## 留抵退税政策有效为企业减负纾困 Tax, fee

## cuts put enterprises in stronger position

自从 4 月 1 日开始实施大规模留抵退税政策以来,已经惠及多家企业尤其是小微企业。在疫情之下,退税政策直接为企业增加现金流,有效帮助企业减负纾困。



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n officials introduce tax refund policy at a small company in Cangzhou, Hebei province. FU XINCHUN/FOR CHINA DAILY

China's continued tax and fee cuts and the recent move of refunding value-added tax credits to businesses are helping market players withstand economic headwinds and are critical in supporting growth this year, an official said.

一名官员称,中国持续的减税降费措施和近期面向企业的增值税留抵退税政策能帮助市场主体抵御经济逆风,对于保证今年的经济增长至关重要。

Xu Hongcai, vice-minister of finance, said in a published interview in *Economic Daily* on Tuesday that this year, tax cuts and refunds work as critical means of keeping overall economic performance stable.

财政部副部长许宏才 5 月 3 日接受《经济日报》的采访时表示, 退税减税是稳定宏观经济大盘的关键性举措。

Xu said the amount of tax cuts and refunds is expected to reach 2.5 trillion yuan (\$378 billion) this year, adding that all competent measures will be put in place in an expedited manner.

许宏才指出,今年预计全年退税减税约 2.5 万亿元,并表示,各项退税减税降费政策正在加快实施。

During the time between April 1, when the country's tax credit refund scheme was first enacted, and April 28, some 625.6 billion yuan has been refunded to businesses in an effort to inject direct liquidity into businesses and ease their financial burdens.

从 4 月 1 日开始办理留抵退税以来,截至 4 月 28 日已办理退税 6256 亿元,直接为企业增加现金流,帮助企业减负纾困。

"Outstanding VAT credits for small and medium-sized businesses will be refunded in advance in May. In addition, we will step up the refund process for large-scale enterprises to ensure that most tax credit refunds will be realized in the first half of the year," he said.

许宏才称: "5月份,我们还将提前退还小型和中型企业存量留抵税额, 此后还将加快大型企业退税进度,确保上半年大头落地。"

Figures from the State Taxation Administration show that in April, the majority of VAT tax credit refund recipients were small and micro businesses. This year's Government Work Report said that VAT credit refunds will account for 1.5 trillion yuan this year and will all go straight to enterprises.

国家税务总局的数据显示, 4 月份多数办理增值税留抵退税的都是小微企业。今年的政府工作报告指出, 预计全年留抵退税约 1.5 万亿元, 退税资金全部直达企业。

Su Jingchun, an associate professor with the Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences, pointed out that this year, the effectiveness of tax refunds for businesses, particularly for smaller ones, should not be underestimated.

中国财政科学研究院副研究员苏京春指出,不能低估今年退税政策对企业尤其是中小企业的作用。

"The greatest challenge facing the economy now is the magnitude of uncertainty both externally and internally, which adds to the difficulty of macro policy maneuvers and hampers business confidence. Yet the move and timetable of VAT tax

refunds have been announced early in March, and have been swiftly implemented so far, despite growth headwinds. This not only alleviates liquidity crunches for smaller businesses, but more importantly, boosts their confidence and builds up better prospects for the latter half of the year," Su said.

苏京春表示,当前经济面临的最大挑战就是内外部存在的极大的不确定性,这增加了宏观政策的操作难度,也打击了企业的信心。但是三月初公布的增值税留抵退税政策及时间表在经济遇到阻力的情况下迄今为止一直在快速推进。这不仅缓解了中小企业的资金压力,更重要的是,提振了企业信心,有助于下半年经济向好。

Survey results made by the State Taxation Administration show that funds under the VAT tax credit refund scheme are mainly used for product expansion, purchasing raw materials, payrolls and technological research.

国家税务总局的调查结果显示, 留抵退税返还的资金主要被用于产品拓展、购买原材料、工资发放和技术研发。

Hao Aixiu, representative of a pharmaceutical production company in Henan province, said recently that the firm received some 1.24 million yuan in tax refunds from the local taxation department. The company received the refunds only a couple of hours after its refund applications were filed.

河南一家药品生产公司的法人代表郝爱秀(音译)近日表示,该公司从当地税务部门收到了约124万元退税。该公司在提出退税申请几小时后就收到了退回的税款。

"We've been facing increasing challenges in the past two years, as prices of raw materials keep ticking up, while production and logistics were frequently distorted by the pandemic situation," she said. "Liquidity from the tax refund scheme is critical for underpinning operations and consolidating our market distribution channels."

她说: "过去两年来我们面临的挑战越来越多,原材料价格不断上涨,生产和物流频频受到疫情的干扰。来自退税的流动资金对于支撑运营和 巩固市场分销渠道至关重要。"