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This Summary reviews the speeches delivered by governmental officials, experts from research institutes and representatives from international organizations. It covers four parts: First, participants overviewed China’s achievement in poverty reduction, strategies adopted and challenges remained in the last 30 years, and further proposed new strategic policies for promoting poverty reduction in a new era; Second, it examined the relationship between economic growth, distribution and poverty reduction, and made some suggestions for setting up the inclusive growth pattern; Third, speakers pointed their view about risk, vulnerability and poverty reduction, and suggested policies regarding how to meet the risk and improve the vulnerable groups’ capacity to protest against risk; Finally, the summary analyzed the status quo of global poverty reduction and remaining challenges, and proposed suggestions for enhancing international cooperation. Meanwhile, it also shared valuable experiences with other countries in the area of poverty reduction.

**About the Literature in This Issue**

This article summarizes the high level forum of “Poverty Reduction and Development—China’s Reform & Poverty Reduction and the World’s MDGs Progress” held on 17 October 2008. (It will be named “Summary” below) This event was initiated by International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC), and till then it has been held for twice in applying to the theme of UN International Day for Poverty Alleviation, which is scheduled annually and aimed at facilitating a platform for knowledge exchange and experience sharing. The central task of the forum is to review the current conditions of global poverty and its changing trend, and also it attempts to approve the achievement secured, analyze challenges remained, facilitate information exchange and experience sharing, to that extent, to promote the process of the world poverty reduction and meet the MDGs.

This forum was hosted by China State Council Leading Group Office on Poverty Alleviation and Development(LGOP) and UN China, organized by International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC) and UN Theme Group on Poverty and Inequality, supported by UNDP, the World Bank and Department for International Development, UK. Hui Liangyu, vice premier of P.R.China the Deputy Director of LGOP attended the opening ceremony and delivered opening remarks, and Ban Ki-Moon, UN Secretary General also sent warm greetings to the forum.

**Key issues involved in the forum:**
1. China’s reform and opening up and rural poverty reduction
2. Global poverty reduction: the status quo, challenges and strategies
3. Non-income poverty
4. Economic risk, social risk, natural disaster and poverty reduction
5. Economic growth, distribution and poverty reduction

**所刊文献说明**

本所刊资料是2008年10月17日在中国北京举办的“减贫与发展——改革开放与中国减贫模式暨千年发展目标进程”高层论坛发言综述（以下简称“综述”）。

“减贫与发展”年度高层论坛由中国国际扶贫中心发起，借助纪念一年一度联合国国际消除贫困日的机会为中国与国际社会构建一个交流减贫知识、信息与经验的平台，目前已经连续举办两届。该论坛的核心目的是展示全球贫困与发展趋势与国际社会在该领域所取得的成效，分析国际社会在减贫与社会发展领域存在的问题和面临的挑战，交流国际减贫的知识、信息与经验，从而为推进全球减贫和实现千年发展目标做出积极的贡献。

2008年“10.17”“减贫与发展”高层论坛由中国国务院扶贫开发领导小组办公室和联合国驻华系统联合主办，中国国际扶贫中心和联合国驻华系统平贫困和平等专题组承办，联合国开发计划署、世界银行、英国国际发展部提供了支持。中国国务院副总理回良玉出席论坛开幕式并致辞，联合国秘书长潘基文向论坛发来信函。

论坛的基本议题包括：
1. 中国的改革开放与农村减贫
2. 全球减贫：现状、挑战与对策
3. 非收入贫困
4. 经济风险、社会风险、自然风险与减贫
5. 增长、分配与减贫

本“综述”分四个部分对出席论坛各政府部门官员、科研机构专家和国际组织代表的发言进行了总结，第一部分，介绍了与会代表对中国经济改革开放三十年来农村减贫的战略、成就与挑战所做的分析以及他们关于推进新阶段中国减贫事业发展的政策建议；第二部分，介绍了与会代表关于增长、分配和减贫关系的分析，概括了他们关于如何建立包容性增长模式的政策建议；第三部分，介绍了与会代表关于风险、脆弱性与减贫关系的观点以及他们关于如何有效应对风险、增强贫困和弱势群体抵御风险冲击能力的政策建议；第四部分，介绍了与会代表关于全球贫困现状与挑战的分析及其对加强国际减贫合作的建议，同时，展示了有关国家在不同领域的有益经验。
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“减贫与发展——改革开放与中国减贫模式
暨千年发展目标”高层论坛会议综述

In order to mark the 30th anniversary of China’s reform and opening up and the 16th international day for the eradication of poverty, a high level forum titled “Poverty Reduction and Development—China’s Reform & Poverty Reduction and the World MDGs Progress” was held in Beijing on 17 October 2008. A total of 200 representatives from the Chinese governmental ministries, academic institutes and international organizations and other developing countries attended the forum. Hui Liangyu, Vice Premier and Head of China State Council Leading Group on Poverty Alleviation and Development was present in the opening ceremony and delivered a speech. UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon also sent greetings to the forum.

