

# Introduction

The ADB-sponsored workshop on **Urban Development Experience of the PRC and India with Private Sector Participation (PSP)** was organized by the South Asia Urban Development Division (SAUD) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) under regional technical assistance (RETA) 6300: Promoting Best Practices in Private Sector Participation in Urban Infrastructure in South Asia. The multi-city workshop was held in Beijing, Suzhou, and Shenzhen in the People's Republic of China (PRC) from 8–16 November 2007. It involved a series of **presentations and briefings, visits to relevant project sites, facilitated group sessions, and intensive discussions** between participants from the PRC and India. The workshop participants included 21 officials from the central, state, and municipal governments of India; 49 counterpart officials, researchers, and private sector participants from the PRC; as well as **staff and consultants** from ADB.

The workshop is part of a series of international forums sponsored by SAUD to **share knowledge and experience among government decision makers and other stakeholders** about the role that private sector can play in the provision of urban infrastructure and services. In considering PSP, however, the workshop participants did not focus exclusively on the technical details of PSP but considered the modality in the broader context of urban and regional development policies and strategies, such as the formation of city regions, the emergence of clustered cities, the use of comprehensive urban and regional planning, changing land use patterns, rural–urban migration, city region governance, various financing schemes, and inclusive development. Key observations and experience from both the countries provided an excellent opportunity to capture major policy implications and visions on urban development in each country's context.

