## Reforming Asian Utilities: Institutional Reforms for Boosting Private Investment

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### Opening Remarks

14:00-14:10 **Tetsushi Sonobe**, Dean and CEO, ADBI, Japan

### Explanation of Special Journal Issue

14:10-14:20 **Farhad Taghizadeh-Hesary**, Associate Professor, Tokai University, Japan and **Rabindra Nepal**, Senior Lecturer in Economics, School of Accountancy, Economics and Finance, University of Wollongong, Australia

### Session 1: Performance assessment and increasing efficiency in Asian utilities

**Chair:** Venkatachalam Anbumozhi, Senior Energy Economist, ERIA, Indonesia

**Paper 1**

**Performance Assessment of State-Owned Electricity Distribution Utilities in India**

14:20-14:35 **Presenter:** Gopal Sarangi, Department of Policy Studies, TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi, India

14:35-14:45 **Discussant:** Mohammad Mohsin, School of Finance and Economics, Jiangsu University, Zhenjiang, PRC

14:45-14:55 Q&A

**Paper 2**

**The Effect of Institution on Performance of Regulated Firms in Developing Countries: Evidence from Electricity Distribution in India**

14:55-15:10 **Presenter:** Manuel Llorca, Copenhagen School of Energy Infrastructure, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark and Tooraj Jamasb, Copenhagen School of Energy Infrastructure, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

15:10-15:20 **Discussant:** Hyoungh Suk Shim, Lucille and Jay Chazanoff School of
Business, CUNY College of Staten Island, USA

15:20-15:30 Q&A

15:30-15:40 Break

Session 2 Private Investment in utilities and renewable energy projects
Chair: Farhad Taghizadeh-Hesary, Associate Professor, Tokai University, Japan

Paper 3 Modelling Solar Energy System Adoption and Payment in Myanmar
15:40-15:55 Presenter: Hyoung Suk Shim, Lucille and Jay Chazanoff School of Business, CUNY College of Staten Island, USA
15:55:16:05 Discussant: Rabindra Nepal, Senior Lecturer in Economics, School of Accountancy, Economics and Finance, University of Wollongong, Australia
16:05-16:15 Q&A

16:15-16:30 Presenter: Mohammad Mohsin, School of Finance and Economics, Jiangsu University, Zhenjiang, PRC
16:30-16:40 Discussant: Sakib Bin Amin, North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
16:40-16:50 Q&A

19 November, Day 2

13:50-14:00 Introduction (Technical Guidance) and speakers' group photo

Session 3 Reforming utilities for reducing greenhouse gas emissions
Chair: Rabindra Nepal, Senior Lecturer in Economics, School of Accountancy, Economics and Finance, University of Wollongong, Australia

Paper 5 Energy Carbon Emission Reduction of China’s Transportation Utility: An Input-output Approach
14:00-14:15 Presenter: Huaping Sun, Professor, Institute of Industrial Economics & School of Finance and Economics, Jiangsu University, PRC
14:15-14:25 Discussant: Muhammad Arif, Lecturer, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto
University, Pakistan

14:25-14:35  Q&A

**Paper 6**  Regulatory reform and the relative efficacy of government versus private investment on energy consumption in South Asia
14:35-14:50  Presenter: Sakib Bin Amin, North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
14:50-15:00  Discussant: Mohammad Mohsin, School of Finance and Economics, Jiangsu University, Zhenjiang, PRC
15:00-15:10  Q&A

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**Paper 7**  PPPs, Institutional Reform and Challenges for Competition Law and Policy in ASEAN
15:10-15:25  Presenter: Pornchai Wisuttisak, Faculty of Law, Chiang Mai University, Thailand
15:25-15:35  Discussant: Vijay Kumar Singh, Dean, School of Law, UPES, India
15:35-15:45  Q&A

**Paper 8**  Time-frequency connectedness between Asian electricity sectors
15:45-16:00  Presenter: Muhammad Arif, Lecturer, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Pakistan
16:00-16:10  Discussant: Gazi Salah Uddin, Associate Professor, Linkoping University, Sweden
16:10-16:20  Q&A

**Concluding remarks**

16:20-16:30  Peter J. Morgan, Senior Consulting Economist, Vice-Chair of Research, ADBI, Japan

Time allocation: Presentation – 15 min; Discussion – 10 min; Q&A – 10 min.