The objective of this high level forum is to reveal China’s success and experiences in poverty reduction over the past 3 decades since reform and opening-up, analyze the current conditions and remaining challenges ahead on poverty alleviation in China and the rest of the world, exchange strategic policies and experiences and explore the right approaches for achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDG) at an accelerated pace.

Vice Premier Hui Liangyu, in his opening remarks, gave a brief introduction of China’s great contribution to poverty reduction and social development, reviewed the strategies and measures that China has been undertaking in the last 30 years, outlined the goals and ideas of Chinese government in its attempt to promote poverty eradication in rural China. Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon, in his message, addressed the tough conditions for global poverty reduction under the current economic uncertainties, pointed out the right directions to complete this challenging task, and called for all governments to reaffirm their commitments to the Millennium Development Goals, guaranteed the inherent dignity and equal rights of poor people and strives for a world free of poverty and injustice.

Overall, this high-level forum, with the participation of different circles and their speeches pertinent to common concerns, has made a wide influence, and can be summarized below:

2008年10月17日，为纪念中国改革开放30周年和第16个联合国国际消除贫困日，中国国务院扶贫办和联合国开发计划署在北京联合主办了题为“减贫与发展——改革开放与中国减贫模式暨千年发展目标”高层论坛，来自中国政府部门、学术机构以及相关发展中国家及国际组织的代表共200人出席了论坛。中国国务院副总理、国务院扶贫开发领导小组组长胡锦涛出席了开幕式并致辞，联合国秘书长潘基文向论坛发来了致辞信函。

本次论坛的主题是展示中国改革开放30年来减贫的成就与经验，分析中国及全球贫困的现状与减贫面临的挑战，交流各国减贫的政策信息与基本经验，探讨进一步加快全球实现千年发展目标步伐的途径。

胡锦涛副总理在致辞中介绍了中国减贫与社会发展所取得的巨大成就，回顾了中国改革开放30年来所采取的减贫措施，展示了新时期中国政府推进农村扶贫开发的目标和战略设想。潘基文秘书长在其信函中强调了目前全球范围内依然严峻的贫困形势，指出了现阶段继续推进全球减贫进程的努力方向，并呼吁各国政府切实落实对实现千年发展目标所做的各项承诺，努力保障贫困人口的权利，共同合作建设一个没有贫困和不平等的世界。

总体来看，本次论坛参会代表的层次高，范围广，发言主题突出，内容丰富，影响广泛，产生了良好的效果。现就各方代表发言要点综述如下：

1. This article has been prepared by Research Division of International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC) with speeches and presentations for this forum prior to the review of the speakers.

1. 本文由中国国际扶贫中心研究处根据论坛发言资料整理而成，未经发言人核阅。
I. Achievements, Strategies and Challenges of China’s Poverty Reduction

Achievements, Strategies and Challenges of China’s Poverty Reduction

Representatives shared their common sense that China has achieved remarkably in poverty reduction and social development in the last 30 years since reform and opening up. Meanwhile, it has made great contributions in promoting domestic economic development, social progress, global poverty reduction and MDGs.

Fan Xiaoqian, Director (Minister) of China State Council Leading Group Office on Poverty Alleviation and Development, pointed in his keynote speech that the last 30 years since reform and opening-up marked the remarkable achievement that nearly a fourth of the world population have been lifted out of poverty and made a great leap in pursuing harmonious development and prosperity. That is evidenced by the considerable reduction in the number of the poor and the tremendous progress of economic growth, infrastructure construction and social development in rural areas.

Dr. Nafis Sadik, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General and UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia-Pacific, expresses her appreciation for the remarkable progress made by China in the last three decades. Dr. Han Jun, Director of Department for Rural Angang, a professor of School of Public Policy & Management, Tsing Hua University, observes that the remarkable progress made by China in planned economy period has laid a foundation for the elimination of poverty. It has effectively slowed the pace of four types of poverty including income poverty, human poverty, knowledge poverty and ecological poverty in the last three decades. Dr. Han Jun, Director of Department for Rural Development under Development Research Center of State Council, provides statistics regarding the sharp drop in the number of the poor and poverty incidence; the conditions of education, public health and infrastructural facilities in rural China have greatly improved. Poverty trend has also changed from a widespread phenomenon to a spot phenomenon, and the type of poverty has changed from absolute poverty to relative poverty.

A study presented by Ms. Anthea Webb, Director of United Nations World Food Programme China, indicates that the last 30 years has witnessed the tremendous success in poverty elimination such as the rapid growth in China’s agricultural production, rural income and nutritional status. Ardo Hansson, Chief Economist/Sector Coordinator of World Bank in China Office, marvels at China’s enviable performances over the last 25 years as all income and consumption-based measures of poverty have been dramatically reduced, and progress has also been made on other human development indicators.

All speeches and presentations of this forum come out to prove that China’s success in poverty reduction attributes to different reasons, including institutional reform, economic growth, structure optimization, rural development, social progress and special interventions on poverty reduction.

