

Comments on joint PBC-IFC workshop on “Data requirements for monitoring derivatives transactions”

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It has been my great honor to attend this seminar. First, please allow me on behalf of my colleagues to thank the Head Office of the PBC and the IFC for providing this opportunity, and also all the experts for their excellent speeches and answers.

Financial derivatives transactions have been developing very rapidly in recent years. Although they started late in China, derivatives transactions have grown fast and have continuously expanded in size. The 2008 financial crisis showed that financial derivatives can bring great potential risk to the overall financial system due to their high uncertainties and leverage, while also making the financial market prosperous. Maintaining financial stability is one of the most important responsibilities of the PBC. And we need to strengthen the regulation and research of financial derivatives transactions. So I cherished this opportunity. During the past two days, experts have shared the results of their research with us, and we have learned a lot.

First, the seminar was rich in content, including basic theories and concepts relating to derivatives transactions; the demand, collection, process and usage of derivatives data; the regulation framework of derivatives transactions and practices in Japan and Hong Kong; and the development and challenges of derivatives transactions in China, Chile, France and Japan. There were theory frameworks and empirical analysis, references to international experience and domestic practices. In addition to excellent speeches, during the question and answer session, there was professional communication among the experts and serious questions from the audience. This abundant content and active participation guaranteed the success of the seminar.

Second, the experts were professional and considerate. During the past two days, 11 experts have given us excellent speeches about different aspects of derivatives transactions. What impressed me most was their personal way of communication. In the summary yesterday and speech today, Mr. Paul explained the meanings of various professional terms and abbreviations in the speeches, which helped us to understand the contents. Thanks to Mr. Paul.

Third, the participants took part in the seminar actively. Besides the experts who gave speeches, the participants of the seminar come from many different departments, including the head office and sub-branches of the PBC, Ministry of Finance, CBRC, CIBC, CSBC and commercial financial institutions. Due to different educational backgrounds and work experience, we learned about the theories and practices of derivatives transactions to different extents. However, all the participants displayed an active and serious attitude.

The excellent arrangements for the seminar, the professionalism of the experts, and the active participation and communication of all attendees made the seminar successful. Although the seminar didn't last long, we have learned a lot due to its abundant content. Thanks again to the Head Office of the PBC and the IFC, and to Mr. Paul and the other experts.

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