



Regional: Promoting Regional Knowledge Sharing Partnerships

Project Name	Promoting Regional Knowledge Sharing Partnerships		
Project Number	46310-001		
Country / Economy	Regional		
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Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
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	People's Republic of China Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund		US\$ 600,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships		
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management / Economic affairs management - Public expenditure and fiscal management		
Gender			
Description	The TA envisions an enhanced knowledge sharing and cooperation among the People's Republic of China (PRC), Mongolia, and other developing countries in Asia and the Pacific. The outcome of the TA will be successful implementation of the Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative (RKSI), resulting in increased awareness of best practices and emerging issues and challenges in the region and enabling improved sector policymaking and capacity building among PRC, Mongolia, and other developing member countries (DMCs) in the region. The main outputs of the TA are Knowledge Sharing Events (KSEs) including workshops on development themes and issues, publications on results of the KSE workshops and policy research work, policy advice from international experts, study tours, interactive websites on exchange of knowledge, demonstration projects on knowledge sharing, capacity building seminars, and knowledge partnership agreements with centers of knowledge excellence.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA promotes regional knowledge sharing by building on gains from knowledge sharing experience in PRC and knowledge support to Mongolia. The TA enhances existing knowledge cooperation as well as regional cooperation among PRC, Mongolia, and other DMCs. The TA shares development knowledge and experiences among DMCs. The TA mobilizes resources under the same framework of cooperation, with the aim of improving the effectiveness of knowledge sharing and establishing a knowledge center of excellence serving as platform for knowledge sharing. The TA enables sharing of successful case studies and lessons learned from other DMCs through KSEs and promote networking among knowledge institutions in the region, linking the RKSI with agencies in PRC, Mongolia, and other DMCs.		
Impact	Enhanced knowledge sharing and cooperation among PRC, MON and other developing countries in the Asia and Pacific region.		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome	Successful implementation of the RKSI, resulting in Increased awareness of best practices and emerging issues and challenges among PRC, MON and DMCs in the region		
Progress Toward Outcome	RKSI successfully supported together with its PRC and other partners: (i) the funding, design and implementation of 51 knowledge sharing events benefiting around 5,100 participants, covering regional cooperation and integration (CAREC, GMS and ASEAN+3), environment (eco-compensation and water), energy (low carbon, air quality, wind power), poverty reduction (urban poverty, rural-urban poverty linkage, food security and rural revitalization), urbanization (urban planning, urban management and urban development), fiscal reform, innovation and inclusion, economic transformation, vocational training, PPP, and social assistance; (ii) production of 8 publications and 50 video clips on air quality, urban poverty, PPP, climate change, vocational training, eco-compensation, regional cooperation and integration; (iii) the launch of RKSI website. The various activities followed the One ADB approach drawing on expertise from SDCC, ERCD, CWRD, SERD, SARD, ERCD in disseminating good practices and innovative solutions.		
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs	KSE workshops on development themes to enhance awareness on best practices and emerging development issues in the region Publications on results of the KSE workshops and policy research work Policy advice from international experts Study tours Interactive website on exchange of knowledge Demonstration projects on knowledge sharing Knowledge partnership agreements with centers of knowledge excellence		