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With the historical achievement, the significance of the poverty reduction efforts in China has been widely recognized by the international community. Dr. Nafis Sadik, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General and UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia-Pacific, expressed her appreciation for China’s remarkable progress in poverty reduction.

The achievements in poverty reduction have not only lifted millions of people out of poverty, but also contributed significantly to China’s economic development and social progress. The sharp drop in the number of the poor and the tremendous progress of economic growth, infrastructure construction and social development in rural areas have laid a foundation for the elimination of poverty.

The progress has been made in various aspects, including income poverty, human poverty, knowledge poverty and ecological poverty. The impact of the poverty alleviation efforts has been remarkable, with significant improvements in education, public health and infrastructural facilities in rural China.

In the past three decades, China has continued its efforts to address poverty, and the progress has been remarkable. According to Dr. Han Jun, Director of Department for Rural Development, the progress has been laid on a foundation for the elimination of poverty. The rapid growth in China’s agricultural production, rural income and nutritional status has contributed to the reduction in poverty.

The speeches and presentations at the forum highlighted the importance of mindset emancipation and institutional reform, as well as the role of economic growth, structure optimization, rural development, social progress and special interventions on poverty reduction. These factors have played a significant role in China’s success in poverty reduction.

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With the remarkable progress made by China in the last three decades, it is evident that poverty reduction efforts have been successful. The improvements in various aspects, including income poverty, human poverty, knowledge poverty and ecological poverty, have been significant. The progress has been laid on a foundation for the elimination of poverty, and China has effectively slowed the pace of four types of poverty.

The impact of the poverty alleviation efforts has been remarkable, with significant improvements in education, public health and infrastructural facilities in rural China. The reduction in poverty has not only lifted millions of people out of poverty but also contributed significantly to China’s economic development and social progress.

In conclusion, China’s achievements in poverty reduction are significant and have been widely recognized by the international community. The progress has been made in various aspects, and the impact of the poverty alleviation efforts has been remarkable. China’s success in poverty reduction attributes to different reasons, including institutional reform, economic growth, structure optimization, rural development, social progress and special interventions on poverty reduction. The contributions made by China in poverty reduction efforts have been substantial and have laid a foundation for the elimination of poverty.
tional innovation. Poverty reduction in rural China proceeds with mindset emancipation, economic growth, constant institutional innovation, improved policies and better means; second, promotion of economic growth and maintenance of stable development; third, adherence to government guidance and clarification of government accountability. The government has set up special organizations, worked out detailed plans and spent handsomely on poverty reduction; A holistic architecture of poverty reduction leadership has been put into place to make it possible for finance, commission, power and accountability. Fourth, extensive social involvement and international cooperation, which means stretching help hands out from rich regions in east China to poor counties in west China in the form of sisternship, and exploring the role of private sector and encouraging international organizations to make joint efforts in eliminating poverty; fifth, development-oriented poverty reduction policy and the encouragement of self reliance. In other words, deploying the role of the poor in poverty reduction and promoting the development of the poor areas with all respects including infrastructure, education, sanitation and ecological environment etc. sixth, effective response to special needs of special groups. Long-term funding and guarantee mechanism are always there to help specific groups of poor including the ethnic minorities, women, old people, children and disabled; seventh, pursuit of integrated development. Empowering the basic rights of subsistence and development to the poor has been considered as the government top agenda in the context of building a well-off and harmonious society. At the same time, balancing the development between regions including rural and urban areas and narrowing the income gap between different social classes are also very essential. Nafis Sadik, when referring to the issues with regard to women’s rights, attributes China’s huge success in women’s development to such two key factors including the strong supports from the government and the women’s empowerment in policy-making and programme implementation. According to Han Jun, the bunch of recent policies for sustainable economic growth, social equity and balanced development and the government’s special policies on poverty reduction can well explain China’s remarkable success in this regard. Wang Sangui, School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Renmin University of China, advises that China’s poverty reduction achievements are largely driven by economic growth, especially agricultural and rural growth. Generally speaking, China’s rural economic growth and poverty reduction achievements are attained in the context of a package of reform policies and social and political stability, such as family contact system and agro-product marketization. The development of township enterprises and advancement in agricultural technology can also help to understand the reason behind rural industrialization and urbanization which in turn enable constant poverty alleviation. In his presentation, Cai Fang, a researcher and the director of Institute of Population and Labor Economics, CASS, experiments a discussion on what “made-in-China” means to the poor and labor-intensive industries that principally thrive on China’s unique advantages in human resource that have created many jobs for surplus labor force from rural areas and increased farmers’ income on non-agriculture business, which have laid a solid foundation for China’s poverty alleviation in a large scale. The research conducted by Anthea Webb indicated that China’s agricultural development has rooted in the advancement in agricultural technology, opening up, adjustment in land policies, economic growth

