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Abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADO	Asian Development Outlook
CoP	community of practice
CPS	country partnership strategy
DMC	developing member country
ERD	Economics and Research Department
ETSW	economic, thematic, and sector work
GDP	gross domestic product
INO	Indonesia
LAO	Lao People's Democratic Republic
OED	Operations Evaluation Division
PNG	Papua New Guinea
PSA	private sector assessment
PSD	private sector development
RRP	report and recommendation of the President
SARD	South Asia Department
TA	technical assistance
UZB	Uzbekistan
VIE	Viet Nam
WSS	water supply and sanitation

Foreword

This report is the fifth in an annual series of economic analysis retrospectives prepared by the Economics and Research Department (ERD). The retrospectives aim to assess the quality of economic analysis applied throughout Asian Development Bank (ADB) operations. The ultimate goal is to help improve the quality-at-entry of ADB's projects and programs and to achieve greater effectiveness of the aid provided. Through the identification of good and bad practices, the retrospectives promote learning and knowledge sharing. They also help ERD prioritize its research and analytical work to continuously enhance its operational relevance.

Economic Analysis Retrospective 2006 (Retro 2006) is limited to the review of the country partnership strategy (CPS) papers. Its central focus is on the diagnostic quality of economic, thematic, and sector work (ETSW) that underpinned the five CPS papers approved in 2006. By improving the quality of country and sector diagnoses, we hope to see more solid rationales for ADB's partnership strategies and interventions. When ADB's lending and nonlending operations are designed to remove or relax the critical constraints to growth and poverty reduction, the effectiveness of ADB's aid is strengthened.

Retro 2006 is a product of collaborative efforts of the staff of ERD's Economic Analysis and Operations Support Division. Relevant country teams provided valuable inputs through surveys and interviews. Regional and other departments also provided insightful comments and suggestions for improvement. The report is intended to be a reference material for ADB staff and consultants working on CPSs and ETSW.



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