



**RCI-POD**  
WEBINAR

**Regional Cooperation and Integration Policy Open Dialogue (RCI-POD) Webinar Series**

Co-organized by the Regional Cooperation and Integration Division and RCI Thematic Group, the webinar series aims to provide a venue for casual and open policy dialogue on RCI issues.

# FOOD SECURITY IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 pandemic has raised food security risks in Asia and the Pacific as strict quarantine measures and export bans on basic food items have affected all stages of food supply chains. Household food consumption and nutrition have been significantly affected by loss of jobs and income and limited access to food. This Webinar will examine main disruptions induced by the pandemic, lessons of past food crises, and discuss policy priorities in response to food security threats as well as to facilitate transition toward a more resilient and efficient agriculture sector.

7 July 2020 (Tuesday), 11:00-12:30pm (Manila)  
MS Teams Meeting

## Opening Remarks:

**Mio Oka**, Director, SAER, ADB

**Presentation:** *Food Security in Asia and the Pacific amid the COVID-19 Pandemic*

**Kijin Kim**, Economist, ERCI, ADB

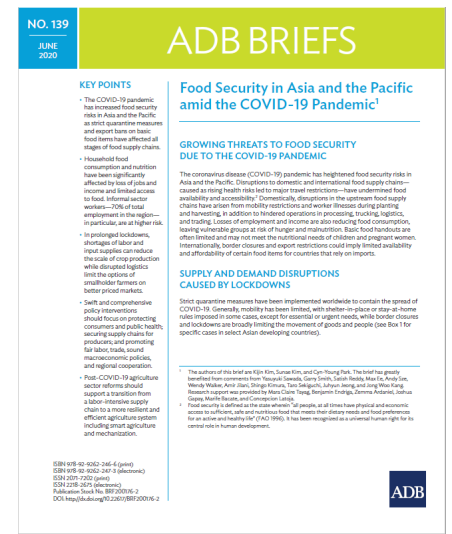
**Sunae Kim**, Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, SAER, ADB

## Moderator:

**Cyn-Young Park**, Director, ERCI, ADB

## Panelists:

- **Garry Smith**, ADB Consultant, Former FAO Acting Director
- **Yurdi Yasmi**, Regional Representative for Southeast Asia, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)
- **Emma Allen**, Country Economist, IRM, ADB
- **Hans Woldring**, Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, CWER, ADB



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