



# ADB-Asian Think Tank Development Forum 2015

## Advancing Innovation and Inclusion for a Prosperous Asia

8-9 September 2015  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

7 September 2015 (day 0)	
Whole day	Arrival of participants/Check-in at hotel
18:30-20:30	Informal welcome reception (hosted by ADB)
8 September 2015 (day 1)	
08:30	Registration
Opening Ceremonies (plenary)	
Emcee: <b>Mohamad Ikmal KADIR, MIER, Malaysia</b>	
09:30	<b>Welcome remarks by TAN SRI DR SULAIMAN MAHBOB</b> , Chairman, Board of Trustees MIER
	<b>Welcome remarks by JUZHONG ZHUANG</b> , Deputy Chief Economist and Deputy Director General, ADB
	<b>Keynote address, YBHG. TAN SRI DR MOHD IRWAN SERIGAR BIN ABDULLAH</b> , Secretary-General, Ministry of Finance, and Member, MIER Board of Trustees, Malaysia
10:00	Photo session and coffee
Session 1: Regional Economic Outlook (plenary)	
Moderator: <b>Professor Emeritus Dr Zakariah Ab RASHID, MIER, Malaysia</b>	
10:30	<b>Regional Economic Outlook, Juzhong ZHUANG</b>
	Rathin ROY: Indian Economy: Near-Term Outlook and Structural Features; NIPFP, India
	Zhang QI: Strategic Change: China's Opening-up under New Normal; DRC, People's Republic of China
	Aset IRGALIYEV: The Economy of Kazakhstan: on the Wave of Structural Reforms; ERI, Kazakhstan
11:30	Open discussion
12:00	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 2: Global Value Chains: Challenges and Opportunities (plenary)	
Moderator: <b>Dushni WEERAKOON, IPS, Sri Lanka</b>	
13:30	Benno FERRARINI: Asia in Global Value Chains; ADB
	Willem THORBECKE: The Changing Sophistication of China's Exports, 1992-2014; RIETI, Japan
	Hing VUTHA: Leveraging Trade for Economic Growth in Cambodia; CDRI, Cambodia
	Xaysomphet NORASINGH: A Backward Linkage of Lao Agribusiness Value Chain: A Case Study on Knowledge and Technology Transfers; MIC, Lao PDR
	Kamila MUKHAMEDKHANOVA: Defining the Pattern of Growth and Policies for Accelerated Transformation; CER, Uzbekistan
14:45	Open discussion
15:10	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>
Session 3: Regional Economic Cooperation: Priorities & Concerns (plenary)	
Moderator: <b>Charles YALA, NRI, Papua New Guinea</b>	
15:30	Ayuda Sari ISMAIL: ASEAN Regional Cooperation and Competition Policy; MIER, Malaysia
	Qiangwu ZHOU: The AIIB And Regional Infrastructure Development; AFDC, People's Republic of China
	Shujaat FAROOQ: Political Stability and Regional Economic Cooperation: The Case of Selected South Asian Economies; PIDE, Pakistan
	Xiaoming HUANG: Economic Dynamics, Platforms and Institutions: Shaping of the Regional Economic Order in the Asia-Pacific; CCRC, New Zealand
16:30	Open discussion
17:00	Informal exchange and networking
19:45	<i>Dinner (hosted by MIER)</i>

**9 September 2015 (day 2)**

**Session 4a: Transitioning from Middle Income Status (parallel)**

**Moderators: Rathin ROY, NIPFP, India**

08:00	Registration
08:30	Jesus FELIPE: Is There a Middle-Income Trap?; ADB
	Nonarith BISONYABUT: Thailand in the Middle-Income Trap: An Unrecognized Contribution From the Government; TDRI, Thailand
	Wong Poh KAM: The Impact of R&D on the Singapore Economy: A Time Series Analysis; NUS, Singapore
	Hj Fauzi Hj PUASA: Middle-Income Trap: The Malaysian Case; MIER, Malaysia
09:30	Open discussion
10:00	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>

**Session 4b: Social Inclusion for Shared Growth (parallel)**

**Moderators: Melik GASPARYAN, AVAGSL, Armenia**

08:30	Marife BALLESTEROS: Social Inclusion and Housing; PIDS, Philippines
	Ram Chandra DHAKAL: Impact of Social Inclusion on Economic Development and Poverty Reduction in Nepal; CEDA, Nepal
	Radhicka KAPOOR: Technology, Jobs and Inequality: Evidence from India's Manufacturing Sector; ICRIER, India
	Carunia Mulya FIRDAUSY: Can We Use Multidimensional Measures as the Official Poverty Line in Indonesia?; ERC-IIS, Indonesia
09:30	Open discussion
10:00	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>

**Session 5: Capacity Building for Better Policy Advising (plenary)**

**Moderator: Dongxiang LI, ADB**

10:30	James MCGANN, University of Pennsylvania, TTCSP, USA
	Chhem RETHY: The CDRI Experience Building Capacity: What Have We Learned?; CDRI, Cambodia
	Chanyong CHOI: Guiding Korea's Social and Economic Transformation; KDI, Korea
	Ziqian LIANG, CAREC Institute
	Yan XIE, ADB's Co-financing Operations, OCO, ADB
11:30	Next Steps: 2016 forum, etc.
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>

**Afternoon**

14:00-17:30	Informal Networking Activity (by MIER)
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