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Quick Facts

Countries	China
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2016-06-22
Borrower	Government of People's Republic of China
Sectors	Infrastructure, Technical Cooperation, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 0.40 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 0.40 million

Project Description

The Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) requested policy and advisory technical assistance (TA) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support the PRC's initiative on Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, which are jointly referred to as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The TA is included in the ADB Country Operations Business Plan, 2016–2018 for the PRC.1 ADB fielded a reconnaissance mission in mid-January 2016 and reached an understanding with the government on the impact, outcome, outputs, implementation arrangements, costs, and terms of reference for consultants.

This TA will examine how the BRI Initiative—including its principles, framework, cooperation priorities, and latest development status—and analyze ways to enhance coordination between BRI and existing regional cooperation mechanisms. The TA will help to enhance the design of the PRC–Mainland Southeast Asia economic corridor to strengthen connectivity between economies, improve competitiveness in the connected market, and promote regional public goods.

Output 1: A comprehensive comparative study on the BRI Initiative and other relevant regional cooperation and integration initiatives conducted.
Output 2: Road map for the development of the PRC–Mainland Southeast Asia Economic Corridor prepared.
Output 3: International support to the BRI Initiative enhanced.

CONSULTING SERVICES

The proposed TA will be implemented over 18 month period from 30 June 2016 to 31 December 2017. The proposed TA will engage one international consultant (3 person-months) and four national consultants (13 person-months).

The consultants will be hired in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time), and proceeds will be disbursed in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time). Consultants will be engaged individually. All reports will be submitted in English and Chinese languages to the executing agency and ADB in hard and electronic copies. The consultants will maintain close working relations with ADB and the executing agency and will regularly discuss progress and findings. Tripartite meetings involving ADB, the executing agency, and the consultants will be held when necessary to provide guidance to the consultants and to review draft reports.

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure PDF
- Study of the Belt and Road Initiative: Technical Assistance Report [Original Source]