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### ICBC (Asia)'s Fourth China Study Tour Exchange with Minority Races at Yunnan

7 August 2007, Hong Kong – At the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Hong Kong SAR, the relationship between Mainland and Hong Kong becomes closer and closer. ICBC (Asia), as a responsible corporate citizen, devoted to organize the study tour for several years to provide local students a chance to learn more about China and increase their sense of belonging to home country. The fourth China Study Tour entitled “Economic Development & Exchange with Minority Races at Yunnan” was successfully held from 23 to 30 July 2007. It provided students an opportunity to learn and understand the minority races of China. There are in total 56 races in China and 52 of them are living in Yunnan. Yunnan certainly is the best choice to know more about the economic and cultural development of minority races.

To have a better picture during the 8-day tour, students first visited the Minority Races Village at Kunming, which consisted of 25 races. They also visited two tribes of the minority races; one of them was Bai Zu, which is situated inside the Xizhou below the Diancang Shan. The other was the Naxi Zu, situated inside the Huangshan Village below the Yulong Xue Shan. An expert delivered a talk to the participants concerning the impact of economic reform and tourism on the minority races. During the visit to Naxi Zu, students found it very memorable while they learned their music, songs and dance. The tour also visited the “Yulong Province 2<sup>nd</sup> Secondary School” and stayed with some students’ families to join their farm work and experienced their life as farmer.

32 students from 29 secondary schools, who were all nominated by their schools or Caritas-Hong Kong, attended this study tour. They were all fully sponsored by the Bank, its clients and business partners. There were a principal, a teacher and two social workers recommended by Caritas-Hong Kong accompanying and guiding students throughout the tour. Under their guidance, students were able to improve their social skills and each student was awarded a certificate issued by Caritas-Hong Kong upon completion of the program.

“ICBC (Asia) always dedicates its commitment to social welfare activities. We have been appointed as the Chairman of the Caritas Fund Raising Committee for the past 8 years. The fourth China Study Tour was also the joint effort between these two organizations. Apart from our great gratitude towards the sponsors and working partners who make the Tour a success, we must also thank for the strong support from our parent company – ICBC, which provided all participants an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of China”, said Mr Peng Zhao Zhi, Assistant General Manager and Head of Human Resources of ICBC (Asia) and the Leader of the Study Tour.

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