中国的减贫与不断完善政策体系和创新体制机制密切相关；二是促进经济增长，保持稳定发展；三是坚持政府主导，强化政府责任。即，政府设立专门的扶贫组织体系，制定专门的减贫规划，投入巨大的减贫资金并建立强有力的责任体系和规划实施机制；四是动员社会参与，加强国际合作。即，实施定点帮扶和东西扶贫协作，引导民间机构参与减贫并有效利用国际合作；五是实施开发扶贫，倡导自力更生。即充分发挥贫困群众在扶贫开发中的主体地位，从基础设施建设、教育卫生发展、产业开发和生态环境改造等各个方面推进贫困地区的发展；六是采取有效措施，关注特殊群体。对少数民族、妇女、老人、儿童及残疾人予以长期持久的有资金和机制保障的扶持；七是坚持统筹兼顾，促进科学发展。即在全面建设小康社会和构建社会主义和谐社会的过程中，把保障贫困人口的基本生存权和发展权、促进区域和城乡统筹发展和缩小不同阶层、地区与部门的收入差距作为重要任务。娜菲斯·萨迪克在论述妇女发展问题时指出，中国在妇女发展领域所取得巨大的成就源于国家强有力的支持和妇女参与政策制定与项目实施当中两个因素。韩俊认为，中国扶贫的成效来自经济的持续增长、促进社会均等发展的一系列政策以及政府专项扶贫计划。中国人民大学农村发展学院汪三贵教授认为，中国的减贫主要源于农业增长和农村发展，其中，很大程度上得益于进式的农村经济体制改革，如实施家庭承包经营制和农产品流通体制改革。同时，乡镇企业发展和农业技术进步也发挥了重要作用，由此带来的农村工业化、城镇化进程为减贫提供了持续的动力。中国科学院人口与劳动经济研究所所长蔡昉研究员在发言中探讨了“中国制造”与减贫的关系。他认为，中国独特的人力资源优势促使劳动密集型产业蓬勃发展，吸收大量农村剩余劳动力就业，显著地提高了农村居民的非农收入，为大规模减贫成效的取得奠定了坚实的基础。韦安夏所介绍研究的结论是：中国农业发展的成效源于农业技术进步、市场开放、土地政策调整、农业增长和农村发展的政府扶持等因素的推动。

与会代表也明确指出，中国仍然是一个发展中
of agricultural sectors and the development of rural areas.

There is a close link between poverty and vulnerability, which is rooted in the fact that the poor lack of property belongings, capacity for competition, indecent living and development environment, social exclusion and discrimination. In the face of economic, natural and social challenges, the poor has shown their insufficient capacities for protesting against risks, and also it has been seen that it is more difficult for them getting out of the damage.

Fan Xiaojian discusses difficulties and challenges from four aspects: First, sizable number of the poor. By the poverty standard now applied by Chinese government, there is still huge population in absolute poverty and the number of people living under the relative poverty line accounts for ever bigger percentage. Second, severe degree of poverty. A number of the poor are living in areas with harsh natural conditions and living environment, low quality of social infrastructure, lack of public service and peculiar social formation. Third, daunting vulnerability. Poor people are more exposed to multiple risks from market, social and natural sectors. Fourth, enlarged income gap. The income gaps between different regions of China, rural and urban, and different departments and industries keep widening. According to Han Jun, among all prominent problems concerning Chinese rural development, the income gap between urban and rural residents and the income gap inside the countryside tend to be increasingly widened; urban and rural residents differ greatly in enjoying public services; social security network in countryside fall in behind. Wang Sangui emphasizes that the weakening of poverty reduction caused by expanding inequality is a top challenge for China in eradicating poverty in the future.

The participants also discuss, in a constructive way, on promoting China’s poverty reduction under the new context. According to Prof. Wang Sangui, China should attach more importance to change current trend of widening income inequality so that the poor can benefit more from economic growth. The relevance and effectiveness of poverty reduction investment should be improved through the implementation of a better-performing targeting mechanism. An indiscriminative social security system across rural and urban areas should be established to enable special groups getting rid of poverty by transferring income and other public welfares. Wang Pingping, Deputy Director of Rural Survey Department of National Bureau of Statistics, gives her suggestions that China needs to enlarge the coverage of mini-mum subsistence security and poverty relief program in addition to other pro-agriculture policies, put rural development on the top priority and design anti-poverty policies based on overall considerations of balanced development between rural and urban areas and increase more input in social and environment development in rural China. As pointed out by Han Jun, China should make further efforts on sharpening competitive edges of agricultural sector, promoting labor force transfer and defending their basic rights, improving social security system and protecting vulnerable groups’ interests in rural areas from being deprived, bringing into practice and keeping improving development-oriented strategies with a particular emphasis on the distribution and structure of poverty population and their real demands in a new era.

