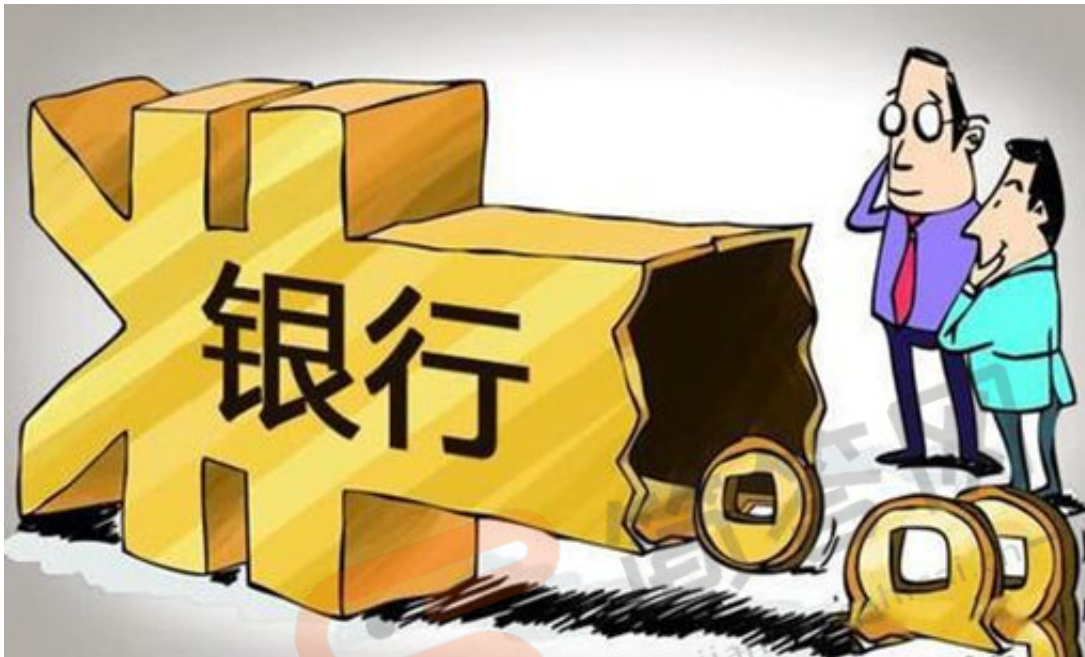


《中国批准新开办五家私人银行》

导读:中国银监会批准在经济衰退的东北三省设立五家私人银行帮助中小型企业。



China's banking regulator on Tuesday gave approval to five new private banks, bringing the total number of private lenders to 16.

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The five banks will be in Beijing, Jiangsu, Jilin, Liaoning and Shandong, according to the China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC) website.

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Each of the banks will be co-sponsored by at least two private capital providers.

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Notably, two of them will be headquartered in China's northeast rustbelt region -- Liaoning, Jilin and Heilongjiang provinces -- a traditional industrial base bearing the brunt of the country's economic slow down.

Data from CBRC showed that total assets of the first batch of five private lenders reached 132.93 billion yuan (around 19 billion US dollars) at the end of September. The non-performing loan ratio rose slightly to 0.54 percent.

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