Monthly Progress Report
March 2014

Highlights
1. The 14th ADBI–OECD Roundtable on Capital Market Reform in Asia was held at ADBI, 13–14 March. [Read more]

Deputy Dean Jae-Ha Park
1. Served as acting Dean of ADBI for the month of March.
2. Attended the European Think Tank Summit in Barcelona, 11–12 March, and gave a presentation on the role of think tanks in Asia.

Research
1. Conference on Strategies for Maintaining Fiscal Soundness in Aging Societies was jointly held by ADBI and the Policy Research Institute, MOF of Japan, at ADBI, 6 March. [Read more]
2. Technical Workshop on Connecting Central Asia to Economic Centres was held at ADBI, 10 March.
3. Distinguished Speaker Seminar: Robert Aliber – The Source of Financial Crises was held at ADBI, 18 March. [Read more]
4. Seminar by Jutaro Kaneko: FSA’s Approach for Financial Technical Cooperation was held at ADBI, 19 March. [Read more]
5. Seminar by Michael Fabinger: Why Are Some Imperfect Competition Models More Tractable than Others was held at ADBI, 25 March.
6. Seminar by Rajat Kathuria: India’s Growth and the Need for Reform was held at ADBI, 28 March. [Read more]
7. Currency Internationalization: Lessons and Prospects for the RMB was jointly held by ADBI and the National School of Development, Peking University, in Beijing, 28 March. [Read more]
8. Distinguished Speaker Seminar: Euston Quah – Siting Environmentally Unfriendly Facilities: The NIMBY Challenge in Asia was held at ADBI, 31 March. [Read more]

CBT
1. 2014 Asia-Pacific Forum on Financial Inclusion – Realizing Financial Inclusion in Asia: Achievements and Challenges was held in Shanghai, 19–20 March. [Read more]

Outreach
1. Media coverage:
   a. Research Director Ganeshan Wignaraja was quoted in the China Daily articles “Philippines’ Plans Hit a Wall” and “Funding the Future.”
   b. CBT Director Yuqing Xing was interviewed by NHK World. [Watch interview]
   c. Mainichi Shimbun published an article on ADBI’s conference on Strategies for Maintaining Fiscal Soundness in Aging Societies.
2. Asia Pathways posts published
   a. *US Dollar Outlook: Secular Stagnation and the Threat from the East*
   b. *Was It All 'Nirvana?' Why the Emerging Country Gloom Is Mistaken*
   c. *Can the PRC Win the Hearts and Minds of Africa?*
   d. *Government Procurement – Key Element in TPP; Missed Opportunity in RCEP?*

3. Working papers published:
   a. *Does Finance Really Matter for the Participation of SMEs in International Trade? Evidence from 8,080 East Asian Firms* by Yothin Jinjarak, Paulo Jose Mutuc, and Ganeshan Wignaraja
   c. *Global Implications of the Renminbi's Ascendance* by Eswar Prasad

**Forthcoming Events**

1. ADBI Advisory Council meeting to be held at ADBI, 8 April.
2. Policy Dialogue: RMB Internationalization and Its Regional Impact to be held at ADBI, 7 April.
3. ADBI–National School of Development conference to be held at Peking University, PRC, 18 April.
4. Technical Workshop: Financial Inclusion, Regulation, and Education to be held at ADBI, 23 April. [Read more]
5. Seminar: Dr. Hiro Lee on Agricultural Policy Reforms and the Implications of Trans–Pacific Partnership for Japan to be held at ADBI, 25 April. [Read more]