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Day One - Welcoming Remarks and Keynote Address

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	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Dean/ CEO	<i>Country</i>	Japan
Short Bio				
<p>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.</p> <p>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 include the empirics of economic development, particularly industrial development processes and poverty reduction in developing countries.</p> <p>Dean Sonobe has more than 20 years' experience analyzing the role of human capital, institutions, and management in industrial development in Asia and other regions. Notably, he and prominent agricultural and development economist, Keiji Otsuka, applied their unique enterprise survey approach to a series of development process case studies in different industries in East Asia. They expanded the scope of their industry study to cover South Asia, Africa, and Central America and conducted randomized controlled trials of management training programs for business owners and managers.</p> <p>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. He also previously served as a professor of economics 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.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Nantachit	<i>First Name</i>	Niwes
	<i>Institution</i>	Chiang Mai University		
	<i>Position</i>	President	<i>Country</i>	Thailand
Short Bio				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Present : President of Chiang Mai University - 2014 – 2019: Member of the National Legislative Assembly - 2006 – 2012: Dean Faculty of Medicine - 1998 – 2002: Director Special Health Center Chiang Mai University - 1998 – 2002: Director Maharaj Nakorn Chiang Mai Hospital - 1998 – 2002: Associate Dean Faculty of Medicine - 1994 – 1998: Deputy Director Maharaj Nakorn Chiang Mai Hospital - 1994 – 1998: Associate Dean Faculty of Medicine - 1988 – 1990: Assistant Dean Faculty of Medicine - 1986 – 1988: Assistant Dean for Hospital Affairs - Chairman Chiang Mai University Development Foundation - Chairman Maharaj Nakorn Chiang Mai Hospital Foundation - 2005 – 2009: Chairman Chiang Mai University Alumni Association <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2006: Diploma in Development Administration from the Management National Institute - 2000: Diploma in Hospital Management, from Johnson & Johnson and the Faculty of Business Administration, National University of Singapore - 1976: Diploma in Clinical Medical Science (Internal Medicine), Graduate School Mahidol University - 1974: M.D. Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diploma from the Thai Board of Internal Medicine - Diploma from the Thai Board of Hematology <p>Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best Achievement CMU Alumni Award - - Best Achievement Faculty of Medicine Alumni Award 				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Kim	<i>First Name</i>	Chul Ju
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Dean	<i>Country</i>	Republic of Korea
Short Bio				
<p>A national of the Republic of Korea, Chul Ju Kim was a secretary to the country's President for economic and financial affairs before joining ADBI. For more than 30 years, he has been a key policy maker, dealing with a wide range of macroeconomic, financial, and social issues. He was deputy minister for planning and coordination, director general of the Economic Policy Bureau, and director general of the Public Policy Bureau, Ministry of Strategy and Finance. He also has extensive experience in international development, specifically at the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. He holds a BA in economics from Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, and an MS in finance from Georgia State University, USA.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Choudhary	<i>First Name</i>	Biplove
	<i>Institution</i>	United Nations Development Programme		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth	<i>Country</i>	Myanmar
Short Bio				
<p>Biplove has strategic policy advisory and programming experience in 16 countries including in fragile and crisis impacted ones across Asia and Africa spanning more than 20 years. He has proven domain expertise in designing and delivering on high impact, diversified and innovative sustainable development policies and programme portfolios. He has successfully overseen programme portfolios funded by Adaptation Fund, Global Environmental Facility, Green Climate Fund, Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria while working with the government, private sector, CSOs counterparts and leading large multicultural teams on the ground. Currently, he is based in UNDP Myanmar, Yangon as the Chief of Sustainable and Inclusive Growth and is a Member of UNDP's Senior Management Team and a Member of UNDP Country Programme and Project Boards.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Ahn	<i>First Name</i>	Sanghoon
	<i>Institution</i>	Korea Development Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Executive Director	<i>Country</i>	Republic of Korea
Short Bio				
