



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.

Migrant Workers and Remittances in the Time of Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic and the corresponding economic recession put job security and well-being of over 91 million international migrants from Asia and the Pacific at risk. Official data show international remittances to developing Asian economies have plummeted in recent months. A substantial number of households in developing Asia—who depends on international remittances—could fall into poverty; particularly in the Pacific and Central/West Asia economies where dependency rates on remittance inflows are high. This webinar will examine the impact of pandemic on labor mobility, including a forecast of the COVID-19 impact on remittance inflows for this year. It will also explore policy options to safeguard migrants and the remittance recipient households.

4 August 2020 (Tuesday), 10:00-11:30 a.m. (Manila) MS Teams Meeting

Presentation: *COVID-19 Impact on International Migration, Remittances, and Recipient Households in Developing Asia*

- **Aiko Kikkawa Takenaka**, Economist, ERCD, ADB
- **James Villafuerte**, Senior Economist, ERCD, ADB

Moderator:

Yasuyuki Sawada, Chief Economist and Director General, ERCD, ADB

Panelists:

- **Nilim Baruah**, Senior Labor Migration Specialist, ILO Regional Office, Bangkok
- **Alvin Ang**, Professor, Economics Department; and Director, Ateneo Center for Economic Research and Development, Ateneo De Manila University Office
- **Ismatulloev Ismatullo Ubaydovich**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Business Studies, Tajik State University of Commerce; and ADB Consultant



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