

Director General South Asia Department Attended the Pakistan Development Forum 12- 14 May 2003, Islamabad

Mr. Yoshihiro Iwasaki, Director General, SARD, visited Pakistan during 12-14 May 2003 to attend the Pakistan Development Forum (PDF) organized by the Government of Pakistan. The PDF, which is attended by all major multilateral and bilateral funding agencies, is organized annually and it takes place alternatively in Islamabad and Paris to discuss and share Pakistan's development programs, policies and achievements with its development partners. The PDF in Islamabad was attended by all major multilateral and bilateral funding agencies including ADB.

The topics under discussion at the PDF included

- economic reforms
- Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP)
- progress of the devolution of government
- private sector development
- water resource management.

The DG SARD Mr. Iwasaki headed ADB's delegation at the PDF, which comprised the Country Director, PRM, Senior Economic Advisor, PRM, the Principal Programs Officer, SAOC, and the Programs Officer. DG SARD also chaired a session on Provincial Perspectives on 13 May 2003.

In addition to attending the PDF, the DG SARD also met with the Prime Minister, Mr. Zafarullah Khan Jamali, the President, General Parvez Musharraf, Mr. Shaukat Aziz, Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, and key officials of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs & other departments of the Government of Pakistan, as well as Heads of delegations of other multilateral and bilateral development agencies.

- Read Mr. Iwasaki's [Opening Statement at the Pakistan Development Forum](#)
- Read Mr. Iwasaki's [Closing Statement at the Pakistan Development Forum](#)