



# THE ADVISORY GROUP ON APEC FINANCIAL SYSTEM CAPACITY-BUILDING

A Public-Private Sector Initiative

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### **1. Flagship Study on Infrastructure and Regional Cooperation**

The ADBI is conducting the study on Infrastructure and Regional Cooperation to examine the key issues and challenges facing infrastructure development in Asia, particularly regional or cross-border infrastructure in its ongoing efforts to support regional cooperation. The study will cover both soft and hard aspects affecting key infrastructure sectors/sub sectors, such as, roads, railways, airways, and ports (transport) and electricity and gas (energy), focusing on the following themes:

- (i) trade and logistics;
- (ii) regional infrastructure networks;
- (iii) financing infrastructure; and
- (iv) policies and institutions.

The Study is expected to be completed in May 2009 with its publication to be launched at the 2009 ADB's Annual Meeting in Bali.

### **2. PPP in Infrastructure Capacity Building**

The ADB Institute conducted three capacity building workshops in 2008 for Viet Nam, countries in Central Asia and Pacific island states as part of its public-private partnerships workshop series to promote a better understanding of the challenges facing public-private partnerships in infrastructure, and help prioritize policy agendas for accelerating private sector investment and public-private partnerships in the Asia-Pacific region.

In addition, the ADB Institute co-hosted with the World Bank Institute last December the Public Private Partnerships in Infrastructure (PPPI) Days in Washington DC. The PPPI Days gathered about 180 senior government officials and experts involved in public-private partnerships in infrastructure to exchange views on:

- i. Infrastructure funds and the role of equity financing in PPPs;
- ii. Trends, relationships and capacity issues for PPPs at the sub national level;
- iii. Management of financial close and long term bankability of PPPs;
- iv. Risk mitigation and how to make best use of guarantee instruments in PPP transactions; and
- v. PPP project development: focusing on cost and efficiency

ADB Institute is also collaborating with the World Bank Institute and the Inter-American Development Bank on the Multilateral Public Private Partnerships for Infrastructure Capacity Building Initiative (MP3IC). MP3IC aims to develop a global PPP learning program to be launched at PPPI Days 2009 in Manila.