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Date	Event
Jan. 8	The CBC upgraded its official website with more visually appealing features to further enhance monetary policy communication.
14	The CBC issued a commemorative coin set for 2020, the Geng Zi Year of the Rat.
Feb. 5	The CBC requested the Taiwan Clearing House to offer a six-month moratorium on deferred repayments to support financially-distressed industries owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.
25	The CBC and the Financial Supervisory Commission issued a joint statement to urge financial institutions to address potential risks arising from LIBOR discontinuation at the end of 2021.
Mar. 19	<p>The CBC's Board decided on the following measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cutting the discount rate, the rate on refinancing of secured loans, and the rate on temporary accommodations by 0.25 percentage points each to 1.125%, 1.5%, and 3.375%, respectively, effective from March 20, 2020.² 2. Establishing the Special Accommodation Facility to Support Bank Credit to Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises to provide banks with additional funding of a total amount of NT\$200 billion at a rate of 0.25%, 1.25 percentage points lower than the policy rate on refinancing of secured loans.
20	In response to the amendment to the minimum capital requirement for banks, the CBC amended the <i>Directions Governing Designated Dealers for Open Market Operations</i> .
23	The CBC would, starting from April 2020, undertake repurchase agreements small value exercises on a regular basis to enhance completeness of open market operation instruments.

¹ Herein referred to as the CBC.

² To be more closely in line with the relevant regulations, the rate on accommodations with collateral and the rate on accommodations without collateral are now referred to as the rate on refinancing of secured loans and the rate on temporary accommodations, respectively.

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Mar. 27	The CBC lowered the remuneration rates on banks' B reserve accounts with the CBC. Reserves from demand deposits would receive interest at 0.068% per annum, while those from time deposits would receive interest at 0.56% per annum.
31	The CBC amended the <i>Directions for the Central Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Accommodations to Banks and promulgated the Regulations for the CBC's Handling of the Special Accommodation Facility to Support Bank Credit to SMEs Affected by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)</i> (hereinafter the Special Facility Regulations), effective from April 1, 2020. The expiry date of the facility would be March 27, 2021.
Apr. 1	The CBC adjusted the issuance frequency of 7-day, 91-day and 182-day CDs and stopped issuing 14-day CDs.
17	The CBC amended the Special Facility Regulations to include support measures for small-scale business entities, effective from April 20, 2020.
20	The CBC reappointed Mega International Commercial Bank as the clearing bank for the US dollar on the foreign currency clearing platform.
24	The CBC amended the Special Facility Regulations to lower the facility's interest rate from 0.25% to 0.1%, 1.4 percentage points lower than the policy rate on refinancing of secured loans, effective from April 27, 2020.
May 4	The CBC allowed community financial institutions to engage in relief lending to small-scale business entities under the Special Accommodation Facility to Support Bank Credit to SMEs.
20	The CBC issued the Commemorative Coins for the Inauguration of the Fifteenth President and Vice President of the Republic of China (Taiwan).
Jun. 18	The CBC's Board decided to leave the discount rate, the rate on refinancing of secured loans, and the rate on temporary accommodations unchanged at 1.125%, 1.5%, and 3.375%, respectively.

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Jun. 30	The CBC, in collaboration with academia, completed the first phase proof-of-concept study for a wholesale CBDC.
Jul. 23	The CBC amended the Special Facility Regulations to raise borrowers' maximum credit lines under the facility, effective from July 24, 2020.
Aug. 5	The CBC upgraded the CBC Virtual Money Museum to enhance responsive and mobile-friendly design.
10	The CBC amended the Special Facility Regulations to extend the deadline for new applicants enjoying the facility's preferential interest rates to June 30, 2021.
28	The CBC extended the scope of foreign currency investment-linked insurance discretionary investment business, allowing securities investment trust enterprises and securities investment consulting enterprises to invest in the foreign currency classes of multi-currency Taiwan domestic equity funds, where an account's investments in such funds shall not exceed 5% of its total net asset value.
Sep. 17	The CBC's Board decided to leave the discount rate, the rate on refinancing of secured loans, and the rate on temporary accommodations unchanged at 1.125%, 1.5%, and 3.375%, respectively.
22	The CBC amended the Special Facility Regulations to expand the facility from a scope of NT\$200 billion to NT\$300 billion.
Nov. 12	The CBC issued the New Taiwan dollar uncirculated coin set of the National Parks of Taiwan Series - South Penghu Marine National Park.
13	The CBC met with six major mortgage lenders to urge them to strengthen risk management of real estate lending.
19	The CBC met with another eight banks with larger mortgage portfolios to urge them to fulfil their social responsibilities by helping to preclude an inordinately high flow of bank credit into the real estate sector.
Dec. 7	The CBC's Executive Directors Meeting decided to amend (and rename)

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	the <i>Regulations Governing the Extension of Mortgage Loans by Financial Institutions</i> to introduce a loan-to-value ratio ceiling on housing loans for corporate entities, natural persons' third (or more) housing loans, land loans, and unsold housing unit loans, effective from December 8, 2020.
Dec. 10	The CBC amended the Special Facility Regulations to extend the deadline for SMEs to apply for credit support to June 30, 2021; such loans that lenders approved on or after Jan. 5, 2021 would continue to enjoy the facility's preferential interest rates until Dec. 31, 2021.
17	The CBC's Board decided to leave the discount rate, the rate on refinancing of secured loans, and the rate on temporary accommodations unchanged at 1.125%, 1.5%, and 3.375%, respectively.
29	The CBC met with eight government-owned banks to urge them to reinforce the risk management and continue to abide by internal rules established from 2015 on industrial land mortgage loans.
31	The CBC met with major private banks, life insurance companies, and bills finance companies to urge stronger risk management of industrial land collateralized loans.