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and control arrangements in the new core banking system and applied Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process inline with global regulatory and market specific changes.

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The bank's asset quality continued to improve with Non-Performing-Loan (NPL) level dropping to 1.67%. The total accumulated provisions for loans and advances amounted to 7.2% of gross loans, reflecting an NPL coverage ratio of 400%, with Provision Coverage Ratio of 400% in 2017. The bank remains its well capitalized position with Basel III Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio of 16.02% and a total capital adequacy ratio of 17.23%.

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