



# Regional: Developing Cross-Border Economic Zones between the People's Republic of China and Viet Nam

Project Name	Developing Cross-Border Economic Zones between the People's Republic of China and Viet Nam		
Project Number	43077-012		
Country / Economy	Regional		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount			
	TA 7356-REG: Developing Cross-Border Economic Zones between the People's Republic of China and Viet Nam		
	Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund		US\$ 800,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade / Trade and services		
Gender	Some gender elements		
Description	The Regional Policy and Advisory Technical Assistance (PATA) project is designed to support the implementation of the North-South Economic Corridor Strategy and Action Plan by developing cross-border economic zones (CBEZs) along selected border areas between PRC and Viet Nam. The project aims at promoting cross-border trade and investment activities and contributing to the development of North-South Economic Corridor (NSEC) under the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Economic Cooperation Program.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Regional cooperation and integration (RCI) is highlighted as one of five core operational areas in ADB's Long-Term Strategic Framework (Strategy 2020). Both the PRC and Viet Nam are active participants in various RCI initiatives, including the ADB-led GMS Program. Both countries have embraced the principles of regional cooperation, and have over the years demonstrated strong ownership of regional cooperation activities. The PRC Country Partnership Strategy 2008-2010 identified regional cooperation as one of the four key thrusts of ADB assistance, whereby ADB's RCI programs will be used to enhance infrastructure connectivity, facilitate cross-border trade and investment, and promote regional public goods. Regional cooperation is also a cross-cutting theme in the Viet Nam Country Strategy and Program 2007-2010 , and is regarded as an important means of reducing poverty and sustaining economic growth by promoting competition and encouraging cross-border trade and investment among others.</p> <p>The Regional Cooperation Strategy for GMS and the Midterm Review of the GMS Strategic Framework all endorse an economic corridor approach to subregional development. The Third GMS Summit called for more efforts to promote economic corridor development in the GMS. The NSEC was identified as a priority. One of the key recommendations from the NSEC Strategy and Action Plan is the development of CBEZs between the PRC and Viet Nam.</p> <p>The PATA will help operationalize the GMS strategy with regard to economic corridor development. It will contribute to the development of NSEC by supporting the establishment of the CBEZs along the PRC-Viet Nam border. It will also contribute to the implementation of the ADB's country strategies for the two countries, and strengthen the PRC-Viet Nam partnership for regional cooperation.</p>		
Impact	The impact of this TA is the establishment and effective management of the CBEZs in the border provinces of the PRC and Viet Nam, contributing to the development of the NSEC under the GMS Economic Cooperation Program.		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome	PRC-Viet Nam CBEZs will be established and managed well, contributing to the development of the NSEC.		
Progress Toward Outcome	The two governments have strengthened coordination with regard to cross-border economic zone development. A Joint Working Group of Viet Nam and PRC has been created and they regularly discuss the development of CBEZs. They are in the process of developing a Joint CBEZ Program (JCP) for implementing the MOU. The JCP will include formulation of a joint master plan for, and strengthening communications on, the establishment and development of CBEZs.		
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs	Establishment of the PRC-Viet Nam joint committee, and subcommittees if necessary, for developing and managing the CBEZs at Hekou-Lao Kai and Pingxiang-Dong Dang Formulation of CBEZ master plan and key investment plans in priority sectors Improvements in the environment for cross-border business development Enhanced capacity for the PRC and Viet Nam government agencies with regard to CBEZ development and management Enhanced private sector participation and strengthened PPP in the development of CBEZs Lessons learned about CBEZ development		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	ADB arranged an informal tripartite meeting on 24 May 2013 in Beijing to facilitate negotiations on the MOU that lead to its signing on 13 October 2013. A preliminary draft Joint CBEZ Program (JCP) has been developed by both countries which include among other aspects; specific locations, management approach and mechanisms, investment promotion preferential policies and investment needs to develop infrastructure.		
Geographical Location	Regional		
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			
Environmental Aspects			

Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
<b>Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation</b>	
During Project Design	Extensive consultations took place with relevant stakeholders from Viet Nam as well as China during project design and formulation.
During Project Implementation	Missions to the Border Crossing Points between Viet Nam and China have been fielded in order to discuss implementation issues. Several workshops have been organized in order to facilitate negotiations and raising awareness about the initiative.

<b>Business Opportunities</b>	
Consulting Services	A total of 12 person-months of international and 14 person-months of national consultant services will be hired through individual basis.

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<b>Timetable</b>	
Concept Clearance	26 Mar 2009
Fact Finding	30 Jul 2009 to 01 Aug 2009
MRM	-
Approval	30 Sep 2009
Last Review Mission	-
PDS Creation Date	05 May 2009
Last PDS Update	28 Mar 2014

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
30 Sep 2009	-	30 Sep 2009	31 Dec 2011	31 Dec 2014	28 Feb 2015

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
800,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900,000.00	17 Jun 2022	532,259.72

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