

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

CDB has had a long history of making charitable contributions to benefit public welfare in China. In 2003, we continued to be actively involved in disaster relief, poverty alleviation and other general public welfare services around the country.

During the toughest period of 2003, when our nation was battling the SARS epidemic, we sent donations in RMB 12.6 million to eleven organizations in need of help, including Beijing Disease Prevention and Control Center, the Red Cross of China, local governments and a number of hospitals in Beijing, in support of their effort to save people's lives and stop the spread of this disease. In 2003, disbursements from our disaster relief fund totaling RMB 2.2 million reached a number of provinces such as Xinjiang, Guangdong, Jiangxi and Inner Mongolia, etc. that had suffered damages from earthquakes and floods. This funding enabled ordinary Chinese people to rebuild their homes and restore their lives.

In our continued support of poverty alleviation efforts, we maintained our focus on the seven poorest counties in China in the Guangxi and Anhui provinces. In 2003, we supported 30 projects including Hope schools, schools for the handicapped, hospitals, drinking water purification, and new village and road constructions through total donations of RMB 4.8 million. In addition to the seven designated counties, we also made contributions in the amount of RMB 400 thousand to other rural regions in Henan and Gansu provinces.

In 2003, we also made donations to a number of other organizations committed to improving the lives of the Chinese people in many areas, such as the Legal Assistance Foundation, the China AIDS Prevention Foundation, the Chinese Foundation for Lifeline Express, the China Poverty Alleviation Foundation and the various assistance programs for college students, etc.