswagen Group. As an important fulcrum of ABC’s financial service in Europe, the Frankfurt Branch actively provides local customers with quality products and services through its rich experience in operation and innovation. The cooperation with Volkswagen, led by the Frankfurt Branch, combined the Branch’s advantages in domestic and overseas capital costs and services, with the scale of funds, financing costs, withdrawal time limit, etc., which enhanced the Branch’s reputation in local banking industry and brand image.

Our Sydney Branch adheres to the strategy of seeking coordinated development through cross-border collaboration and reliance on domestic resources and focuses on promoting Chinese-funded enterprises in Australia and New Zealand, aiming to build a cross-border financial service platform in the southern hemisphere. In 2017, the Branch worked with the Xinjiang branch and provided a two-year underwriting loan of 27 million Australian dollars for the White Rock Solar Farm Project of Goldwind Australia. The project, with the 25-year lifecycle, is a large-scale photovoltaic project that is strongly supported by the Australian government and is estimated to generate 44,000 megawatts of electricity per year, which will meet the annual electricity demand of 7,200 households in New South Wales.

After work, carrying out various forms of cultural and sports activities is conducive to enriching employees’ life and promoting the building of corporate culture. The New York Branch organized employees to participate in the 2017 The 8th CCA Cup Table Tennis Invitational organized by the China General Chamber of Commerce — USA. On Halloween, the Branch organized a pie eating contest. Such an exciting and motivating atmosphere is favorable for creating a good working environment, easing the pressure from work, enhancing internal cohesion and improving employee happiness.
## CSR Honors and Awards

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Responsibility Commitments

The year 2018 marked the first year of fully implementing the spirit of the 19th National Congress of the CPC, the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening-up and a crucial period for securing a decisive victory in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects and connecting the implementation of 13th Five-Year Plan. Guided by the concepts with Chinese characteristics in the new era proposed by President Xi Jinping, and firmly upholding the underlying principle of pursuing progress while ensuring stability, adhering to new development concepts, and following requirements for promoting high-quality development of the economy, ABC will unwaveringly undertake the five major tasks of serving the real economy, preventing and controlling financial risks, promoting business transformation, deepening reform and comprehensively strengthening Party self-discipline. ABC will also serve the national policies of fighting “three critical battles” on forestalling and defusing major risks, targeted poverty alleviation, and addressing pollution, striving to build a world-class commercial banking corporation.

A NATIONAL TEAM to Lead the Financial Service for Sannong

- Focusing on “Seven Measures” including supporting the national food security strategy with financial services, and promoting integration of the agricultural industry
- Furthering innovations in business modes, products and services, and serving key areas in rural revitalization
- Protecting resources, innovating modes and strengthening supervision to support poverty alleviation

A MAJOR FORCE to Support National Welfare

- Actively promoting supply-side structural reform and economic transformation and upgrading
- Strengthening efforts in supporting major national strategies and reform; fostering coordinated development of regions
- Increasing support to key areas related to people’s livelihood and benefits; improving efficiency and quality when serving the real economy

A LEADER to Promote Ecological Progress

- Vigorously promoting green finance business; enhancing the green finance mechanisms
- Adhering to green operation, advocating environmental protection activities, and accelerating the development of a green bank

A PIONEER to Provide Quality Service

- Strengthening protection of customers’ rights and interests
- Continuously enhancing service quality and efficiency; the service experience of customers, and customer satisfaction
- Continuing to demonstrate development vitality; deepening the reform of businesses and systems, and furthering innovation and application of financial technology

A GUIDE to Lead Employee Career Paths

- Continuing to protect the rights and guarding the interests of employees
- Supporting the career development of employees and making progress together
- Continuously paying attention to caring for employees and furthering corporate culture development

A PIONEER to Facilitate the Social Harmony

- Enhancing the publicity of financial knowledge and improving public financial literacy
- Continuously committed to promoting public welfare and social harmony

Appendix

Basis of Reporting

Total amount of donations: amount of donations made for public welfare and other contributions. Donations for public welfare is made to the public welfare, as defined in the Law of the People’s Republic of China on Donations for Public Welfare, through public welfare organizations or governments at county-level or above. Balance of loans to rural households: including the balances of general loads to Comfortable Housing Project for farmers and herdsmen, loans for farmers going abroad to work, house building loans for the farmers in quake-hit areas, loans for farmers purchasing or building houses, loans for farm machines, personal loans to production and businesses in rural areas, petty loans for farmers, other agriculture-related loans to individuals, personal agricultural loans, loans to other production and businesses for individuals, poverty alleviation loans to Comfortable Housing Project for farmers and herdsmen, personal soft loans for poverty alleviation, personal general loans for poverty alleviation, and “Kins Quick Agricultural Loans”.

Total number of employees: number of employees who hold labour contracts within the group level, including those working in domestic and overseas branches and domestic subsidiaries, but excluding labour dispatch.

Total number of county-level employees: number of employees who hold labour contracts within the group level, including those working in domestic and overseas branches and domestic subsidiaries, but excluding labour dispatch.

Proportion of female employees: proportion of female employees is defined as number of female employees divided by the number of total employees. The number of employees is defined as the number of employees who hold labour contracts within the group level, including those working in domestic and overseas branches and domestic subsidiaries, but excluding labour dispatch. The number of female employees is defined as the number of female employees who hold labour contracts within the group level.

Proportion of ethnic minority employees: proportion of ethnic minority employees is defined as number of ethnic minority employees divided by the number of employees. The number of employees is defined as the number of employees who hold labour contracts within the group level, including those working in domestic and overseas branches and domestic subsidiaries, but excluding labour dispatch.

