

Seventh International Forum on Asian Perspectives

PROGRAMME

Experts' Seminar

Monday, 18 June 2001

Introductory Remarks: Myoung–Ho Shin, Vice–President, Asian Development Bank
Jorge Braga de Macedo, President, OECD Development Centre
Suwit Khunkitti, Deputy Prime Minister, Thailand

Session I:

Chair: Arvind Panagariya, Chief Economist and Director
of the Economics and Development Resource Center,
Asian Development Bank

A. Technology Diffusion and Poverty Reduction: History and Prospects

Presentation on Technology and Poverty: Mapping the Connections

Maurizio Bussolo and David O'Connor, OECD Development Centre

Discussants: Michael Lipton, Department of Economics, Sussex University,
United Kingdom

Yoginder K. Alagh, Vice Chairman, Sadar Patel Institute
of Economics and Social Research, India

B. Biotechnology, Intellectual Property, and the Poor

*Presentation on Diffusion and Distribution: The Distributive Impact of Intellectual
Property Rights on Global Agriculture*

Timo Goeschl Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge

Timothy Swanson Department of Economics and Faculty of Law,
University College London, United Kingdom

*Presentation on Poverty, Food Security, and Agricultural Biotechnology:
Challenges and Opportunities*

Nihal Amerasinghe Director, Agriculture and Social Sectors Department (East),
Asian Development Bank

Discussants: Liu Yanhua, Director General, Department of Rural and Social Development,
Ministry of Science and Technology, People's Republic of China
Carliene Brenner, Biotechnology Consultant, France
Jenifer Piesse, Department of Management, Birkbeck College,
University of London, United Kingdom

Session II:

Chair: Ulrich Hiemenz, Director, OECD Development Centre

A. Information and Communications Technologies: Their Contribution to Poverty Reduction in Asia

Presentation on Information and Communication Technology in Developing Countries of Asia

Brahm Prakash Assistant Chief Economist, Economic Analysis and Research Division,
Economics and Development Resource Center, Asian Development Bank

Discussants: Peter Ballantyne, International Institute for Communication
and Development, the Netherlands
Sanghoon Ahn, OECD Economics Department

B. Technology Financing towards Poverty Reduction in Asia

*Presentation on Financing Information Technology Diffusion in Low-income
Asian Developing Countries*

Yun-Hwan Kim Senior Economist, Economic Analysis and Research Division,
Economics and Development Resource Center, Asian Development Bank

Discussants: Arnaud Ventura, Director General, PlanetFinance, France
Lahiru Perera, South Asian Regional Director,
Intermediate Technology Development Group, Sri Lanka

Concluding Remarks: Arvind Panagariya and Ulrich Hiemenz

Co-chairs of the Forum: Myoung-Ho Shin, Vice-President, Asian Development Bank
Jorge Braga de Macedo, President, OECD Development Centre

Public Conference
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Inaugural address: François Huwart, Secretary of State for Foreign Trade,
Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry, France

Welcoming Remarks: Jorge Braga de Macedo, President, OECD Development Centre

Keynote Address: Myoung–Ho Shin, Vice–President, Asian Development Bank

Session I: Technology Development Policy for Poverty Reduction

Chair: Jorge Braga de Macedo, President, OECD Development Centre
Suwit Khunkitti, Deputy Prime Minister, Thailand

Desmond O’Malley, Member of Parliament,
former Minister of Justice and Minister of Industry and Commerce

Lahiru Perera, South Asian Regional Director,
Intermediate Technology Development Group, Sri Lanka

John Kay, Economist, United Kingdom

**Session II: Technology Progress and Investment Strategy
in Low–income Countries**

Chair: Yoginder K. Alagh, Vice Chairman, Sadar Patel Institute of Economics
and Social Research, India

Liu Yanhua, Director General, Department of Rural and Social Development,
Ministry of Science and Technology, People’s Republic of China

José Braz, Managing Partner, TEcFinance, Lda., Portugal

Henri Guillaume, President of the Mission for a Digital Economy,
Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry, France