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Chinese **banks** are expected to extend more lending to **green** projects after regulators vowed to expand **green** loans.

On June 26, the Ministry of Environmental Protection initiated a pilot scheme under which **banks**, government, and other investors would jointly fund for financing to small businesses engaged in environmental protection activities.

On the same day, Yan Yanfei, deputy head of the statistics department at the **China** Banking Regulatory Commission, said at a forum that the CBRC would explore measures to launch securities backed by loans to **green** companies, in a bid to expand support for **green** lending. (Edited by Ding Lei, dinglei@xinhua.org)

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