国家，减贫的压力依然很大，任务依然重，需要从优化社会经济发展模式和减贫战略体系入手，改善机制，提高效率，进一步按照建设小康社会和构建社会主义和谐社会的要求，稳步推进减贫事业向前发展。

关于中国减贫面临的挑战，范小建从四个方面进行了分析：一是贫困规模依然庞大。绝对贫困规模仍居高不下，相对贫困规模正在逐步扩大；二是贫困程度依然较深，自然条件差、生存环境恶劣、基础设施落后、公共服务欠缺仍是贫困地区的主要特征；三是脆弱性明显，贫困人口抵御市场、社会和自然风险的能力依然很低；四是区域、城乡和部门收入差距仍在扩大。韩俊指出，中国农村发展中目前还存在着突出的问题，包括城乡以及农村内部收入差距正在扩大、城乡公共服务差别较大、农村社会保障体系落后等。汪三贵强调，目前不断加剧的不平等导致经济增长减贫效应的持续下降是中国减贫的一个重要挑战。

关于如何推进新时期的中国减贫，与会代表也给出了建设性意见。汪三贵教授认为，中国应在保持经济高速增长的同时切实扭转收入分配严重不平等的趋势，使贫困人口更多地从经济增长中受益；应在继续强化专项扶贫计划的同时，改进瞄准机制、进而提高扶贫投资的针对性和效果；应建立城乡一体化的社会保障体系，使没有开发能力的农村特殊贫困人口通过收入转移和其他福利政策摆脱贫困。国家统计局农村司副司长王萍萍建议，中国应在继续推行惠农政策的基础上，扩大低保和扶贫的覆盖范围，继续把扶贫重点放在农村，从城乡统筹协调发展角度来设计反贫困政策；加快农村经济发展，进一步加强对农村社会环境发展的投入。韩俊认为，中国应继续努力提高农业竞争力，推动劳动力转移并保障其基本权利，改善社会保障体系维护农村弱势群体的利益，同时要根据新时期贫困人口的分布与构成特点及其脱贫的实际需要，不断调整和优化专项扶贫开发战略。
II. Growth, Inequality and Poverty Reduction

Poverty reduction is the co-production of economic growth and distribution equity, and poverty reduction can be secured only with taking the poor into the entire course of economic growth, which means that inclusive economic growth is imperative and inevitably, and its implementation needs all developing countries sharing an joint efforts.

According to Wang Sangui, currently the measurement of poverty is largely based on economic well being (e.g., income and consumption). A country’s overall economic well being can not be improved without economic growth and the latter has thus become a prerequisite of large scale poverty reduction for any countries that adopts the absolute poverty conception. Economic growth can influence poverty reduction in two important ways: it provides more and better job opportunities for the poor, and it helps increase fiscal revenue of the government which in turn becomes more able to help the poor. The first aspect is a direct effect and the second may be seen as an indirect effect. Economic growth is conducive to poverty reduction generally, but effects vary for different sectors. For a developing country, agricultural sector is a bigger contributor to economic growth than other sectors. The effect of economic growth on poverty reduction is to some extent dependent on the fairness of income distribution. With same economic growth rate, the more unfair the income distribution, the lower the possibility the poor can benefit from economic growth and the slower the progress of poverty reduction. Therefore, dramatic increase of inequality offsets poverty reduction effects of economic growth in Chinese case.

Hafiz Pasha, former Assistant Administrator of Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Development Programme, gives a speech titled “Inclusive Growth and the MDGs: The Asian Experience”. He observes that poverty reduction in Asia Pacific regions has a critical record. Despite a lot of gains have obtained, inequality has increased among and within countries in Asia Pacific areas; poverty growth elasticity has dropped across regions; inclusive growth patterns have not been put on well track yet. The main reasons for less inclusive growth within countries, as noted by Hafiz Pasha, are failure of rural development, low employment growth and low investment in human development.

The participants of this forum also share lessons and experiences on inclusive growth and sustainable strategies on poverty reduction. Mr. Hafiz Pasha outlines eight aspects for inclusive growth, first, special attentions to special target groups which are more vulnerable to poverty; second, aids flow into developing countries, including technical assistance for preparation of MDG-based development strategies, special and differential treatment of exports by Asian LDCs and South-South cooperation; third, promoting rural development, esp. supporting the development of small farm industry and creating non-agricultural job opportunities. Fourth, creating employment opportunities such as encouraging the development of labour-intensive sectors, enhancing skillful training, advancing the labour force market and promoting the development of private enterprises; fifth, mobiliz-
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There are natural ties between vulnerability and poverty and the poor people have a tougher war to fight against vulnerability because of their insufficient belongings and abilities, indecent natural and development conditions, social exclusion and discriminations they are forced to make do with. The poor is not only more exposed to economic, natural and social risks, but also suffer more both in long run and short run and find it more difficult to recover from the damage ever made. Eradicating global poverty is still a difficult job and the vulnerability of the poor remains a knotty issue to be addressed.