Total number of county branches including tire-2 branches, tire-1 sub-branches, business departments of tire-2 branches and the foundation-level establishments under their administration listed in the directory of County Area Banking Division.

Number of county-level outlets: number of county branches including tire-2 branches, tire-1 sub-branches, business departments of tire-2 branches and the foundation-level establishments under their administration listed in the directory of County Area Banking Division.

Total number of domestic branch outlets: domestic branch outlets includes the headquarters, exclusive institutions at the headquarters, tire-1 branches (directly subordinate), tire-2 branches (operation departments of provincial branches), tire-1 sub-branches (municipal cities, operation departments of directly subordinate branches and operation departments of tire-2 branches), operation departments of local branches and other institutions. The statistics includes all licensed branches, including the ones licensed but not yet opened.

Number of county branches including tire-2 branches, tire-1 sub-branches, business departments of tire-2 branches and the foundation-level establishments under their administration listed in the directory of County Area Banking Division.

Water consumption per capita in office (m3/person): total water consumption at the headquarters in 2017 divided by the number of employees at the headquarters.

Electricity consumption per capita in office (kwh/person): total electricity consumption at the headquarters in 2017 divided by the number of employees at the headquarters.

Gas consumption per capita in office (m3/person): total natural gas consumption at the headquarters in 2017 divided by the number of employees at the headquarters.
Independent Practitioner’s Assurance Report

To the Board of Directors of Agricultural Bank of China Limited

We have been engaged to perform a limited assurance engagement on the selected 2017 key data (the “key data”) in the 2017 Social Responsibility Report of the Agricultural Bank of China Limited (“the Bank”).

Key Data

We carried out limited assurance procedures on the following key data of the Bank’s 2017 Social Responsibility Report:

- Total amount of donation
- Balance of farmer loans
- Total number of employees
- Total number of county-level employees
- Proportion of female employees
- Proportion of ethnic minority employees
- Total number of employee trainings
- Total number of domestic branch outlets
- Number of county-level branch outlets
- Water consumption per capita in office
- Electricity consumption per capita in office
- Gas consumption per capita in office

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Bank is responsible for the preparation of the key data in the 2017 Social Responsibility Report. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation of the key data of the Social Responsibility Report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirement of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Practitioner’s Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express a conclusion on the key data in the 2017 Social Responsibility Report based on limited assurance engagement.

We conducted our work in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised): “Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information”. This standard requires that we plan and perform our work to form the conclusion.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently the level of assurance in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

Accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion on any matter that would materially affect the key data in the 2017 Social Responsibility Report. Our work involves assessing the risks of material misstatement in key data in the 2017 Social Responsibility Report whether due to fraud or error, and responding to the assessed risks. The extent of procedures selected depends on our judgment and assessment of the engagement risk. Within the scope of our work, we have only performed the following procedures in the Head Office of the Bank. We did not perform assurance work in other branches. The procedures we performed comprised:

- Interviews with management and personnel in the departments involved in providing information in relation to the selected key data for inclusion in the Social Responsibility Report;
- Analytical procedure;
- Sampling of selected key data in the Social Responsibility Report;
- Recalculation;
- Other procedures deemed necessary.

Inherent Limitation

We remind the users to note that, the absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure non-financial information allows for different, but acceptable, measures and measurement techniques and can affect comparability between entities.

Conclusion

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the selected key data in the 2017 Social Responsibility Report are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of reporting.

Restriction on Use

Our report has been prepared for and only for the board of directors of the Bank and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the content of this report.

Supplementary observations

We have also gained an understanding of the Bank’s application of the GRI Standards pertained to the principles of stakeholder inclusiveness and materiality by making inquiries and holding interviews with the Bank’s social responsibility management team. Our work was restricted to gaining an understanding of the Bank’s application of the principles of stakeholder inclusiveness and materiality of the GRI Standards. Hence, we do not express any assurance opinion as to whether the Bank has adhered to the principles of the GRI Standards.

We have the following observations:

Stakeholder inclusiveness

The Bank has a social responsibility goal of “Being a Responsible Bank”, takes the social responsibility principles of “Giving Priority to Responsibility and Benefiting All the People; Taking Responsibility, and Promoting Prosperity in Our Society”, and has established social responsibility management framework. The Bank has identified its key stakeholders and established various communication channels to understand their expectations and needs as the basis for determining the key topics to be included in the Social Responsibility Report. We suggest that the Bank should continuously improve the stakeholder communication mechanisms so as to further identify and analyse stakeholders’ expectation and to respond accordingly.

Materiality

The Bank took into account its own development strategy, and engaged stakeholders to determine the key topics disclosed in the Social Responsibility Report. We suggest that the Bank should further improve the current standards and procedures for materiality assessment and the organization’s boundary identification in accordance with the GRI Standards, so as to facilitate the identification, assessment and reporting of significant issues that are relevant to Social Responsibility Report.
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Reporting Scope
The Report covers the Head Office, Six 1 (directly subordinate) branches within the territory, the training colleges, directly subordinate organizations and overseas organizations of the Agricultural Bank of China Limited.

This is an annual report that covers the period from January 1 to December 31, 2017. Part of the content is in excess of the above scope.

Basis for Compilation of the Report
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Assurance Method
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In 2017, we have selected 18 key CSR issues by studying their importance to the sustainable development of Agricultural Bank of China and importance to stakeholders. We will report on these key issues in future reports. Please select five issues that you are most concerned about. We will prioritize these issues according to the feedback and respond in future CSR fulfillment and report compilation.

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- Shareholder and Investor
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- Employee
- Supplier and Partner
- The Public and Community
- NGO
- Others

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- Average
- Poor

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