<p>Sanghoon Ahn is the Executive Director of the Center for International Development at the Korea Development Institute. His research interest is in international economics, economic growth/development, technology & innovation, public investment, productivity. Apart from his career working as the fellow of Korea development Institute, he worked as the Senior Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry of Economy and Finance. He also worked as the economist at the Economics Department, OECD from 1997 to 2001 and as the Senior Economist at the Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD from 2013 to 2015.</p> <p>He has been an Assistant Professor at Hong Kong University of Science & Technology and Adjunct Lecturer Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Sciences-Po). He holds a B.A. in Economics from Seoul National University and Ph. D. in Economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Widyasanti	<i>First Name</i>	Amalia
	<i>Institution</i>	Ministry of National Development Planning		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Advisor to the Minister of National Development	<i>Country</i>	Indonesia
Short Bio				
<p>Amalia Adininggar Widyasanti is a senior advisor to the Minister for Economy and Financing at the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas, Republic of Indonesia. She started her career in the Ministry since 1999 at Directorate of Industry, Trade, and Tourism. She was assigned as a Deputy Director for Trade in 2006 and appointed as Director for Trade, Investment and International Economic Cooperation from November 2011 until July 2016. She was then assigned as a Director of Macroeconomic Planning and Statistics Analysis in July 2016 until February 2018, before being promoted to her current position. She was also appointed as the Head of SDGs National Coordination Team Secretariat in 2018 and has held that role until now.</p> <p>She obtained her PhD degree in economics from the University of Melbourne Australia in 2005 with her thesis of Inflation Targeting Framework in Emerging Economies. Her strong interest is in macroeconomic issues, trade and economic development as well as economic modeling and analysis has encouraged her to put her strong intention on economic policy research for Indonesia.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Inthisang	First Name	Jirapa
	<i>Institution</i>	Chiang Mai University		
	<i>Position</i>	Faculty of Economics	<i>Country</i>	Thailand
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Jirapa Inthisang Trochim graduated with a PhD in economics from the University of Colorado Boulder, USA. She has experience working with the Ministry of Finance on the 1997 financial crisis aftermath. In 2008, she joined the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives where she participated in agricultural climate change policies and negotiation under the UNFCCC for six years before serving in Permanent Representation of Thailand to FAO, WFP, and IFAD in Rome for four years. In 2020, she began her career at Chiang Mai University, Faculty of Economics. Her areas of interest include climate change, international trade, and macroeconomics policies.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Sawada	First Name	Yasuyuki
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief Economist and Director General	<i>Country</i>	Japan
Short Bio				
<p>Yasuyuki Sawada is Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Director General of its Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department. He is chief spokesperson on economic and development trends, and leads the production of ADB's flagship knowledge products and support for regional cooperation fora.</p> <p>Before joining ADB, Mr. Sawada was Professor of Economics at the University of Tokyo, and has led numerous large-scale development policy evaluation projects for various institutions.</p> <p>His key research areas are development economics, microeconometrics, economics of disasters, and field surveys and experiments. Mr. Sawada obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Panitchpakdi	First Name	Prinn
	<i>Institution</i>	Agribusiness committee (Ministry of Agriculture), and Deputy Prime Minister & Commerce Minister		
	<i>Position</i>	Chairperson, and Advisor	<i>Country</i>	Thailand
Short Bio				
<p>After graduating from the London School of Economics and Political Science with a BSc in Economics and International Relations in 1999, Prinn began his career as an analyst in the corporate finance department of ABN Amro in London. He was appointed Vice Chairman of the Asean-UK Business Forum (AUBF) during 2001-2005 and was active in promoting UK investments into Asean.</p> <p>He was elected a Deputy Leader of the Democrat party in May 2019 and appointed Head of its Economics Team. Thereafter he was appointed Chairperson, Agribusiness committee (Ministry of Agriculture), and Advisor, Deputy Prime Minister & Commerce Minister.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Sun	First Name	Dahai
	<i>Institution</i>	Policy Research Department, Ministry of Finance		
	<i>Position</i>	Director	<i>Country</i>	People's Republic of China (PRC)
Short Bio				
