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	<i>Position</i>	Director		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Umid Abidhadjaev serves as Director of the Institute of Forecasting and Macroeconomic Research under the Ministry of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Prior to that he worked as Deputy Director of Center for Economic Research and Reforms under the Administration of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Before that he also worked as Head of Infrastructure Analysis Group under the Ministry of Economy and Industry of Uzbekistan and holds Ph.D. in Economics from Keio University (Japan), where he worked as Research Associate as well. From 2014 to 2018 Dr. Umid Abidhadjaev worked as Research Associate and Project Consultant at Asian Development Bank Institute where he published numerous research papers on infrastructure investment impact evaluation and co-edited the book "Financing Infrastructure in Asia and the Pacific: Capturing Impacts and New Sources".</p>				


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	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow		
Short Bio				

Dr. Dina Azhgaliyeva is a Research Fellow at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). Before joining ADBI in July 2019, she worked as a Research Fellow in the energy economics division of the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. She was also a Research Fellow at the Henley Business School, University of Reading (UK) where she was involved in empirical analysis of the impact of local content policy on extractive industries. She worked as Economics Teaching Fellow at the University College London. She also worked as a leading and chief specialist for the Tax Committee at the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan. She holds a PhD, Master's, and Graduate Diploma in economics, all from the University of Essex (UK). She also holds an internationally recognized teaching qualification from the Fellow of Higher Education Academy and a qualification in research career management from the Staff Educational and Development Association. Her research interests include energy policy, particularly renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage. She is currently a guest editor for the Applied Energy's special issue "Integration of Renewable Energy in Energy Systems, Perspectives on Investment, Technology, and Policy". More information is available here: <https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dina-azhgaliyeva>


	<i>Last Name</i>	Chao	<i>First Name</i>	Eugene
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	<i>Position</i>	Faculty Research Associate		


Short Bio


Eugene Chao is a faculty research associate at The Wharton School. In the fall of 2018, he co-launched the first Wharton Private Equity Infrastructure Investment course. At the Transportation Engineering Dept, he produced an online course on edX: Urban Transit for Livable Cities alongside his mentor - Emeritus Prof. Vukan R. Vuchic. In 2016-2020, he served as one of the transportation committees for the U.S. Green Building Council. In summer 2014, he joined the U.S. General Services Administration fellowship program at the Administrator Office. His papers and presentations have been published by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), European Investment Bank (EIB), Cambridge University, St. Petersburg State University, Government of Dubai, and Presidency of the Republic of Turkey Investment Office. His professional and research interests include private equity infrastructure investment, public-private partnership, public transit, and managerial strategy and incentive.


