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**Shamshad Akhtar** assumed the position of Director General of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB's) Southeast Asia Department (SERD) in January 2004.

As Director General, she oversees the operations of SERD's five divisions. ADB's resident mission in Indonesia and country office in the Philippines also come under her responsibility. SERD covers Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Singapore.

Previously Ms. Akhtar was Deputy Director General of SERD. She also held the position of Director, Governance, Finance and Trade Division of East and Central Asia Department. She became Manager of ADB's Financial Sector and Industry Division in 1998, and prior to that, a Senior Economist in 1996. Ms. Akhtar started in ADB as an economist assigned to Bangladesh and India.

Before joining ADB, she worked for 10 years as an economist in the World Bank's Resident Mission in Pakistan. She also worked briefly for the Planning Offices both at the federal and the Government of Sind in Pakistan.

Ms. Akhtar has presented papers on economics and finance in international conferences. Her current research interests are Monetary and Fiscal Policy, Banking and Capital Market, International Finance Architecture, Regulation and Supervision, and Industrial and Corporate Restructuring. She has been ADB's coordinator for APEC Finance Ministers Group from 1998-2001 and has served on a number of ADB committees including the reorganization committee, appeals committee and oversight committee, among others.

Ms. Akhtar is a post-doctoral fellowship Fulbright scholar and was a visiting fellow at the Department of Economics, Harvard University in 1987. She earned her Ph. D. in Development Economics in the United Kingdom in 1980 and her M. A. in Development Economics from the University of Sussex in 1977. She also has an M. Sc. in Economics from the Quaid-e Azam University in Pakistan.

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