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Embrace big-picture thinking, grasp at deputies' advise

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National People's Congress deputies from the grassroots should start thinking about the bigger picture because their suggestions may be implemented at a top-level meeting. Kong Xun, a deputy from China's Tibet Autonomous Region, said recently in Lhasa, it's necessary for the Chinese central government to pass down some of the people's proposals to the public, which may lose trust if they had not been translated properly.

The hospital also rents parking spaces to people shopping in a nearby mall, leaving patients few or no places to park.

"This may seem like small things, but they are urgent concerns to the public, which may lose trust in the government because of things like this," Kong said at a press conference. The deputies' proposals to the central government have been handled by the central government.

Kong said proudly: "I am planning to set up five companies for five groups of villagers this year so they can start businesses of their own, such as restaurants and Internet cafes."

"The Chinese government has been actively working to cut poverty. We have achieved a feat that is equal to lifting 700 million people out of poverty in the past four decades." Kong said.

He also said that more effective poverty alleviation plans are available with a few finger taps in the future. China has increased its commitment to poverty alleviation, with 800 million people out of poverty in the past four decades.

China has taken key strides in poverty alleviation, the top economic expert says.