

Issued the First Cross-border Syndicated Project of "ESG Performance-linked Loan" in China

In June 2022, Guangzhou Branch of the Bank successfully issued the first “ESG Performance-linked Loan” cross-border syndicated project of HKD 785 million to an international holdings limited in Guangzhou. The loan incorporated enterprise ESG as a non-financial indicator embedded in customer credit review and ran through the entire credit business process. Meanwhile, a mechanism for reducing the ESG target spread was set, with KPI for greenhouse gas emissions, water consumption and gender diversity set for the next three years. ESG test is conducted on December 31 every year, and the spread is reduced by 0.02% annually for each ESG target KPI achieved.