

Bank of China Limited

**Attestation Report
on Use of Proceeds from Social Bond Issuance**

As of 31 December 2020



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To Bank of China Limited:

We were engaged by Bank of China Limited to provide limited assurance in the accompanying statements prepared by the management of Bank of China Limited with regard to the use of HKD 4,000.00 million and MOP 1,000.00 million proceeds raised from the Social Bond issuance on 5 March 2020 (the "Social Bond") as of 31 December 2020 which comprise:

1. Statement on the proceeds raised from the issuance of Social Bond as of 31 December 2020, as set out in Appendix A; and
2. Statement on the disbursements of the proceeds raised from the issuance of Social Bond as of 31 December 2020, as set out in Appendix B.

Management's Responsibilities

Bank of China Limited's Management is responsible for the preparation of the statements relating to the use of proceeds from Social Bond in accordance with the requirements from the *Social Bond Principles 2020* published by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA); and to ensure the fair presentation, accuracy, completeness and validity of the information contained in the statements.

Our Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the assertions based on our examination.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants. We have complied with the quality control requirements of the *International Standard on Quality Control 1* issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Standards and Limitations of Our Work

Our examination was conducted in accordance with *International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised): Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*, which requires us to plan and perform attestation procedures to obtain limited assurance as to whether the assertions are free from material misstatement.

Our examination included inquiries of relevant personnel, examining relevant management measures, examining relevant register maintained by the business department and performing other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Our procedures performed could provide us limited assurance, a level that is lower than the reasonable assurance. Since we have not performed procedures normally conducted in an attestation engagement which would provide a reasonable level of assurance, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion.

Conclusion

Based on the limited assurance procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the assertions in the statements on the use of proceeds raised from the Social Bond issuance in 2020 at Bank of China Limited are materially misstated.


Ernst & Young Hua Ming LLP

Beijing, the People's Republic of China

28 April 2021

Appendix A

Statement on the proceeds raised from the issuance of Social Bond as of 31 December 2020

In accordance with the *Social Bond Principles 2020* published by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), we provide an account of the HKD 4,000.00 million and MOP 1,000.00 million raised by Bank of China Macau Branch (hereinafter referred to as "BOC Macau Branch") from the issuance of the Social Bond filed on 27 February 2020 (the "Social Bond") as follow:

1. BOC Macau Branch issued the Social Bond amounting to HKD 4,000.00 million, and MOP 1,000.00 million on 27 February 2020, equivalent to CNY 4,438.56 million, and received the proceeds on 5 March 2020.
2. Bank of China Limited (hereinafter referred to as "BOC") constructed a separate register for the proper management of the Social Bond, including the record of funds received from bond issuance, as well as the disbursements and subsequent recovery of funds, so as to ensure that funds raised are specifically used as intended, solely for eligible projects over the duration of the Social Bond.
3. Management of BOC is responsible for the preparation of the Statement detailing how funds raised from the issuance of the Social Bond had been utilized as set out in Appendix B, including the completeness, accuracy and validity of the information contained in the Statement.
4. Management of BOC declared that as of 31 December 2020, HKD 4,000.00 million and MOP 1,000.00 million had been raised from the issuance of the Social Bond, CNY 4,433.75 million had been disbursed to the Eligible Projects, in accordance with the *Social Bond Principles 2020* published by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA).



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Appendix B

Statement on the disbursements of the proceeds from Social Bond as of 31 December 2020

The proceeds raised from the Social Bond in 2020⁽¹⁾ (million):

Issuer	Currency	Amount	Interest rate	Exchange rate	Amount in CNY	Net Amount in CNY	Maturity date
BOC Macau Branch	HKD	4,000.00	Fixed	0.8929 ⁽²⁾	3,571.76	3,567.47	2022/3/5
BOC Macau Branch	MOP	1,000.00	Fixed	0.8668 ⁽³⁾	866.80	866.28	2022/3/5
Total					4,438.56	4,433.75	

- (1) Reflects the principal raised from the Social Bond issuance.
- (2) The exchange rate is based on the announcement of the People's Bank of China's exchange rate on input value date.
- (3) The exchange rate is based on the announcement of BOC exchange rate on input value date.

The disbursements of the proceeds raised from the Social Bond:

Category	Amount (CNY million) ^{(4) (5)}	Proportion
Employment generation	4,433.75	100.00%
Total	4,433.75	100.00%

- (4) Funds disbursed in support of the eligible projects that meets the requirements of the issuance circular and Appendix A.
- (5) Represents the amount of funds disbursed on eligible projects that meet relevant standard and criteria as of 31 December 2020.

