

**Visit of US Alternate Executive Director
13-17 January 2003**

Ms. Lori Forman, the Alternate Executive Director for the US at ADB visited Pakistan during 13-17 January 2003. She visited Lahore and Islamabad and held discussions with Government officials on various aspects of ADB's operations in Pakistan. She also visited various ADB project sites, and attended a comprehensive power-point presentation and briefing at PRM.

In Lahore, Ms. Forman discussed topics of mutual interest with senior officials of the Government of Punjab, including the desire for a long-term development partnership based on shared strategic priorities. The Chairman, Planning and Development Board, Government of Punjab provided a briefing on the development vision and strategy of the Punjab Government and underscored the Government's commitment to wide-ranging economic and governance reforms, proposed to be supported through the proposed Punjab Resource Management Program loan, which is in ADB's lending portfolio for 2003.

In Islamabad, Ms. Forman met with the Federal Minister for Education. Ms. Forman also attended a detailed briefing and presentation at PRM, covering a wide-range of topics including a comprehensive introduction to Pakistan and its economy and state of social sector development. She also attended a briefing by Government officials on the various public-sector reform programs being implemented through ADB support. Ms. Forman, accompanied by CD-PRM, also visited two ADB-assisted projects, including a beneficiary community of the Khushalibank in the village of ShahBagh (near Rawalpindi), and to the water filtration plant in Rawalpindi, set up under the ADB-supported Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Project.

US Alternate executive director Ms. Lori Forman visiting a water Plant in Rawalpindi supported by ADB under the Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Project.