	<i>Last Name</i>	Chen	<i>First Name</i>	Liming
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)		
	<i>Department</i>	South Asia Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Young Professional		
Short Bio				
<p>Liming Chen is a Young Professional in the Asian Development Bank's South Asia Department. His research interests include urban economics, transport infrastructure, and international trade. He has published in Structural Change and Economic Dynamics. He obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from University of California, Santa Barbara, and his bachelor's degree in economics from Fudan University, PRC.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Hasan	<i>First Name</i>	Rana
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)		
	<i>Department</i>	Economic Research and Regional Coordination Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		
Short Bio				
<p>Rana Hasan is the Director of the Economic Analysis and Operational Support Division at the Asian Development Bank's Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department. His research areas and interests include industrial development, labor economics, poverty and inequality, and urban economics. He has previously served as Principal Economist in ADB's India Resident Mission and Fellow at the East-West Center (USA). Rana has published in various journals including the Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, and World Development. He has co-edited two volumes on trade and labor related issues. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Maryland and a Masters' degree in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Kant	<i>First Name</i>	Shashi
	<i>Institution</i>	Reserve Bank of India		
	<i>Department</i>	Department of Economic Policy and Research		
	<i>Position</i>	Research Officer		
Short Bio				
<p>Shashi Kant is a Research Officer at Reserve Bank of India. He is passionate about the application of advanced data analytics, machine learning, geo-spatial analytics and data visualization to inform policy making. He has a post-graduate qualification in Business Analytics from National University of Singapore and over seven years of work experience in India's central bank.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Karymshakov	<i>First Name</i>	Kamalbek
	<i>Institution</i>	CAREC Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Economist		
Short Bio				
<p>He is an economist at CAREC Institute. He has 15 years of experience as an economist in Central Asian economies. Kamalbek holds Ph.D. in Economics from Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey). He also had post-doctoral research fellowship at Free University of Berlin (2010-2011). He worked as Associate Professor at the Finance and Banking department of Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan). From 2016-2020 he was vice-director of Central Asian Research Center (ORASAM) at Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University. His research interests include labor economics, migration, economic integration, infrastructure economic growth and development in Central Asia. He has applied economic analysis experience using household level data. He has project and consultancy experience on various topics of labor market, migration, public policy, and rural economic development.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Kawakubo	<i>First Name</i>	Takafumi
	<i>Institution</i>	London School of Economics		
	<i>Department</i>	Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	PhD candidate		
Short Bio				
<p>Takafumi Kawakubo is a PhD candidate at London School of Economics (LSE) and a Research Associate at National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR), UK. His research sits in the intersection of development economics, international economics and public economics. Before joining LSE, he obtained a BA and an MA in Economics from the University of Tokyo.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Keola	<i>First Name</i>	Souknilanh
	<i>Institution</i>	Institute of Developing Economy, Japan External Trade Organization		
	<i>Department</i>	Development Studies Center		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Senior Research Fellow		
Short Bio				
<p>Souknilanh is an Associate Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization. He received a Bachelor's degree in Computer Sciences from Toyohashi Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in Economics from Nagoya University. He has held adjunct lecturer positions at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Chiba University, Keio University, and currently Sophia University, Japan. His current research focus is the application of remote sensing data in economic analysis. His works appeared in World Development, Economic Modelling, the journal of Development studies, Developing Economies and others.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Lane	<i>First Name</i>	Jonathan- Andrew
	<i>Institution</i>	Aurora		
	<i>Department</i>	Corporate and Sovereign Advisory		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		


Short Bio

Jonathan has worked in project finance, private equity and corporate advisory for small and large investors, banks and national and regional governments in the EU, the Maghreb, Eurasia and South East Asia. He has worked on renewable energy, transport infrastructure, multi modal logistics, commercial and leisure ports, and telecoms. Most recently, he has been involved in the development of business-to-business payment systems and is advising a financial payments start up. He has also written a working paper on assessing the value of high-speed rail, comparing Lao P.D.R and Mongolia under the Belt and Road Initiative. A British Citizen, he is fluent in French with a working knowledge of Spanish and some Japanese.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Mishra	<i>First Name</i>	Ranjeeta
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	<i>Department</i>	Research		
	<i>Position</i>	Project Consultant		

Short Bio


Dr. Mishra is a project consultant (off-site) at ADBI. Her research interests include development economics, new institutional economics, and applied econometrics. She particularly focuses on issues such as urbanization and slum redevelopment, food security, energy, and the Sustainable Development Goals. She specializes in both quantitative and qualitative research. Prior to joining ADBI, she was a UNU-JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow at the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), Tokyo.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Morgan	<i>First Name</i>	Peter
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Consulting Economist and Vice Chair of Research		

Short Bio


Peter Morgan joined ADBI in December 2008. Previously he served in Hong Kong, China as Chief Asia Economist for HSBC where he was responsible for macroeconomic analysis and forecasting for Asia. Before that, he was Chief Japan Economist for HSBC and held comparable positions at Merrill Lynch, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, and Jardine Fleming. Prior to entering the financial industry, he worked as a consultant for Meta Systems Inc in Cambridge, Massachusetts in the United States specializing in energy and environmental areas, including energy policy issues in Asian countries, and at International Business

Information KK in Tokyo specializing in financial sector consulting. His research focuses are macroeconomic policy and financial sector regulation, reform, financial development, financial inclusion, fintech, financial literacy, and financial education.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Pagaduan	<i>First Name</i>	Jesson- Aguilá
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)		
	<i>Department</i>	Economic Research and Regional Cooperation		
	<i>Position</i>	Consultant		

Short Bio


Jesson Pagaduan joined the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD) of the ADB as consultant in 2016. Prior to that, he taught econometrics in De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines, where he obtained his Master of Science in Economics. He is currently a consultant in the Macroeconomics Division in ERCD. His research interests include macroeconomics and remote sensing.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Ponnappureddy	<i>First Name</i>	Ravi
	<i>Institution</i>	World Resource Institute India		
	<i>Department</i>	Sustainable Cities & Transport		
	<i>Position</i>	Head		

