



Regional: Five Decades of Asian Development

Project Name	Five Decades of Asian Development				
Project Number	48375-001				
Country	Regional				
Project Status	Active				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 8815-REG: Five Decades of Asian Development</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 750,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	TA 8815-REG: Five Decades of Asian Development		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 750,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth				
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions				
Sector / Subsector	Multisector - Under corporate priority framework meeting				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements				
Description	(i) A high-level conference on Asia's development to be participated in by reputed scholars, policy makers and development practitioners to discuss Asia's development record during the last 50 years and the challenges ahead, to be held in Manila in mid-2015; (ii) An edited volume containing original and first-rate chapters on Asia's development, to be published by a top publisher, e.g. Cambridge University Press (CUP) or Oxford University Press (OUP), published by April 2017 and to be launched at the 2017 Annual Meeting.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The purpose of this project is to assess Asia' development over the last five decades and draw lessons for the future. A cursory analysis of the region leads to the conclusion that a main characteristic is its tremendous heterogeneity. While Japan and the four NIES are high-income economies _the Asian Miracle, the rest of the region is still in the middle and low-income ranges. Moreover, agriculture is still a very large employer across the South Asian subcontinent, and even in the PRC, the Philippines, Indonesia or Thailand, it employs about a third of all workers. Finally, many countries are experiencing a transition from agriculture into low-productivity services (largely skipping the industrialization phase). Industrialization of the type experienced by South Korea in the 1970s will probably not happen again. In other words, the performance of most of Asia cannot, in any sense, be referred to as miraculous. This includes large economies like India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and Viet Nam; the smaller economies of Southeast Asia, Myanmar, Lao PDR, and Cambodia; the ex-Soviet Republics of Central Asia; and the Pacific Islands.				
Impact	Improved policy formulation in ADB DMCS.				

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	DMCS' improved understanding of Asia's development during the last five decades and its challenges ahead.
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Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A high-level conference to discuss Asia's development record during the last 50 years and the region's challenges ahead, to be held in Manila. 2. An edited volume containing original and first-rate chapters on Asia's development, to be co-published with a top-publisher.
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

NA

During Project Implementation

NA

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	<p>A. Economists/Social Scientists (5 international consultants, 20 person-months, intermittent)</p> <p>1. Under the supervision of the Project Officer, the consultants will be responsible for conceptualizing, designing, and undertaking studies on Asia's development during the last 50 years and challenges ahead. The consultants are expected to prepare selected chapters of the book, enhanced with graphs, charts and boxes, following the ADB Handbook of Style and Usage. The experts will participate in the conferences, present their findings, and revise their papers based on comments received.</p> <p>2. In particular, the consultants will perform the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">" Review the literature and ADB studies on the assigned topic;" Participate actively in workshops, brainstorming sessions;" Draft a 25-35 page chapter covering the assigned topic;" Prepare graphs, tables and boxes to enhance the write-ups;" Discuss with the concerned ADB staff the development of the assigned topic;" Revise these drafts to incorporate comments and feedback from ADB staff and workshop discussants;" Finalize the chapter by June 2016; and" Perform other related tasks as assigned by ERD. <p>3. The international consultant should have: (i) a Ph.D. degree in Economics or related field; (ii) expert knowledge of development issues in developing Asia; (iii) proven capacity for both quantitative and policy-oriented analyses; and (iii) proven capacity to synthesize complex issues and identify key policy messages for policy-makers, donors, and other stakeholders.</p> <p>B. Editor (2 international consultants, 8 person-months, intermittent)</p> <p>4. Under the supervision of the Project Officer, the economics editor shall be responsible for reviewing and editing the substance and form of the final report to ensure coherence, sound economic arguments, and compliance to the highest publication standards and to ADB's Handbook of Style and Usage.</p> <p>5. The international consultant should have substantial experience in editing ADB studies/reports specifically on economic topics.</p> <p>C. Economic Research Assistants (2 national consultants, 12 person-months)</p> <p>7. Under the supervision of the Project Officer, the consultants will provide technical and statistical support in the preparation of the selected chapters of the book.</p> <p>8. The consultant will have strong knowledge of different areas of development economics such as economic growth, employment, inequality, and structural transformation. He/she will also have experience in managing large data bases, econometric background in both time-series and cross-section, and excellent knowledge of MS Excel, MS PowerPoint and STATA.</p>
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	29 Oct 2014
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	15 Dec 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	15 Oct 2014

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
15 Dec 2014	-	15 Dec 2014	31 Jul 2017	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
750,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750,000.00	15 Dec 2014	128,378.15

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