Based on the facts and figures suggested by Selim Jahan, Director of Poverty Practice, United Nations Development Programme, because of food crisis, more than 100 million people have been re-trapped in poverty and an additional 10 million has been in hunger again since 2005; 262 million people affected by climate disasters during 2000-2004; Because of HIV, the average life in African countries hasn’t had any changed within 13 years, nearly 2.8 billion people live on less than two dollar a day; more than 850 million people go on hungry every day, more than 800 million people are illiterate and more than a billion without safe water; about 40 million people are living with HIV/AIDS; richest 10% owns about 85% and the bottom 50% about 1% of global assets.

对发展中国家的发展援助，包括针对发展中国家实现千年发展目标战略的制定与实施提供技术援助、给予最不发达国家的出口以特殊的优惠待遇以及扩大南南合作的范围和领域等；第三，要促进农村发展，特别是支持小农场的发展以及努力创造非农就业机会；第四，要不断创造就业，包括鼓励劳动密集型部门的发展、加强技术培训、完善劳动力市场和促进中小企业发展等；第五，要优化公共资源的配置，包括实施见效快的项目、建设农村基础设施、开发人力资源和支持落后地区发展等。第六，要完善公共服务提供机制，主要是改善治理模式，包括推进分权化进程、加强责任机制建设和扩大赋权的领域与范围等；第七，要完善社会保障网络，包括食品和营养保障、就业保障、条件转移支付以及其他社会保护等；第八，要促进社会发展，包括促进性别平等和实现基本卫生与教育服务均等化等。
According to Domingo F. Panganiban, Secretary General/Lead Convener, Philippine National Anti-Poverty Commission, more than 80% of the world's population now lives in places where income disparities are widening, and the 40% poorest world's population accounts for only 5% of global income while the 20% richest occupies three-quarters of the world’s total earnings. 

Around 27.6 million Filipinos lived below the poverty line two years ago. More than 12 million of them could not afford adequate food. Three out of four poor Filipino families reside in rural areas, where employment opportunities, basic services and infrastructure are all too often inadequate.

The speech delivered by Dr. Nafis Sadik centers on the theme how women suffer doubly from wide-spreadening HIV and AIDs and gender inequality. HIV/AIDS infection is spreading more quickly among women who have to take the blame and stigma associated with this disease. Gender-based violence and discrimination drive the HIV and AIDS epidemic among women even more.

Zhang Xiulan, a professor from School of Social Development and Public Policy, Beijing Normal University, examines the evidences of child poverty in China and China’s policies and measures in this area. An idea pioneered by Prof. Zhang is that child poverty is a multi-dimensional conception where monetary/income/economic, education, nutrition, health, shelter, water and sanitation, work, leisure, and inclusion and social protection are nine dimensions in measuring the children’s vulnerability to poverty. It is evidenced by the research on samples from Hubei Province and Gansu Province that the occurrence of child poverty is relatively high, health and nutrition score low but immunization rate is more encouraging. The children in China are susceptible to different diseases and accidents with a sound social protection system. Overall, children in poor areas should be taken a particular concern.

Besides economic and social risks, natural risk has also stepped into spotlight on this forum.

Prof. Li Xiaoyun from School of Humanities and Development, China Agricultural University, in his presentation titled ‘Natural Disaster and Poverty in China’ explained his observation on the relationship between natural disaster and poverty in China. Based on his research, China is one of counties which mostly affected by natural disasters in the world. It suffers huge losses caused by natural disasters every year with a considerable number of people having been getting involved. In the period of 1991 and 2006, an average 284 million people had been hit by natural disasters and calamity every year; the figure climbed to 397 million in 2007; and the first seven months of 2008 had already seen 441 million people plagued by natural disasters. Natural disasters undoubtedly have significant impacts on China’s agricultural production. For instance, 31.93% of China’s farmlands had been damaged by natural disasters from 1991 to 2006. The relationship between poverty and natural disasters in China is unique since the areas frequented by natural disasters are usually accompanied with high poverty incidence; and natural disasters implicate severe damages on different
assets of rural households while the poverty population in China is always less competent in weathering disasters.

Besides the accidental natural disasters, deteriorating ecological condition is another kind of natural risks leading to poverty. Li Zhou, Deputy Director of Rural Development Institute, Chinese Academy of Social Science, has carried out intensive research in this area. He analyzed the relationship between ecological condition and poverty based on three different geographical conditions. Poor counties and poor population in geographically sensitive areas represent huge percentages of the total. The farmers in ecologically sensitive areas have fewer choices in agricultural activities. The impact of high population growth leads the economic conditions in these regions to be still dominated by the way of resource utilization without a comparative advantage. The two factors greatly exacerbate the negative impact on the ecological environment. In ecologically degrading areas, the economic development in impoverished areas has been largely handicapped by the government’s poor governance evidenced by the ecological protection, weak financial supports and ineffective institutional arrangements. Therefore, these areas have never developed an adequate framework for the further development of any industries and businesses. The concentration of poverty in ecologically stable areas is even higher. Due to the unavailability of market information, low technical level, unreasonable distribution of yields from resource development and the lack of well-functioning ecological compensation mechanism, the ecologically stable areas still fail to gain an edge in economic activities. In spite of their endowment in resources, poverty alleviation in these regions cannot be maintained and promoted in a long-term basis.