Short Bio


Ravindranath (Ravi) Ponnappureddy is the Head for Sustainable Cities & Transport at WRI India. Based in Bengaluru, he manages data driven sustainable transportation planning projects/initiatives across various cities in India. He works closely with various public transit providers to optimize the operations and increase their modal share through data driven approaches. Prior to joining WRI, Ravi worked as the Director of Transportation at Capital Region Planning Commission in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA. He served in this role for about six years, has fifteen years of cumulative experience in multi-modal transportation and air quality planning, and seventeen years of cumulative experience in Database Management, Data Analysis, and Geographical Information Systems. Some of his recent achievements include spearheading development of an award winning long-range multimodal transportation plan, playing critical role in effectively communicating benefits of \$1 billion transportation tax proposal which was successfully passed by citizens of East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, USA, participating as a panelist on Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) sponsored peer exchange to talk about transportation performance management, and championing/spearheading regional household travel survey, traffic counting, travel demand model development, and pavement & asset condition data

collection projects. Ravi holds a Bachelors' degree from JNTU College of Engineering Anantapur and a Masters' degree in Chemical Engineering from University of Louisiana at Lafayette, USA.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Roland-Holst	<i>First Name</i>	David-Wells
	<i>Institution</i>	University of California - Berkeley		
	<i>Department</i>	Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Roland-Holst has extensive research experience in economics related to international trade and development, authoring six books and over 100 articles and chapters in professional journals and books. Professor Roland-Holst has served in academic posts in the United States, Europe, and Asia and conducted research in over 40 countries. He has advised a variety of U.S. state and Federal agencies, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, IMF, OECD, and several UN agencies, as well as governments in Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Professor Roland-Holst holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley and is a US citizen.</p> <p>Email: dwrh@berkeley.edu Web: http://are.berkeley.edu/~dwrh</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Seetharam	<i>First Name</i>	K.E.
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	<i>Department</i>	Capacity Building and Training		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Capacity Building and Training Specialist		
Short Bio				
<p>He is concurrently visiting professor at the Center for Spatial Information Science, University of Tokyo, Japan, and special advisor to East Japan Railways Company (JR East) for India High Speed Rail. Between 2013-2017, Seetha acted as the focal point for ADB-wide knowledge management, working to spur innovative solutions to the varied development challenges in Asia. From 2008 and 2012, Seetha was on secondment to the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, as ADB visiting professor and founding director of the Institute of Water Policy and NUS-Global Asia Institute. Prior to joining ADB he worked as an expert in Japan on project finding, formulation, management, and technology transfer in about 30 official development assistance projects funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Japan</p>				

Bank for International Cooperation in more than 10 Asian and African countries. Seetha has published numerous books, contributed to edited volumes, and refereed papers on water-related issues, including sanitation, water management, and climate change.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Sharma	<i>First Name</i>	Somnath
	<i>Institution</i>	Reserve Bank of India		
	<i>Department</i>	Department of Economic Policy and Research		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Adviser		


Short Bio


Dr. Somnath Sharma is an Assistant Adviser in the Department of Economic and Policy Research at the Reserve Bank of India. He has earned his doctoral degree in Public Policy from The University of Tokyo. Dr. Sharma is a recipient of the IMF Scholarship to study in Japan. His areas of interest include - macroeconomics, monetary policy, development economics and issues related to corporate governance.


	<i>Last Name</i>	Sonobe	<i>First Name</i>	Tetsushi
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)		
	<i>Position</i>	Dean and CEO		

