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Celebrating 30 Years of ADB-PRC Partnership

PRC and ADB as partners: some history

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Early steps

1983 PRC began formal discussions with ADB

1986 March – PRC an ADB member

1987 First ADB loans to PRC approved

1989 ADB Annual Meeting in Beijing

1998 – Yin Jieyan (Annual Meeting)

The past decade has witnessed good cooperation between China and the Bank ...

We expect the Bank to play a more important role in the construction of infrastructure facilities, the economic development of the hinterland provinces as well as environmental protection in China.

2000 -- Xiang Huaicheng (Annual Meeting)

We appreciate and support the role and efforts of ADB in promoting our regional cooperation.

We are happy to note that ... there has been substantial progress in the Mekong River subregional economic cooperation. Some Central Asian countries have also gradually commenced regional cooperation.

1993 – Li Guixian (Annual Meeting)

...the Bank should set different priorities for different individual members in full consideration of the member-specific conditions

... it is essential for the Bank to incorporate into its operational and country programs the specific circumstances of individual Developing Member Countries, e.g., their economic system, different development stages and domestic development priorities.

2004 – Jin Renqing (Annual Meeting)

We have decided to donate to the Asian Development Fund ...

... we hope to reciprocate years of support to our development cause from the international community by sharing the PRC development experiences with [regional developing] members.

Other key landmarks

- 2000 ADB Resident Mission in Beijing
- 2002 ADB Annual Meeting in Shanghai
- 2000s Increasing emphasis on knowledge issues
- 2005 PRC Fund for Regional Cooperation and Poverty Reduction
- 2016 Expanded support from PRC for Asian Development Fund

Some main messages from PRC

- Focus on growth and development
- Regional activities
- Needs of each individual country
- PRC ready to share experiences
- ADB to strengthen Asian development knowledge

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