Some experts further proposed their solutions to address these risks from their perspectives. Prof. Zhang Xiulan made some suggestions on removing vulnerability in accordance with the root causes of child poverty. First, including child poverty into the national poverty alleviation strategy; second, linking household poverty alleviation programs with child development; third, strengthening the development of children and public service system in poor areas; fourth, enhancing the collaboration and coordination of multiple departments on child poverty alleviation efforts as the multidimensional concept of child poverty requires a well-coordinated and collaborative mechanism among all related departments; fifth, promoting the understanding of child poverty and changing the wrong perception of parents in rearing and educating children; sixth, establishing a multi-dimensional child poverty monitoring system.

Li Xiaoyu, while analyzing the relationship between natural disaster and poverty in China, gave a brief introduction on the networks for protesting against natural disasters in China, which involves policy and institutional arrangements on three different levels. First is pre-disaster system including disseminating knowledge and information on disaster prevention, monitoring the publicity of the disasters, and preparing for relief materials and solutions. All the efforts in preventing the occurrence of disasters or getting well prepared for disasters should incorporate the establishment of a nationwide mechanism aimed at educating the people how to prevent and mitigate disasters; the construction of disaster-related infrastructural facilities and the evaluation of disaster tolerance of architectures, and the establish-

年7月，当年受灾人口已经达到了4.41亿人次。自然灾难对中国农业生产的影响很大，1991年到2006年，中国农作物受灾面积占总面积的比例平均为31.93%。具体到贫困，中国有两个特点，一是灾害频发区域与贫困高发区重合度很高，二是自然灾害对农户各类资产的破坏尤为巨大，而中国的贫困人口应对灾害的能力更为低下。

除了突发性自然灾害以及生态环境恶化也是自然风险中一个重要的组成部分。中国社科院农村发展研究所所长李周研究员对中国在这一领域的做法做了深入细致的研究，他根据生态资源的状况分三种情况对中国贫困与生态环境的关系进行了分析。在生态敏感地区，中国的贫困地域面积和人口数量非常庞大。由于生态敏感，当地发展农业生产受到了很大的限制，而且由于人口压力的存在导致大量不符合比较优势的资源利用方式仍在大行其道，二者反过来说交织在一起又加剧了对生态环境的负面影响。在生态退化区域，由于政府生态治理方式、财力支持以及资源利用制度安排的缺陷，贫困地区经济社会发展受到了很大的限制，以至于无法建立起有效的产业发展基础；在生态稳定地区，贫困集中度甚至更高，由于市场信息不完备、技术水平低下、资源配置不合理的以及资源保护补偿机制滞后，导致这一地区的资源优势不能转化为经济优势，致使减贫缺乏有效的推动机制。

关于如何应对风险，部分专家对相关领域的问题进行了具体的分析。

就如何消除儿童脆弱性的问题，张秀兰结合儿童贫困的成因提出了有针对性的建议：一是将儿童贫困纳入国家总体减贫战略；二是将扶贫到户与儿童发展结合起来；三是加强贫困地区儿童服务体系和公共服务体系建设；四是加强多部门合作，针对儿童贫困多维度的特征，采取相应的应对措施，实施综合治理；五是加强儿童贫困的宣传教育，改变家长养育和教育的观念；六是建立全方位的儿童贫困监测体系。

李小云在分析中国贫困和自然灾害关系的同时，介绍了中国已经建立起来的应对自然灾害的安全网络。他指出，中国在应对自然灾害方面有三层的
monitorment of emergency response system, emergency reserve system, disaster monitoring and predicting system. Second is disaster emergency response system, which mainly refers to the information collection and monitoring on the situation of a disaster, allocation and transfer of disaster relief materials, and adoption of disaster control and mitigation measures. Third is post-disaster restoration and reconstruction system with a particular emphasis on the resettlement of disaster-stricken people, restorations and reconstructions in disaster-stricken areas such as the re-establishment of different social systems that have been damaged or destroyed by the disaster, provision of livelihood relief and aids to disaster-stricken people and institutionalized allowances to special groups who are more vulnerable to poverty.

Prof. Zhou Qiren, Director of the China Centre for Economic Research of Peking University, centers his interests on unstable capital, another important economic risk that cannot be ignored as the stability of money is directly related to the change in household income and plays a vital role in poverty reduction and development. Generally speaking, the rise in capital price is a blessing to the rich and a suffering to the low-income people because they have to absorb the impact of the inflation. Therefore, stable capital should always be a priority of every government in their poverty alleviation endeavors. In doing that the poor can benefit from the maintenance and increase of their assets value. Economic growth, income distribution and foreign trade balance have long been pressing challenges on the stability of Chinese RMB. The government, with a bunch of policies and measures including adjustment and reform to exchange rate mechanism, inflation and deflation controls, pro-rural development and income growth initiatives, has kept the ups and downs of capital under tight rein so that the interests of low-income people would not be compromised by monetary fluctuations.

