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Strategies for Asia

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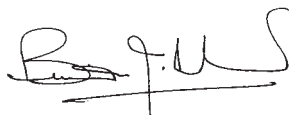
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## FOREWORD

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is committed to advancing the discussion on technical education and vocational training (TEVT) in Asia. ADB lent about \$59 million in 2004 on skills development in 4 countries (Cambodia, Nepal, Pakistan and Tuvalu). But many other middle-income countries in the region could benefit from strategies designed to link employment with demand for skills where public-private partnerships play an important role in providing training. **“Improving Technical Education and Vocational Training: Strategies for Asia”** is a Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD) knowledge product that aims to assist education departments in developing member countries (DMCs) to better understand the need for human resource strategies and frameworks where labor market demand is continuously shifting. The report should help ADB staff to consider the many aspects of human resource strategies when planning projects designed to reduce poverty promote gender equity and encourage public-private participation. Finally, the report is aimed at providing some guidance to the international community’s support for DMC policy makers who recognize the value of human resources in national development.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	—	Asian Development Bank
CBT	—	competency-based training
DMC	—	developing member country
EBT	—	enterprise-based training
FDI	—	foreign direct investment
HREF	—	Human Resource Endowment Fund
ICT	—	information and communications technology
IT	—	information technology
LMI	—	labor market information
OJT	—	on-the-job training
PNG	—	Papua New Guinea
PRC	—	People's Republic of China
PTP	—	private training providers
R&D	—	research and development
TA	—	technical assistance
TEVT	—	technical education and vocational training
TTC	—	technical training center
VTC	—	vocational training center

### NOTE

In this paper, "\$" refers to US dollars