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Regional Cooperation Initiatives in Asia
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Major Institutions for Asian Integration
Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Economic Cooperation Program

- Establishment: 1992
- 6 countries
- 56 Investment Projects: $15 billion
  - ADB: $5.1 billion
  - Governments: $4.3 billion
  - Development Partners: $5.6 billion
- 177 Technical Assistance Projects: $286 million
  - ADB: 143 TA projects ($105 million)

GMS Projects: Funding Sources, 1992-2011 ($15 billion)
- ADB: 34%
- Governments: 37%
- Development Partners: 29%
- Others: 6%

Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT), Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) and ASEAN/ASEAN+3

IMT-GT
- Establishment: 1993
- 3 countries

BIMP-EAGA
- Establishment: 1994
- 4 countries

ASEAN
- Establishment: 1967
- 10 countries

BIMP-EAGA
- Establishment: 1994
- 4 countries

ASEAN+3
- Establishment: 1997
- 13 countries
IMT-GT & BIMP-EAGA Potential for Support

- Priority connectivity projects worth $5.2 billion identified and endorsed

- Priority projects worth $1 billion identified and endorsed

- For both groupings, Regional TA support for about $22 million

ASEAN/ASEAN+3 Support for Economic and Financial Integration

- ADB TA support for various regional economic cooperation and integration projects

- Post-Asian Financial Crisis TA and capacity building support for macroeconomic surveillance and monitoring
  - TA support now underway for AMRO & for work on Regional Financial Safety Nets

- Significant TA support for ASEAN+3 Bond Market Integration (ABMI) Initiative
  - National long-term debt market development as well as regional harmonization
  - 10th Anniversary of ABMI celebrated in 2012
Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program

- Establishment: 2001
- 10 countries
- >120 Investment Projects: $19.2 billion
  - ADB: $5.7 billion
  - Governments: $3.7 billion
  - Development Partners: $9.8 billion
- 160 Technical Assistance Projects: $156 million
  - ADB: 119 TA projects ($102 million)

South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Program

- Establishment: 2001
- 4 countries
- Major SASEC Projects (Note: October 2011 meeting in Bangkok has identified priority investments of more than $2 billion in transport; energy security; and trade facilitation).
  - Information Highway Corridor
  - South Asia Tourism Infrastructure Development
  - Bangladesh-India Electrical Interconnection Grid
  - Dagachhu Green Power
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)

SAARC
- Establishment: 1985
- 8 countries

BIMSTEC
- Establishment: 1997
- 7 countries

Council of Regional Organizations of the Pacific (CROP)
- Establishment: 1988
- 21 countries and territories
- 9 agencies
- ADB Support to the Pacific
  - Pacific Regional Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Connectivity Program (Submarine Optic Fiber Cables)
    - Tonga, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu
  - Establishment of the Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO)
  - Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (PRIF)
  - Regional Technical Assistance Projects ($17.68 million in 2011)
Thank you

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