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北京大学中国经济研究中心主任周其仁教授分析了如何应对经济风险中的一个重要危机——货币不稳定的问题。他强调，货币的稳定关系到居民收入的变化，对减贫和发展十分重要。一般来讲，资本价格的上涨对富人有利，而低收入人群则要承受通货膨胀的冲击。因此，就减贫而言，各国政府要努力稳定货币，以确保穷人的资产保值增值。长期以来，由于受到经济增长、收入分配和对外经济合作的影响，中国的货币稳定一面面临着巨大的压力。中国通过调整和改革汇率机制、实施治理经济通货膨胀和紧缩的有效政策、优先保障农村经济发展和农民收入增长等一系列措施，有效地遏制了货币的波动，保障了低收入人群的利益。
IV. Global Poverty Reduction, Challenges, Solutions and Experiences

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Brief on International Poverty Reduction Studies

In this forum, representatives from Mongolia and the Philippines introduced the situation and provided perspectives on poverty reduction policies and international cooperation, expressing their views.

From Mongolia, Ms. D. Oyunkhorol, the Minister of Social Development, pointed out that the environment in Mongolia faces severe challenges, with water shortages and land degradation being particularly serious. The government has adopted a series of policies to address these issues, including improving power lines for streets and homes, ensuring potable water for over 260,000 families, and establishing a nationwide program to support public schools, construct water systems, and promote infrastructure development. The government is working with NGOs and private enterprises to achieve a joint effort. Ms. Oyunkhorol emphasized the importance of involving vulnerable groups in the decision-making process.

Ms. Panganiban from the Philippines highlighted the successful implementation of MDGs, particularly in education, health, and infrastructure development. The Philippines has also established special economic zones and learning projects. The government is currently focusing on poverty reduction, environmental protection, and economic development. Ms. Panganiban noted the need for the government to take a priority in poverty reduction, strengthen the infrastructure and service system, and encourage people to participate in government supervision.

In response to HIV/AIDS, the Philippines has implemented a general coordinated system in the project to prevent HIV from spreading. The national government has facilitated the cooperation among countries to promote the HIV project. The government is also working on strengthening the construction of infrastructure and the development of education and sanitation to improve the operation system. The government should focus on the reform of property distribution, improve the groups' ability to self-reliance, and encourage them to participate in the supervision of the government.

In summary, the government of the Philippines and Mongolia have achieved significant progress in poverty reduction and development. However, the road to achieving these goals is challenging. Both countries have the potential to lead the way in achieving sustainable development and poverty reduction.

Endnote:

**1.** In the Philippines, the development and poverty reduction in rural areas are very challenging. It is necessary for the government to take a priority on poverty reduction, set up a long-term agenda and make lasting efforts for implementation. The government is also working on the reform of property distribution, improving the groups' ability to self-reliance, and encouraging them to participate in the supervision of the government. Meanwhile, the government has created a number of job opportunities by implementing microfinance programs and other loan services, promoting tourism, expanding the construction of public housing, promoting the development of the mining industry, promoting the development of the pension system, and conducting special economic zones. The Philippines have built 49,000 new classrooms and acquired 58.3 million new books for public schools, constructed water systems to ensure potable water for more than 260,000 families, and embarked on a nationwide program to ensure power lines for the streets and homes of some 41,950 Filipino villages and now attained for our local governments a 97% rate of...
Regarding the collaboration between NGOs and the government, based on the experience of organizing Micro-finance, Iddi Simba, Chairman of Pride Tanzania/Advisor of IPRCC suggested that the goal of poverty reduction cannot be achieved, and NGOs’ support is also very essential. The government should take a particular concern on Macro-economic development, creating a sound environment for development such as designing and implementing development strategies, guiding NGO’s participation, facilitating a balanced development of social, economic and environment. NGOs’ participation could fill the shortage that the government failed to access, such as covering smaller regions, more targeted, increasing the ability for the distribution of resources, more flexible. However, problems are still existed for NGOs to organize poverty reduction work, such as limited financial resources, weak legal systems, and inadequate capacity among varied constraints on the results of NGOs’ initiatives. Iddi Simba has quoted the missions and achievements of PRIDE Tanzania in collaborating with the government for the development of microfinance business. The mission of PRIDE Tanzania is “to create a sustainable financial and information services network in order to stimulate business growth, enhance income and thrive employment in Tanzania”. PRIDE Tanzania has secured the access to financial services for the poor and impressive records have been made, so far establishing 37 branch sites and cumulatively outreach in excess of 600,000 clients with cumulative disbursements of approx US$ 180 million. The government has also worked closely with NGOs by mainly supporting the feasible studies and special allowances in plot run and roll out phase, and also has developed a series of supportive policies/strategies for the promotion of microfinance industry and SMEs. The limitations of this sort of organizations can mainly seen by low number of financial service providers, inadequate capacity of loan officers, limited management capacity, limited funding sources and limited service diversity.

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