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Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Benjamin E. Diokno on the Macroeconomy, Fintech, and Sustainable Recovery Amid New Uncertainties
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Biographies of the Speakers

Benjamin E. Diokno, Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)
Dr. Benjamin E. Diokno is the current Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. Under his leadership, BSP responded to the COVID-19 crisis with prompt and extraordinary monetary measures to cushion the Philippine economy. The international publication The Banker subsequently named him Global Central Bank Governor of the Year 2022, a first for the Philippines.

Prior to his appointment at BSP, Governor Diokno served as Budget Secretary from 2016-2019, marking his third stint at the Philippines Department of Budget and Management. As Budget Secretary, he pursued an expansionary fiscal policy to finance investments in human capital development and public infrastructure.

Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the ADBI, the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank. Previously he was Vice President of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan. He is a development economist and holds a PhD in economics from Yale University.

John Beirne, Senior Research Fellow, Vice Chair, ADBI
John Beirne was appointed Vice-Chair of Research and Senior Research Fellow at the ADBI in April 2022. He joined ADBI as a Research Fellow in March 2019. Previously, he worked at the European Central Bank for over ten years, where he focused mainly on research and analysis of global financial market developments, commodities, and financial stability, as well as global governance issues. He holds a PhD in economics from Brunel University.

Peter J. Morgan, Senior Consulting Economist and Advisor to the Dean, ADBI
Peter Morgan served as ADBI’s Vice-Chair of Research until March 2022. He also worked in Hong Kong, China as Chief Asia Economist for HSBC where he was responsible for macroeconomic analysis and forecasting for Asia. His research focuses are macroeconomic policy and financial sector regulation, reform, financial development, financial inclusion, fintech, financial literacy, and financial education. His recent publications include Fintech and Financial Inclusion in Southeast Asia and India and Impacts of COVID-19 on Households in ASEAN Countries and Their Implications for Human Capital Development.
Yixin Yao, Senior Research Fellow, ADBI
Yixin Yao previously worked at the Ministry of Finance (MOF) of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) in various capacities, most recently as Director, Division of Finance and Project Programming, Department of International Economic and Finance Cooperation. In this role, she prepared the PRC Country Partnership Strategy and led all loan negotiations between MOF PRC and partner governments and organizations. She also worked as the Fund Manager of the ADB-PRC Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund at ADB headquarters in Manila and as First Secretary for the Mission of the PRC to the European Union based in Brussels.

Linda Arthur, Senior Capacity Building and Training Specialist, ADBI
Linda Arthur is a senior specialist at ADBI, focusing on improving policymaking to boost economic and development impact in Asia and the Pacific. She works across a range of operational priorities, including circular economy, innovation and human capital development, women’s economic participation, and strengthening social protection systems. She is seconded from the Asian Development Bank, where she has worked since 2003, in various positions, including field assignments in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Yongwook Lee, Senior Capacity Building and Training Economist, ADBI
Yongwook Lee was previously director of the Treasury Division in the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea (ROK). He also served as a director for the Public Institutions Policy Bureau and as deputy director for the Budget Office in the ROK. He has more than 20 years of experience as a policy maker in the economic, fiscal, and public institutions areas, including sound public finance management and state-owned enterprise reform.