

**Conference on
POVERTY, GROWTH, AND THE ROLE OF INSTITUTIONS
ADB Headquarters, Manila, 10-12 October 2001**

Program

10 October, Wednesday

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

Opening Session

9:00 Welcome remarks Arvind Panagariya
Director and Chief Economist, ADB

9:10 **Keynote Speech —
European Welfare States:
Lessons for Developing Asia** Professor Assar Lindbeck
Stockholm University

9:50 Open forum

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Opening address** Mr. Tadao Chino
President, ADB

11:20 Signing of the Poverty Partnership Agreement between
the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and
the Asian Development Bank

11:25 **Inaugural address** Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-
Arroyo

12:00 Lunch break

Afternoon Session

Chair G.H.P.B. van der Linden
Director, Programs (East), ADB

2:00 **Poverty Reduction and the Role of Institutions**

Anil B. Deolalikar
University of Washington, Seattle

Ernesto M. Pernia
EDRC, ADB

2:30	Discussants	M. G. Quibria ADB Institute
		Cedric Saldanha SPD, ADB
2:50	Open forum	
3:10	Coffee break	
3:25	Probing Beneath Cross-National Averages: Poverty, Inequality, and Growth in the Philippines	
		Arsenio M. Balisacan, University of the Philippines Ernesto M. Pernia, EDRC, ADB
3:55	Discussants	Gunter Hecker Philippines Country Office, ADB
		Mario B. Lamberte Philippine Institute for Development Studies
4:15	Open forum	
4:45	Adjournment	

11 October, Thursday

Morning Session

	Chair	Christine Wallich Director, IWD, ADB
9:00	Decentralization and Poverty Reduction	
		Raghav Das Gaiha University of Delhi
9:30	Discussants	Atiur Rahman Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies
		Jose Edgardo L. Campos SPD, ADB
9:50	Open forum	
10:15	Coffee break	

10:30	Poverty, Growth and Inequality in Thailand	Anil B. Deolalikar
11:00	Discussants	Frank Harrigan PWD, ADB Suparat Manmin NESDB, Thailand
11:20	Open forum	
12:00	Lunch break	

Afternoon Session

1:45	Panel Discussion on Growth and Poverty: Are We Diverging or Converging?	
	Chair	Shoji Nishimoto Director, SPD, ADB
	Speakers:	Anil B. Deolalikar University of Washington Peter McCawley Australian Aid Solita C. Monsod University of the Philippines Arvind Panagariya Asian Development Bank
2:45	Open forum	
3:30	Synthesis	
3:45	Coffee break	
	Chair	Edward Haugh, Jr. <i>AWEH, ADB</i>
4:00	Sociocultural Factors Affecting Poverty Reduction	
		Mary Racelis Ateneo de Manila University

4:30	Discussants	Ramesh Khadka Action Aid, Viet Nam
		Anita Kelles-Viitanen OESD, ADB
4:50	Open forum	
5:15	Adjournment	

12 October, Friday

Morning Session

	Chair	Hans-Juergen Springer Director, AED
8:30 a.m.	Public Sector Reforms and Poverty Reduction	
		Alex B. Brillantes, Jr. University of the Philippines
9:00	Discussants	Werner Konrad Blenk ILO, Manila
		Clay Wescott PWD, ADB
9:20	Open forum	
9:40	Coffee break	
10:00	Poverty, Growth, and the Role of Institutions: Republic of Korea	
		Suk Bum Yoon Yonsei University, Seoul
10:20	Discussant	Tae Kyu Park Yonsei University, Seoul
10:30	Open forum	
10:45	Poverty, Growth, and the Role of Institutions: Taipei, China	
		Pan-Long Tsai National Tsing-Hua University, Taipei
11:05	Discussant	Ching-lung Tsay Academia Sinica, Taipei

11:15	Open forum	
11:30	Summing up	Ernesto M. Pernia EDRC, ADB
11:45	End of Conference	