<p>He obtained his PH.D in Economics at Renmin University of China. His recent research focuses on topics including inter-governmental fiscal arrangement, budget management tools, fiscal sustainability , macro-prudential framework etc, providing analytical reports and policy recommendations to Chinese State Council.</p> <p>Previously he worked in Department of External Economic Cooperation and then Department of International Economic Relations, responsible for bilateral economic dialogues with US, Japan, UK, Germany, India and Brazil etc.</p>				


Day Two – Keynote Address


	<i>Last Name</i>	Yoshino	First Name	Naoyuki
	<i>Institution</i>	Keio University		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor Emeritus at Keio University	<i>Country</i>	Japan
Short Bio				
<p>Naoyuki Yoshino: Professor Emeritus of Keio University in Tokyo Japan and Director of Financial Research Center (FSA Institute, Government of Japan). Ph.D from Johns Hopkins University (where his thesis supervisor was Sir Alan Walters (UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher’s Economic Adviser)). Assistant Professor of State University of New York at Buffalo, Visiting scholar at MIT (USA), Visiting Scholar at the Central Bank of Japan, Visiting Professor at the Univ. of New South Wales (Australia), Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (France). He received Honorary Doctorates from Univ. of Gothenburg (Sweden) and Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany). He also conferred Fukuzawa award from Keio University for his contribution to research. He was the Dean/CEO of Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) in Tokyo (2014-2020).</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Thanabordeekij	First Name	Pithoon
	<i>Institution</i>	Faculty of Economics, Chiang Mai University		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor	<i>Country</i>	Thailand
Short Bio				
<p>Pithoon Thanabordeekij is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Chiang Mai University (CMU). He received a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. His main research interests are in industrial organization and applied economics for business enterprises. Pithoon joined the CMU faculty in October 2019. He previously held faculty positions at the Madison college, Wisconsin, and Panyapiwat Institute of Management (PIM).</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Ariyapruchya	First Name	Kiatipong
	<i>Institution</i>	World Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Country Economist	<i>Country</i>	Thailand
Short Bio				
<p>Kiatipong Ariyapruchya is the senior country economist of the World Bank for Thailand. He also covers Myanmar and South Korea. His work focuses on macroeconomic assessment and structural reforms. Prior to joining the Bank, Kiatipong worked at the Bank of Thailand in the Monetary Policy Group and at the Puey Ungphakorn Research Institute. He was also Director at the Capital Market Research Institute at the Stock Exchange of Thailand and economist at the International Monetary Fund where he participated in program negotiation and surveillance missions to Egypt, Georgia, Nepal and South Korea. He also assisted Thailand's National Reform Council on economic and financial reforms. He holds a PhD in Economics from Columbia University, New York and BA in Economics from Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Tang	First Name	Zhimin
	<i>Institution</i>	Panyapiwat Institute of Management		
	<i>Position</i>	Dean of International College and Director of China ASEAN studies center	<i>Country</i>	Thailand
Short Bio				
<p>Professor Dr. Tang received his PhD from Cambridge University, UK. His academic and professional career in the past 25 years spanned across UK, France, USA, Australia, South East Asia, India and Great China.</p> <p>At the moment, he is the Dean of International College of Panyapiwat Institute of Management and Director of Center for China ASEAN Studies. The center is one of the most active think tanks on China and ASEAN in Thailand. It has conducted research projects for governments on the topics of High Speed Train, Belt & Road Initiative, Rice Export of Thailand, RMB internationalization, Science & Technology in China, Trade & Investment in GMS and TPP Negotiation, as well as business consulting projects in the areas of Banking, Seaport Development, Food Processing, Tourism, Retailing, Ecommerce and Real Estate</p> <p>Professor Dr. Tang was invited to speak by various renowned institutes such as China ASEAN Expo, Bank of Thailand, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand Management Association, and Mekong Institute. He is also featured in TV, radio, newspapers in Thailand and China.</p>				


	<i>Last Name</i>	Dhakal	<i>First Name</i>	Narayan
	<i>Institution</i>	Ministry of Finance		
	<i>Position</i>	Under Secretary of International Economic Cooperation Coordination	<i>Country</i>	Nepal
Short Bio				
