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## **China's loans to high pollution, energy consumption and overcapacity industries**

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**China** reduced loans to industries of high pollution, high energy consumption and excessive production capacity by 24.8 percent in 2013, according to the 2013 social responsibility report of **China** banking industry released by the **China** Banking Association (CBA) on Thursday.

The report shows that **China's** banking industry reported outstanding loans of 1,404 billion yuan to those industries by the end of 2013, down 24.8 percent year on year.

Strict control over lending to those industries is an important part of Chinese banks' efforts in adjusting and optimizing **credit** structure.

The report shows that **China's** banking industry set tougher admission requirements and project examination mechanism on the cement, electrolytic aluminum, and flat glass industries in 2013.

In addition, **China's** outstanding loans to energy conservation and environmental protection stood at 1,604.5 billion yuan by the end of 2013, and these loans supported a total of 14,403 **green** projects. (Edited by Hou Yujie, houw@xinhua.org)

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