Short Bio


Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank that promotes the realization of a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific through policy research and capacity building. Born in 1960 in Tokyo, Dean Sonobe obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University and BA in economics from the University of Tokyo. His research interests are centered on the empirics of economic development, particularly the roles of industrial clusters, human capital, social capital, management practices, and market competition in industrial development in developing Asia and other regions. Before joining ADBI in April 2020, Dean Sonobe served for six years as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo and taught economics for thirty years at Tokyo Metropolitan University and GRIPS. Dean Sonobe is a recipient of the Nikkei Book Publication Prize and the Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize, and a founding board member of the Japanese Association for Development Economics.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Sulaimanova	<i>First Name</i>	Burulcha
	<i>Institution</i>	Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University		
	<i>Department</i>	Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor, PhD.		
Short Bio				
<p>Burulcha Sulaimanova has a doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics from the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) in 2016. She is Assistant Professor at the Economics department of same university, and Research Fellow at OSCE Academy in Bishkek. Dr. Sulaimanova specializes in the fields of development economics and applied economic analysis. In particular, her current works include infrastructure impact, gender aspects of migration, and education-job mismatch issues in Kyrgyzstan labor market. One of her recent projects has been done on the “Education-Job Mismatch Analysis among Youth in Kyrgyzstan”, which was supported by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Sultakeev	<i>First Name</i>	Kadyrbek
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	<i>Department</i>	Institute of Agricultural Policy and Market Research		
	<i>Position</i>	PhD Candidate		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Kadyrbek Sultakeev is a team member of the Institute of Agricultural Policy and Market Research and writing his second Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics under the SUSADICA project at the Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany. Prior to that, he worked for nine years as a research assistant at the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University. In addition, he also had one-year research experience in the Institute of Development and Agricultural Economics at the Leibniz Hannover University (Germany) funded by DAAD Research Grant. He also worked for one month as a visiting fellow at IFPRI, Washington DC.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Tsubota	<i>First Name</i>	Kenmei
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	<i>Department</i>	Department of Regional Development Studies, Faculty of Global and Regional Studies		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor		
Short Bio				
<p>Kenmei Tsubota is Professor at the Faculty of Global and Regional Studies, Toyo University, Japan. Before joining Toyo University, he was a research fellow at Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO). He holds his Ph.D. in Economics from Kyoto University and his research field is in Spatial Economics and Development Economics. He has worked on various issues on regional integration such as the quantitative impact evaluation of regional integrations by international logistics improvements (c.f. highways, railways and ports), trade liberalization, customs facilitations and harmonization, vehicle movement agreements and others. He also works on other issues such as the maritime transport network evolutions, human trafficking, partition of regions as regional disintegration, and others. His works appear in Economic Modelling, Developing Economies, Journal of Economic Geography, and others. He sometimes works as a consultant for the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and other international organizations.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Xu	<i>First Name</i>	Kai
	<i>Institution</i>	PADECO Co., Ltd. Asian Development Bank Institute (former Research Associate)		
	<i>Department</i>	Infrastructure Development Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Consultant, PhD		
Short Bio				
<p>Kai Xu is the Senior Consultant at the Infrastructure Development Department of PADECO, a leading consulting firm on international infrastructure development based in Japan. He was the former Research Associate at the Asian Development Bank Institute. He holds the PhD in Engineering from the University of Tokyo, with the research focus on transportation economics, management, and policy evaluation. He obtained the Bachelors' degree and a Masters' degree in Civil Engineering from Tongji University at Shanghai, China.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Yoshino	<i>First Name</i>	Naoyuki
	<i>Institution</i>	Keio University		
	<i>Department</i>	Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor Emeritus		
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino is Professor Emeritus at Keio University (Economics), Tokyo, Japan and until March 2020 was Dean/CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). He obtained his PhD from Johns Hopkins University under supervision of Sir Alan Walters who was an economic advisor to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of UK. He received honorary doctorates from University of Goteborg (Sweden) and Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany). Dr. Yoshino has been a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (United States) and a visiting professor at various universities including the University of New South Wales (Australia), Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (France), and University of Gothenburg (Sweden). He has also been an assistant professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo and an economics professor at Keio University (1990-2014). Dr. Yoshino's professional career includes membership in numerous government committees. He was appointed as Chair of the Financial Planning Standards Board in 2007. He has served as Chairperson of the Japanese Ministry of Finance's Council on Foreign Exchange as well as its Fiscal System Council (Fiscal Investment and Loan Program Section). Additionally, he has been a Board Member of the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan and President of the Financial System Council of the Government of Japan. He was named Director of the Japan Financial Services Agency's (FSA) Financial Research Center (FSA Institute) in 2020 and is currently an Adjunct Professor at GRIPS and visiting Lecturer at University of Tokyo.</p> <p>Email: yoshino@econ.keio.ac.jp</p>				