<p>Dr. Dhakal works for Ministry of Finance of Nepal and responsible for coordinating international development cooperation and development partners (Japan and USA). He was graduated from Kyoto University in 2007 in area of development management. His specialization and area of interest is political economy of foreign aid and incentives-led interplay among various actors. Dr. Dhakal was engaged in drafting development cooperation policy for Nepal. He is one of the proponents of global partnership for effective development cooperation (GPEDC). He had engaged in monitoring and evaluation of the Paris Declaration on aid effectiveness. He was national coordinator for monitoring of GPEDC and represents partner country constituency in the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) governing board.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Morgan	<i>First Name</i>	Peter
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Vice Chair/ Senior Consulting Economist	<i>Country</i>	USA
Short Bio				
<p>Peter Morgan is Senior Consulting Economist and Vice Chair of Research at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), and has been with ADBI since 2008. He has 23 years' experience in the financial sector in Asia, most recently serving in Hong Kong, China as Chief Asia Economist for HSBC, responsible for macroeconomic analysis and forecasting for Asia. Previously, he served as Chief Japan Economist for HSBC. He earned his MA and PhD degrees in economics from Yale University. His research interests are in macroeconomic policy and financial sector regulation, reform, financial development, financial inclusion, fintech, financial literacy and financial education.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Tambunlertchai	<i>First Name</i>	Kanittha
	<i>Institution</i>	Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor	<i>Country</i>	Thailand
Short Bio				
<p>Kanittha Tambunlertchai is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, in Bangkok, Thailand. She also serves as adjunct faculty in the School of Management at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). She received her B.A. from Harvard University in 2005, and her Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge in 2011. She has worked as consultants for government agencies, and for ADB and UNDP projects. Her interest is in development, and environmental economics. Topics of interest include financial inclusion, financial literacy, voluntary environmental programs, and common pool resource management.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Santos	<i>First Name</i>	Griselda (Gay)
	<i>Institution</i>	Financial Executives' Institute of the Philippines		
	<i>Position</i>	Chair, Financial Inclusion Committee	<i>Country</i>	Philippines
Short Bio				
<p>Gay worked in the World Bank Group for over 25 years. In her last position as Senior Financial Sector Specialist at the International Finance Corp. of the World Bank, she led the engagement with the Gov't. and private sector on MSME finance and on the passage of the Personal Property Security Act (a law that seeks to broaden the use of movable assets as collateral for MSMEs) in August 2018.</p> <p>Gay is currently the Executive Director of Fintech AlliancePH and Chair of the Financial Inclusion Committee of the Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines. She holds senior consultancy and advisory positions in the areas of financial inclusion, MSME finance and financial technology. She holds a MBA from the Johns Hopkins University.</p>				

	<i>Last Name</i>	Song	<i>First Name</i>	Quanyun
	<i>Institution</i>	Southwestern University of Finance and Economics		
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor	<i>Country</i>	PRC
Short Bio				
<p>Quanyun Song joined the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics as an assistant professor in March 2017. Her research interests include household finance, bank loans and SMEs. Her work has been published in refereed journals, including <i>Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy</i>, <i>International Review of Economics and Finance</i>, <i>North American Journal of Economics and Finance</i>.</p>				

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	<i>Last Name</i>	Sirivunnabood	<i>First Name</i>	Pitchaya
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Capacity Building and Training Economist	<i>Country</i>	Thailand
Short Bio				
<p>Pitchaya Sirivunnabood's expertise is international economics and finance, specializing in regional economic integration and financial cooperation as well as bilateral and multilateral free trade agreements, development of financial markets, and international/ transnational investment. Prior to joining ADBI, she was an assistant director and the head of finance integration division at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia. She was senior researcher, providing policy advocacy and consultancy for a Thai government think tank, the UNDP's Asia Pacific Regional Office, and the European Association for Business and Commerce. She was also an assistant director and macroeconomist at the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office, in charge of surveillance and monitoring process for the ASEAN Economic Community. She holds a PhD in international economics (trade and finance) from the University of Utah, United States.</p>				