

About ADB

Established in 1966, ADB is a multilateral development bank aimed at reducing poverty in the Asia and Pacific region. It is owned by 67 members, including 48 from Asia and the Pacific. Japan is a top shareholder, along with the United States, and the largest contributor to ADB's special funds.

The Asia and Pacific region has grown economically in the recent years, but the region remains home to two thirds of the world's poor, and nearly 1.9 billion people (60% of the population in region) live on less than \$2 a day. ADB aims to improve the quality of lives for its developing member countries, through pro-poor sustainable economic growth, social development, and good governance.

To achieve that goal, ADB provides policy dialogues, loans and technical assistance, grants, guarantees, and equity investments to governments and the private sector for specific projects and programs. ADB's annual lending is typically about \$6 billion, with technical assistance usually totaling about \$180 million a year. The projects range from transport and communications, energy, law, economic management and public policy, water supply, agriculture, finance, multisector, and others. ADB also studies the economic conditions and development issues of the region and publishes the data in the *Asian Development Outlook* and other reports. In recent years, ADB is promoting regional economic cooperation and integration to leverage economic growth and stability in the region.

With headquarters in Manila, Philippines, ADB has 19 resident missions in Asia, three sub-regional offices in the Pacific, three representative offices in donor nations, and a special liaison office in Timor-Leste. ADB's development assistance is devoted to 39 borrowing member countries in Asia and the Pacific. ADB's staff numbers more than 2,000 recruited from over 50 countries.

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ADB's Representative Office

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has representative offices in Europe (Frankfurt), Japan (Tokyo), and North America (Washington, DC), where most of its donors are. Each represents ADB in the respective donor countries. Their main role is to enhance the profile of ADB and to liaise with the stakeholders in the donor countries. Their public information works are carried out through public information center, seminars, interviews, and other events, and connects ADB headquarters and its donor members.

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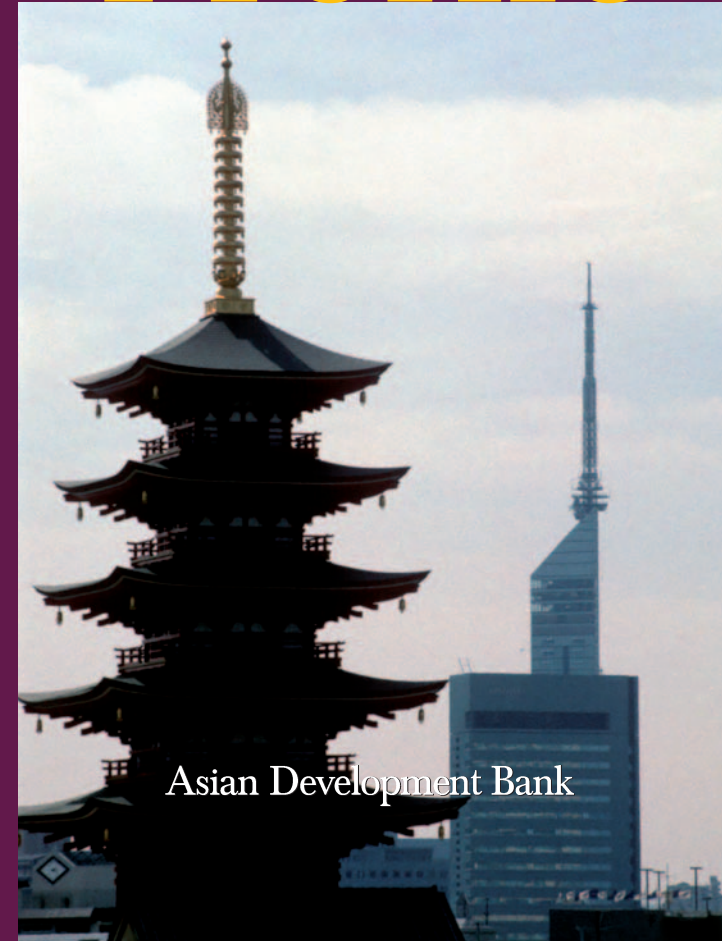
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JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE (JRO)

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About us

The Japanese Representative Office (JRO) was established in 1996 in Tokyo as the representative office in Japan of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Since then, JRO aims to strengthen ADB representation in Japan and contribute to raising ADB's reputation as a professional and accountable development institution deserving Japan's continued strong support.

Mission

JRO assists ADB Headquarters in maintaining and strengthening working relationship with key stakeholders in Japan—policy makers in the government and development aid agencies; academic and research institutions concerned with official development policies; and top-tier media institutions and opinion leaders in academe, media, private sector, and civil society.

It also serves as the contact office for interaction between ADB and one of the largest donor member countries: Japan.

Activities

JRO serves to promote public awareness about the development challenges in the Asia and Pacific region and how ADB can address them. To achieve this, JRO

- organizes various outreach activities such as lectures/seminars by ADB's Management and senior staff, in coordination with Headquarters;
- coordinates press briefings/interviews of Management and ADB specialists for media;
- provides easy access for ADB information through its Public Information Corner where ADB publications are on display and visitors can explore the ADB website;
- assists in translating ADB publications and information materials into Japanese; and
- issues a bimonthly e-Newsletter to more than 1,800 subscribers.



ADB Member Countries

Regional

Afghanistan
Armenia
Australia
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh
Bhutan
Brunei
Cambodia
China, People's
Republic of
Cook Islands
Fiji Islands
Georgia
Hong Kong, China
India
Indonesia
Japan
Kazakhstan
Kiribati
Korea, Republic of
Kyrgyz Republic
Lao People's
Democratic
Republic
Malaysia
Maldives
Marshall Islands
Micronesia,
Federated States of
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nauru
Nepal
New Zealand
Pakistan
Palau

Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Samoa
Singapore
Solomon Islands
Sri Lanka
Taipei, China
Tajikistan
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Tonga
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Viet Nam

Nonregional

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Belgium
Canada
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Germany
Ireland
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Portugal
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