

Report of Agriculture Industry Chamber of Commerce (CAICC) of All China Federation of Industry and Commerce (ACFIC) Submitted for UPR Deliberation

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1 Overcoming poverty is the common issue confronting the great developing agricultural countries. As a developing country with the largest population, China undoubtedly assumes the most arduous task of overcoming poverty. After more than 20 years of plain living and hard struggle, China has already reduced the population of more than 200 million needy people to 30 million, which not only demonstrates that the unswerving and large-scale implementation of the special poverty relief and development plan is successful, further manifest that our efforts in gradually improving and developing the socialist system adhering to the principle of ensuring people's rights to subsistence and development have achieved rich fruits. China's successful practice of poverty reduction is without doubt a prominent landmark of the development of China's human rights cause.

2 Founded in July 2005, China Agriculture Industry Chamber of Commerce (CAICC) is a national organization of agriculture industry in China which is composed mainly of the leading agricultural enterprises. Initiated by a group of private entrepreneurs, CAICC is a national chamber of commerce closely related to agriculture, rural areas and farmers, serving as the bridge and tie for the connection between government and enterprises. CAICC represents the common interests of the numerous non-state-owned agricultural enterprises in China, and regards the promotion of sustainable development of China's agriculture industry as its due task. Our goal is, by integrating those representative enterprises in the agriculture industry, to jointly aid our member enterprises in their healthy development, expedite China's agricultural industrialization and the construction of new countryside, and contribute to the increased farmers' income and the wealthier rural areas.

3 Among millions of professional cooperative organizations in China, CAICC has attracted a large number of domestic leading agricultural enterprises by taking advantage of standardized operational administration, and actively devoted to the work of China's poverty alleviation and development in rural areas, which has made significant contributions to better safeguarding human rights in China and gained high acclaim from relevant leaders on many occasions.

4 First, spare no efforts to promote the healthy development of farmers' cooperative organizations

5 Farmers' cooperatives are complementary economic organizations featuring coalitions of the willing and democratic management, consisting of producers and business operators of the same agricultural products or providers and consumers of

the same agricultural production and operating services.

6 According to the statistics, at present, the total number of national farmers' cooperative economic organizations has reached more than 1.4 million and the number of farmers' cooperatives with relatively standardized operation has surpassed 150, 000, basically covering all aspects of agricultural production such as farming, animal husbandry, fishery, etc. CAICC has made every endeavor to promote the healthy development of farmers' cooperatives relying upon its standardized operational administration. Take Liaoning Province as an example:

7 According to the characteristics of household orientation and low-level organization degree of farmers' operational activities, Dalian Hanwei Enterprise Group gave play to the advantages of relatively sound and flexible marketing network and distribution system of the leading enterprises, comparatively fixed clients as well as potential customers, integrated the peasant households with decentralized management into the unified quality standard and distribution channels in the form of order production, provided guidance for and organized farmers' production activities on the basis of the demand changes in market so as to reduce and prevent aimlessness, and form and establish new-type industrial system focusing on large-scale operational organizations such as professional cooperatives and associations, etc. so as to improve farmers' income to the fullest extent.

8 Second, make significant efforts to carry out “land pooling, intensive operation”

9 The land is the fundamental concern to farmers. Establish farmers' land ownership, particularly the rights of land disposal, so as to make the land development right transacted through market mechanism, make best use of the mode of “farmers' operation program through equity participation of the land” so as to truly return the collective rights of the land to farmers at the institutional level and make transferred the development rights relative to the land among the development actors by means of market transaction.

10 CAICC encourages and supports a number of leading agricultural enterprises to go down to the poverty-stricken areas to develop the projects closely related to local conditions such as ecotourism, agricultural demonstration parks, etc. in accordance with local environmental characteristics, which not only resolve farmers' employment, but also create a path leading farmers to their well-being.

11 Take the land pooling in Chongqing as an example, the “new governance in Chongqing” emphasized that “the land pooling” must involve the participation of the

leading agricultural enterprises and that the pooled land must be utilized to the agricultural production and operation. The land pooling is one of the forms of land transfer and also a kind of new type. Since its foundation in 2001, Chongqing Simian Mountain Szechuan Pepper Development Co., LTD has implemented the mode of “corporation + professional cooperatives + peasant households” and broke the traditional planting pattern, which made the Jiangjin pepper experience from sporadic and scattered planting to large-scale production, from pure farming to comprehensive processing trade. The corporation purchased the pepper planted by large plantation households and professional cooperatives at the price of 5%-10% higher than the market price by means of orders and entered into an order contract with the pepper producers for the purchase at the lowest protective price within 10 years.

12 Third, mobilize the leading agricultural enterprises to achieve greater leap forward through science and technologies

13 The fundamental principle of supporting the poor through science and technologies aims at connecting the separated agricultural production with the large market, leading the traditional agriculture to modern agriculture and transferring the productive agriculture to economical agriculture so as to gradually improve “China’s innovative and long-term mechanism for science and technology based poverty mitigation in rural areas” relying upon the supporting and leading role of science and technologies. At present, a number of leading agricultural enterprises of CAICC have not only achieved their own great leap, but also fostered the local economy.

14 Take the well-known Hainan Shennong Dafeng Seed Scientific and Technological Co., Ltd as an example. It has successively undertaken the national industrialized demonstration projects on the super-productive and high-quality hybrid rice seeds and national demonstration projects on the e-business of large-scale seed enterprises. The corporation established a first-class domestic crop breeding center in Sanya, Hainan Province, and cooperated with a large number of research and education institutions, including China National Rice Research Institute, China National Hybrid Rice R&D Center, Hunan Agricultural University, etc. so as to continuously nurture high-tech species. In addition, it owns more than 50 species with independent intellectual property rights and over 100, 000 *mu* of stable breeding bases. The distribution networks of the corporation cover the major rice-producing areas throughout the country and the annual sales volume of the hybrid rice seeds ranks the top in China. “Shennong Dafeng” gave full play to the driving advantages of the leading enterprises, committed itself to the research and development of the super hybrid rice breeding, widely resolved local farmers’ employment and effectively protected the grain producers’ interests so as to lead people to cast off poverty and become prosperous.

15 Fourth, give priority to specialty industries of agricultural products and renovate the development model continuously

16 Give priority to agricultural products processing and resource-based specialty industries, make significant efforts to develop farming, agriculture and animal husbandry, give play to the industrialization of agricultural enterprises, use the fruitful experience of one area to benefit all areas to foster local economy, help farmers cast off poverty and become prosperous, stimulate new countryside construction to enter a new stage, all of which could be regarded as an important task of member enterprises of CAICC.

As a leading national agricultural enterprise, Longda Foodstuff Group Co., Ltd. commenced to construct a guarantee system for food security in the second half of 2001, kept deepening the mode of “enterprise + farms (raising farms) + standardization”, strengthened the construction of planting and raising sources, in order to build up “safe vegetable industry chain” and “safe meat products industry chain”. The management of “uniform seeds supply, uniform field management, uniform pesticide and fertilizer application and uniform harvesting” has been followed in vegetable base fields, the full proceeds are digitally recorded and more than 24, 700 *mu* of self-owned farm bases have been developed (including over 1, 500 *mu* of organic vegetables); the breeding bases, on the basis of focusing on the administration of the high-standard hoggeries with 60, 000 self-cultivated pigs, popularized the natural method of pig breeding with fermentation bed technology as its core, gave support to the raisers for the design of piggeries and fermentation beds with the experts from the animal husbandry bureau by means of using the fruitful experience of one area to benefit all areas, and provided microbial strain, technological services, etc.