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### DESCRIPTION

This paper gives an overview of the development of the bamboo shoot sector in Linan over the past eighteen years (1985-2002) and the results of a case study on its effect on poverty alleviation. The large quantity of data presented convincingly illustrates the positive impact of the bamboo shoot sector on the overall development of local farmers livelihoods in terms of increases in income, employment generation, increase in education and attendance rate at schools, improvement of life and living conditions and increased social equality.

The paper also analyzes the reasons why the bamboo shoot sector in Linan was able to develop so quickly in a short period of time to become one of the pillar industries and had significant impacts on the local socio-economic rural development. These involve preferential government policies including supportive land and financial policies, a high quality technical extension service and the establishment of demonstration sites and model enterprises and households. They are also due to the multiple involvement and participation of people from all circles including government officials, technical staff, bamboo researchers, manufacturers, farmer households and NGOs.

Finally some constraints and challenges facing the bamboo shoot sector in Linan are examined and analyzed, based on which a series of recommendations are put forward with an aim of achieving sustainable development for the bamboo shoot sector.

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