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>The ADB-PRC RKSI was launched on 30 August 2012 in Beijing. It marked the dawn of a new era of knowledge sharing support to PRC, Mongolia, and other DMCs by ADB. From 2013 to 2018, the TA supported (i) 51 knowledge sharing events: 1. International Seminar on Fiscal and Tax Policy Reform, 21 May 2013, Shanghai; 2. International Expert Meeting on Improving Air Quality in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region, 4 June 2013, Beijing; 3. International Policy Workshop on Urban Poverty and Inclusive Cities, 24-25 June 2013 Suqian, Jiangsu Province, PRC; 4. Regional Workshop on Large Scale Wind Power Integration, 23-24 Sept 2013, Beijing; 5. Series of expert discussions and book launch on Economics of Climate Change in East Asia, 17 Oct 2013 Beijing, 18 Oct 2013, Ulaanbataar, 21 Oct 2013, Seoul, 23 Oct 2013, Tokyo; 6. The 1st ADB-Asian Think Tank Forum, 30-31 Oct 2013, Beijing; 7. International Workshop on Urban Expansion: New Towns and New Districts in China-Challenges and Opportunities, 12-13 Nov 2013, Shanghai; 8. International GMS Urban Strategy Development Workshop, 14-15 Nov 2013, Kunming, PRC; 9. 5th PRC-ADB Knowledge Sharing Platform: Sustainable Vocational Training towards Upgrading and Economic Transformation, 2-5 Dec 2013, Beijing and Guangdong Province, PRC; 10. International Policy Workshop on Rural-Urban Poverty Linkages, 2-4 Sept 2014, Hangzhou, PRC; 11. International Workshop on Urban Adaptation, 5 Sept 2014, Beijing; 12. International Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) Workshop, 11 Sept 2014, Tianjin, PRC; 13. PRC-India Urbanization Workshop, 20-21 Sept 2014, Wuhan, Hubei Province, PRC; 14. 6th PRC-ADB Knowledge Sharing Platform Event: Deepening Public-Private Partnerships, 25-28 Nov 2014, Beijing; 15. South-South City Leaders Forum, 2-3 Dec 2014, Manila, Philippines; 16. Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Urban Development and Planning Training Program, 11-15 May 2015, Tengchong, Yunnan, PRC; 17. 7th PRC-ADB Knowledge Sharing Platform Event: Developing Social Assistance Systems: Experience and Lessons, 7-8 Dec 2015, Beijing; 18. Knowledge Sharing Event on Regional Cooperation for the PRC and India, 31 Mar 2016, Beijing; 19. Central Asian Think Tank Development Forum, 20-21 Jun 2016, Kazakhstan; 20. South-South Water Management Experience Sharing, 20 Jun 2016, Beijing; 21. Food Security Forum: Safe, Nutritious, and Affordable Food for All, 22-24 Jun 2016, Manila, Philippines; 22. International Development Seminar Series, April-June 2016, Shanghai; 23. RKSI Roundtable and Website Launch (mid-term review), 14 Jul 2016, Beijing; 24. Workshop on Structural Transformation, 15-17 Jul 2016, Beijing; 25. ASEAN+3 Village Leadership Training Program, 18-24 Sept 2016, Shanghai; 26. Special Economic Zones (SEZs) as Catalysts for Economic Corridors, Value Chains and Production Networks Training, 17-22 Oct 2016, Shanghai; 27. Asia-Pacific Summit on Low Carbon Technology, 18-20 Oct 2016, Changsha, PRC; 28. 8th PRC-ADB Knowledge Sharing Platform: GDI and Operational Knowledge, 2-4 Nov 2016, Chongqing, PRC; 29. ADB-PRC 30th Year Celebration High Level Forum: China's Economic Transformation: Towards a Sustainable Future, 10 Nov 2016, Shanghai; 30. 5th International Conference on Eco-Compensation and Payments for Ecosystem Services, 24-25 Nov 2016, Kunming, PRC; 31. International Development Lecture Series, April-June 2017, Shanghai; 32. Cross-border E-commerce: Towards Seamless Connectivity Workshop, 16-18 May 2017, Thailand, Bangkok; 33. National Consultation and Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Regional Cooperation and Integration, 25-26 May 2017, Erlian, Inner Mongolia, PRC; 34. Lecture Series in Tsinghua University on Environment and Development May-Dec 2017, Beijing; 35. International Forum: Developing and Sharing Governance Solutions to Reduce Poverty, 26 May 2017, Beijing; 36. 11th ASEAN-PRC Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction, 25-27 July 2017, Siem Reap, Cambodia; 37. 2017 Forum on CAREC Regional Knowledge Sharing, 16-17 Aug 2017, Tashkent, Uzbekistan; 38. International Workshop on PRC's Urbanization, 26 Aug 2017, Beijing; 39. Second CAREC Think Tank Development Forum, 7-8 Sept 2017, Urumqi, Xinjiang; 40. Special Economic Zones as Catalysts for Economic Corridors, Value Chains and Production Networks Training, 25-29 Sept 2017, Shanghai; 41. Asia-Pacific Forum on Low Carbon Technology, 29-30 Nov 2017, Hunan, PRC; 42. 6th International Conference on Eco-compensation and Payments for Ecosystem Services, 7-9 Dec 2017, Chongqing, PRC; 43. 6th ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program, 5-9 Mar 2018, Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, PRC; 44. International Development Lecture Series, April-June 2018, Shanghai; 45. Special Economic Zones (SEZs) as Catalysts for Economic Corridors, Value Chains and Production Networks training, 7-11 May 2018, Shanghai; 46. 2018 China International Forum on poverty reduction, 23 May 2018, Beijing; 47. 12th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and poverty reduction-Enhancing poverty reduction Partnerships for an ASEAN-China Community with a Shared Future, 27-29 June 2018, Manila, Philippines; 48. Asia-Pacific Forum on Low-Carbon Technology 2018, 24-26 Oct 2018, Changsha, Hunan, PRC; 49. International Workshop on Air Quality, 6-7 Nov 2018, Beijing; 50. Workshop on Age-friendly City Planning and Development, 21-22 Nov 2018, Shanghai; 51. The 7th International Conference on Eco-compensation and Payments for Ecosystem Services, 3-4 Dec 2018, Huangshan, Anhui, PRC; (ii) 8 publications: 1. Economics of Climate Change in East Asia; 2. PPP in Urbanization in the People's Republic of China; 3. Deepening PPP in Asian and the Pacific; 4. Urban Poverty in Asia; 5. Sustainable Vocational Training towards Industrial Upgrading and Economic Transformation; 6. GMS Urban Development and Planning Training Proceedings; 7. Improving Logistics for Perishable Agricultural Products in the People's Republic of China; 8. Proceedings of the Second CAREC Think Tanks Development Forum: Exploring Knowledge Solutions for Regional Cooperation and Integration; (iii) Production of 50 video clips covering topics on air quality, urban poverty, PPP, climate change, vocational training, eco-compensation, regional cooperation and integration. (iv) The launch of the RKSI website (www.rksi.org) in 2016.</p>
Geographical Location	Regional

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	Regular consultations with the PRC Ministry of Finance were held in the design of the RKSI.
During Project Implementation	Regular consultations with the PRC Ministry of Finance and partners were held to discuss RKSI's annual workplan.

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	The TA engaged individual international consultants for 10 person-months and a total of 8 person-months of individual national consultants. ADB recruited the consultants in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). The TA also financed regional knowledge sharing activities, including resource persons, international and domestic participants and the preparation and finalization of knowledge products developed in connection with these events.

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	19 Jul 2012
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	16 Aug 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	13 Oct 2020

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
16 Aug 2013	-	16 Aug 2013	25 Mar 2015	31 Dec 2018	02 Apr 2019

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	1,100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100,000.00	17 Jun 2022	998,712.83

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