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Five Departments Issued Guidance to Improve and Optimize Financial Services in Manufacturing Sector

Recently, the People's Bank of China, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, China Banking Regulatory Commission, China Securities Regulatory Commission, and China Insurance Regulatory Commission jointly issued the "Guidance on Financial Support for the Construction of a Manufacturing Power."

The guidance requires to actively develop and improve a diversified financial organizational system that supports the construction of a great manufacturing power, give full play to the differentiation advantages of various banking institutions, group finance companies and financial leasing institutions, and form synergistic effects of financial services by developing multi-level capital market and insurance market.

The guidance explicitly specifies that great efforts should be made to vigorously develop a multi-level capital market, and enhance financial support to the construction of the manufacturing power.

Firstly, it's important to give sufficiently utilize equity financing. Active support shall be given to the qualified high-quality, mature manufacturing enterprises to be listed on the main board market for financing, support manufacturing enterprises in key areas to develop into excellent and strong business.

Secondly, efforts should be made to promote sustained and healthy development of venture capital investment. It's necessary to accelerate the development of venture capital, and give full play to the role of Advanced Manufacturing Industry Venture Fund, the National Emerging Industry Venture Fund etc., to encourage the establishment of various types of high-end equipment innovation and development fund based on market operations.

Thirdly, greater support shall be given to manufacturing enterprises for issuing bonds. To be specific, efforts should be made to support qualified manufacturing enterprises to issue corporate bonds, enterprise bonds, short-term commercial paper, medium-term notes, permanent notes, private placement note and other direct financing instruments. It's also necessary to design and develop innovative bonds in line with the characteristics of advanced manufacturing and strategic emerging industries.

Fourthly, efforts should be made to support securitization of assets in the manufacturing sector. To be specific, qualified banking financial institutions shall be

encouraged to steadily launch pilot project of securitization of non-performing assets and take the initiative to resolve the credit risk in areas that face overcapacity.

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China, New Zealand Signed the "Belt and Road" Cooperation Agreement

On March 27, witnessed by Premier Li Keqiang and New Zealand Prime Minister Bill English, He Lifeng, Director of the National Development and Reform Commission, and Simon Bridges, Minister of Economic Development of New Zealand, signed the Memorandum between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of New Zealand on Arrangements for Strengthening Cooperation around the "Belt and Road" Initiative. This is the first cooperation document China has signed with a country in the South Pacific region under the framework of the "Belt and Road".

The Memorandum mainly covers the targets, principles, and fields of cooperation, as well as other contents like resolving of disputes, modification of texts, taking effect and termination and miscellaneous clauses. It proposes that the two sides make joint efforts to enhance cooperation and exchange to support the "Belt and Road" initiative to achieve the development goals of the two countries. The two sides hope to strengthen interconnection between regions, and promote cooperation in transportation, trade, agricultural technologies, investment, scientific and technological innovation, tourism and other areas, so as to promote regional peace and development.

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