Outlook

In the second half of 2020, the banking sector will continue to face a tough and complicated operating environment and unprecedented external risks and challenges. From an international perspective, the spread of COVID-19 pandemic will drag the global economy into serious recession and accelerate change in global landscape. From a domestic perspective, China's economy will continue to improve, but will nevertheless face a number of uncertain and destabilising factors.

The Bank adhered to the general principle of pursuing progress while ensuring stability, and applied the new development philosophy. With 2020 designated as the "Year of Enhanced Implementation", the Bank will stimulate vitality, respond with agility and achieve breakthroughs in key areas. It will endeavour to combine performing its responsibilities and planning for its own development, solving present difficulties and resolving long-term problems, and tackling external challenges and defending the risk bottom line, in order to seek out new opportunities from crisis conditions, break new ground in the midst of changes, and realise high-quality development amid difficulties and challenges.

First, the Bank will realise more sustainable development by solidly serving the real economy. It will earnestly implement the requirements of ensuring stability on six fronts and maintaining security in six areas, and vigorously support key fields and weak areas including inclusive finance, private enterprises, advanced manufacturing, new infrastructure and new urbanisation initiatives and major projects. It will make greater efforts to develop green finance,

accelerate the development of consumer finance, and enhance its capacities for providing effective finance and serving the real economy. Second, the Bank will actively devote itself to a new development pattern in order to achieve more coordinated improvements. It will continue to follow the path of globalisation, bring the fundamental role of its Chinese mainland business into full play, firmly uplift the globalised and diversified aspects of its development, spare no effort to boost the establishment of the domestic economic cycle, and promote the development of dual circulation between Chinese market and international markets. Third, the Bank will realise more agile and efficient development by deepening system and mechanism reforms. It will further refine its organisational structure and system, make progress towards becoming a more flexible organisation, optimise business management mechanisms and improve resource allocation efficiency and agile responsiveness. Fourth, the Bank will realise more stable development by making every effort to improve comprehensive risk management and control. It will raise awareness of risk compliance, defend the bottom line, reinforce credit risk management and control, strengthen internal control case prevention and operational risk management, refine the regular risk investigation and issue rectification mechanism, in order to uplift its risk management to a more specialised and professional level. Fifth, by strengthening team building and establishing a strong culture, the Bank will realise a development path that is more vibrant and full of positive energy. It will improve human resource management mechanisms, optimise team composition and enhance the professionalism of its employees. It will make balanced use of domestic and overseas training resources to effectively improve the capability and quality of officials and employees.