1. Improve information disclosure platforms and fully leverage all channels of information release

Convey the voice of the leadership and dispel public doubts.

The leadership of Central Commission of Disciplinary Inspection (“CCDI”) of the Party gives annual press conferences to report to the public the progress of Party discipline and clean governance as well as the ongoing anti-corruption endeavor. This year the press conference featured 5 ministerial level officials, including Wu Yuliang, Deputy Secretary of the Central Disciplinary Commission for Discipline Inspection, and Xiao Pei, Vice Minister of Supervision, who gave official interpretation of the core message of the sixth Plenary Session of the 18th Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, and answered 22 questions from 15 media organizations, including both domestic and international press. 80 journalists from 48 news media organizations attended the press conference, which got national attention with real-time image and transcript-based coverage on www.china.com.cn and www.ccdi.gov.cn. Meanwhile, the information platform of the “Two Annual Congresses” has also been utilized to answer questions from the media and respond to concerns of the public. Each year, Huang Shuxian, Deputy Secretary of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection and Minister of Supervision accepts interview on the “ministers’ corridor” program on anti-corruption issues.

Media briefing conferences are held quarterly to update the news media. Ever since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection organizes quarterly media briefing sessions, in which the Central Communication Department, the Office of Cyberspace Administration, major central news media and reporters from major central websites are invited, in an effort to communicate the priorities of party discipline and clean governance development and anti-corruption campaign. Meanwhile, CCDI also provides actively facilitates media coverage of the campaign by providing the press with news leads, materials,
exclusive interviews etc.

Development of online information platform. The official website of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection came online in September 2013. In January 2015, a mobile application was launched, and in January 2016, an official account on Wechat was opened. Such developments provide good information environment which facilitates the public and transparent supervision of anti-corruption campaign. So far the accumulated visits to the official website of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection have exceeded 2.2 billion, with daily average over 3 million. The official website has thus been rated the “most powerful website on the Party and political affairs of China” for three successive years. The mobile application has 3.08 million installations, with over 35 million visits. The official Wechat account has 1.03 million followers and altogether 8.26 hits. All the above figures beats those of other websites and news media on Party and political affairs, making the CCDI information platforms the major channel for public access to information on party discipline and clean governance development and anti-corruption campaign.

4. Smooth channels for report filing, an improved supervision system so as to release the positive energy of supervision by the people.

We have given priority to resolution of issues most reported and concerned by the people, and the tackling of corruption that occurs in daily life. The news media and social public are encouraged to engage in supervision of misconducts and corruption. An omnipresent supervision network is hence established.

Supervision by public opinion is used as a “sword”. The news media is encouraged and guided to conduct supervision of misconducts and corruption through ordinary channels and lawful means. The working mechanism for supervision by public opinion is improved to become the foundation of cooperation between the discipline inspection authorities and the news media, the communication between public supervision and media supervision, and parallel promotion of media investigation and disciplinary investigation. A column named “watch station of the four forms of decadence” is opened in major news media, where typical
cases are published as a powerful means of deterrence.

Channels for supervision are continuously broadened with improvement of the mechanism of reporting by letter and visit, by phone calls and by internet. The official website of Central Commission for Discipline Inspection shows, at a prominent position on the page, the phone number, email address and website for filing a report. Also, at key dates such as the New Year, the Chinese New Year, the Labor Day, the Dragon Boat Festival, the Mid-autumn Festival and the National Day, a special zone for report of the four forms of decadence are opened for public supervision and honest report. In June 2015, the official website of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection started to provide a shortcut in the mobile application named “fight against the four forms of decadence in one click”, which enables easier report of the four forms of decadence by the public and praised by all walks of society as “an excellent move with both feet on the ground” by the CCDI.

The new media and new technologies are employed for the convenience of the public in filing reports. Discipline inspection authorities at various levels have established websites, as well as report windows such as “one click report” and “readily to take a picture” so that the public could easily provide leads with texts, pictures or video clips, among other means. Some provinces, regions or municipals have developed special apps for appointed supervisors so that they could discover and upload violation no matter where and when. The discipline inspection authorities could thereby launch investigation as necessary. Statistics show that reports through internet make up 50% of all reports, while those through Wechat accounts for about one third.

It is a proven fact that public participation is vital to the anti-corruption and rectification campaign, with report letters, media coverage and online public opinions as key sources of information and case leads. Public participation and supervision, as of becoming normalized, regulated and institutionalized, are playing an increasingly significant role in party discipline and clean governance development and the war against corruption.