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Regional: Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Integration Knowledge Partnerships and Research Network in Asia and the Pacific

Project Name

Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Integration Knowledge Partnerships and Research Network in Asia and the Pacific

Project Number

51291-001

Country / Economy

- Regional

Project Status

Closed

Project Type / Modality of Assistance

- Technical Assistance

Source of Funding / Amount

TA 9537-REG: Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Integration Knowledge Partnerships and Research Network in Asia and the Pacific

Source

Amount

Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 500,000.00

TA 9537-REG: Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Integration Knowledge Partnerships and Research Network in Asia and the Pacific

Source

Amount

Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 75,000.00

Operational Priorities

- OP1: Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities
- OP3: Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability
- OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity

Sector / Subsector

- **Finance** / Infrastructure finance and investment funds
- **Public sector management** / Social protection initiatives

Gender

No gender elements

Description

The proposed knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will strengthen knowledge partnerships on themes relevant to regional cooperation and integration (RCI) by facilitating and forging research collaboration among policy research institutions in the Asia and Pacific region and organizing technical workshops and high-level policy dialogues to produce policy papers and a book volume for the use of policy makers in the region.

The TA will be included in the management-approved annual work program for the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD), as a policy research capacity building activity for relevant institutions in DMCs.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

Regional integration has played a pivotal role in driving Asia's economic and social development by expanding market and boosting productivity through the exchange of new ideas and production technologies across the region. A deeply interconnected region such as the European Union has gained considerable efficiency by sharing natural and human resources.

To continue taking advantage of the benefit of regional integration, policy makers in the region must closely cooperate on economic and the related development agenda of mutual interest to the region.

Knowledge management plays a role of assisting policy makers respond to challenges and opportunities by generating and disseminating targeted research. Active knowledge management is particularly important for RCI agenda because individual country effort is often insufficient in addressing region-wide concern or proposing regional solutions. Research collaboration also generates synergies of making research outcome relevant, actionable, and effective across the region.

However, research that identifies good practices and innovative regional solution to on RCI themes in the region tend to be carried out in stand-alone or fragmented form of efforts. Where collaboration exists, it tends to focus on sharing country-specific analysis of a common topic, but fall short of jointly conducting research on regional agenda with an aim to provide regional solution and recommendation. The situation necessitates proactive promotion of research partnerships across the region on RCI themes. Initiatives to promote research on regional agenda through forging partnership and collaboration among research institutions remain limited, but with few exceptions and they can be strengthened.

Impact

Knowledge, policy dialogue, and regional cooperation on the RCI agenda are improved.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome

Knowledge partnership on selected RCI themes among policy research institutions in ADB's member countries are strengthened.

Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

1. Collaborative RCI research conducted
2. DMC researchers actively participate and deepen knowledge on the research topics
3. Policy papers and book volume printed and disseminated

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Regional

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Contact

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Economic Research and Development Impact Department

Responsible ADB Division

Regional Cooperation and Integration Division (ERCI)

Executing Agencies

Asian Development Bank

Timetable

Concept Clearance

12 Feb 2018

Fact Finding

11 Aug 2017 to 12 Feb 2018

MRM

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Approval

25 Jun 2018

Last Review Mission

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Last PDS Update
28 Jun 2018

Funding

TA 9537-REG

Milestones

| Approval | Signing Date | Effectivity Date | Closing | | |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | Original | Revised | Actual |
| 25 Jun 2018 | - | 25 Jun 2018 | 30 Jun 2020 | 24 Jun 2023 | 07 Nov 2023 |

Financing Plan/TA Utilization

| ADB | Cofinancing | Counterpart | | | | Total |
|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|------------|
| | | Gov | Beneficiaries | Project Sponsor | Others | |
| 575,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 575,000.00 |

Cumulative Disbursements

| Date | Amount |
|-------------|------------|
| 27 Nov 2023 | 477,891.60 |

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