ADBI programs are conducted at its offices in Kasumigaseki, in the central government district of Tokyo, Japan, as well as in ADB member countries, in collaboration with international, regional, and national institutes or agencies. Selected activities are also conducted at ADB headquarters in Manila, Philippines.
What is ADBI?

ADBI is the think tank of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). It was established in 1997 to identify effective development strategies and to improve development management in ADB’s developing member countries.

ADBI is fast becoming the leading center for the creation and dissemination of information and knowledge on development in the Asia and Pacific region.

Who are ADBI’s partners?

ADBI cultivates an extensive network of experts, researchers, think tanks, government agencies, civil society and private sector organizations, and bilateral and multilateral organizations within the Asia and Pacific region and beyond.

What are ADBI’s priorities?

Under the ADB overarching goal of poverty reduction, ADBI’s three strategic priority themes are:

- inclusive and sustainable growth,
- regional cooperation and integration, and
- governance for policies and institutions.

Major current initiatives

Connecting South Asia and Southeast Asia is analyzing how closer regional connectivity and economic integration between South Asia and Southeast Asia can benefit both subregions, with a focus on the role played by physical infrastructure and public policies in facilitating this process. It examines major developments in South Asia–Southeast Asia economic cooperation, the role of economic corridors, and regional cooperation initiatives.

Research

ADBI carries out research on development issues with strategic implications for development thinking and policy formulation. It hosts presentations by distinguished experts, including Nobel prizewinners, and publishes books and papers to strengthen policymaking in the Asia and Pacific region.

Capacity Building and Training

ADBI's capacity building and training programs promote sound development management for senior and mid-level officials of ADB's developing member countries. Officials are supported to identify appropriate policies and to implement them effectively.

Outreach and Knowledge Management

ADBI broadly disseminates its research results as well as training, seminar, and conference outputs through multiple channels including media, publications, ADBI.org, and social media. ADBI enjoys close relations with numerous regional and international think tanks, as well as organizations in Asia and the Pacific.

Currency Internationalization: Lessons and Prospects for the RMB is examining the extent and pace of RMB internationalization and how the experiences of other important international currencies can provide guidance and lessons. It also explores the implications of a greater role for the RMB in international trade as well as the global configuration of major reserve currencies, most especially the RMB's potential challenge to the supremacy of the US dollar in the international monetary system.