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The Liaoning Tax Control Bureau held a conference, 15-27 October, of the heads of the various governmental bureaus, departments, and offices, to conclude past activities and decide on future collection principles.

A report by Chung, deputy chief of the Tax Control Bureau, disclosed that there were several defects in the collections: tax rates for the province were not uniform; rates were not adhered to in individual cases for fear of affecting industrial and commercial development; controls over industry and commerce were not strict, causing tax evasion; apprehension of smuggling was not thorough; operations of the tax bureau were in confusion and division of responsibilities was not clear; accounts were not kept accurately; etc.

Plans were drawn to unify and improve tax-collection procedures, determine exactly which taxes are to be paid by various groups, and discontinue discounts for such taxes as production-sales tax, cattle-exchange tax, and customs duties. A food tax will be put into effect, and public enterprises will also be taxed, although the latter may be exempted under special circumstances.

A system of regular tax collection and price reports was also provided for, as well as a monthly clearing of accounts with the provincial bank.

Correct collection operations on the part of tax officials was also emphasized. Only democratic procedures are to be used, with use of force to be kept at a minimum. It is forbidden to strike taxpayers, accept bribes, or engage in blackmail or extortion.

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