High-Level Seminar

*New Horizons in Latin America and Caribbean - Asia Development Cooperation*

Identifying Development Solutions through South-South and Triangular Cooperation
«South–South and Triangular cooperation allow for effective sharing of experiences and best practices to address similar development challenges, with powerful demonstration effects». 
IDB/IIC Annual Meetings

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Convention Hall 101-102
Thursday, March 26th, 2015
16:30-18:10
Program

16:30 – 16:40  Welcome Remarks
Hyunghwan Joo, Vice Minister, Ministry of Strategy and Finance of Korea

16:40 – 18:10  Panel Discussion “New Horizons in Latin America and Caribbean - Asia Development Cooperation”

Keynote remarks by the co-organizers
Luis Alberto Moreno, President, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
Takehiko Nakao, President, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Guest Speakers
Yi Gang, Deputy Governor, the People's Bank of China (PBC) and Administrator, the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE)
Akihiko Tanaka, President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Duk-Hoon Lee, President, Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM)
Kyttack Hong, Chairman and CEO, Korea Development Bank (KDB)

Moderator:
Kyung Wook Hur, former Vice Minister, Ministry of Strategy and Finance of Korea
Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) are at a decisive crossroads and face crucial development challenges as middle-income countries. After a decade of growth averaging 4 percent partly fueled by trade, FDI and finance exchanges with East Asia, the region’s real GDP slowed to 2.7 percent in 2013 and 1.3 percent in 2014. Weakening global and East Asian demand and falling commodity prices have resulted in a stagnation of the region’s exports, which are estimated to have decreased by 1.4 percent in 2014. Recent strong economic growth in the region enabled a reduction of poverty from 22 percent in 2002 to 12 percent through the generation of jobs and the fiscal capacity to fund poverty reduction initiatives. The more subdued global environment presents a challenging context for sustaining poverty reduction through inclusive growth and social policy, and underscores the need to find innovative development solutions.

Robust growth in LAC took place as the region grew closer to East Asia, with the relationship progressing from bilateral trade between LAC and Asian economies that grew 20 per cent a year in the last decade, to deepening investment ties, and more recently, the strengthening of cooperation between the two regions.

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Bilateral trade stands at US$450 billion, and there are presently 21 free trade agreements between East Asia and LAC.

At the same time, many countries of the South have availed themselves of the opportunity presented by their economic growth to emerge as international cooperation partners in their own right. This greater role has often taken place through the sharing of successful development experiences with developing countries facing similar challenges. This South-South cooperation serves to complement flows from traditional official development assistance, which reached a record US$134.8 billion in 2013. The rise of new players highlights the importance of coordinating development cooperation efforts and identifying opportunities for synergies.
The two regions share common development challenges and opportunities. As countries in Asia and LAC transform themselves through pro-growth policies into middle income economies with growing middle classes, common areas of interest are emerging such as:

i) **Deepening productive integration** to increase intraregional trade, reduce the cost of trade, and promote exports and investment;

ii) **Investing in infrastructure**, to address high transport costs and regional inequalities;

iii) **Harnessing the power of the private sector** for development;

iv) **Strengthening institutions** in order to improve public policies and market outcomes;

v) **Mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction** to mitigate negative impact on sustainable development; and;

vi) **Implementing smarter and fiscally sustainable social policies** to increase overall productivity and citizens’ well-being.

Japan, Korea, and China, successively joining the IDB as non-borrowing members, have supported LAC countries through a range of financial and non-financial instruments that have facilitated the transfer of knowledge and development solutions. All three countries have supported exchanges of academics, students, policymakers, and the private sector.

Held alongside the IDB’s Annual Meeting, this High-Level Seminar will provide the leaders of multilateral and bilateral development banks and cooperation agencies from Asia and LAC with a forum with a select audience to discuss key issues, priorities, and good practices, to address donor coordination between MDBs and bilateral institutions, and to propose cooperation activities to accelerate development in both regions.

The discussion panel will include keynote remarks by ADB President Takehiko Nakao and IDB President Luis Alberto Moreno, and will feature as guest speakers Yi Gang, Deputy Governor of the People’s Bank of China and Administrator of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, Akihiko Tanaka, President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, Duk-Hoon Lee, President of the Export-Import Bank of Korea, and Kyttack Hong, Chairman and CEO of the Korea Development Bank.
>> Keynote Remarks:

Luis Alberto Moreno

Mr. Moreno assumed the presidency of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in October 2005. As President of the Bank, he also chairs the Board of Executive Directors of the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC) and the Donors’ Committee of the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF), both institutions of the IDB Group. Before joining the Bank, Mr. Moreno served as Colombia’s Ambassador to the United States for seven years. He served as Minister of Economic Development, President of the Instituto de Fomento Industrial, and manager of social investment policies, including the housing strategy for low-income families. In the private sector, he advised major Colombian companies and foreign investors, and was executive producer of a leading television news program. Mr. Moreno holds a degree in Business Administration and Economics from Florida Atlantic University in 1975, and an MBA from the Thunderbird School of Global Management in 1977.

Takehiko Nakao

Mr. Nakao is the President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Chairperson of ADB’s Board of Directors. He was elected President by ADB’s Board of Governors in 2013. Before joining ADB, Mr. Nakao was the Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs at the Ministry of Finance of Japan. He has held senior positions in the Ministry of Finance in Japan, which he joined in 1978, including as Director-General of the International Bureau. He was assigned as Minister at the Embassy of Japan in Washington D.C. between 2005 and 2007, and from 1994 to 1997 served as economist and advisor at the International Monetary Fund. He has published books and numerous papers on financial and economic issues, and in 2010 and 2011 was a Visiting Professor at the University of Tokyo. Mr. Nakao holds a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Tokyo and an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley.
Moderator: **Kyung Wook Hur**

Mr. Hur is Visiting Professor at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management, as well as at the Seoul Graduate School of International Studies. He was the Ambassador of the Permanent Delegation of Korea to the OECD from 2010 to 2013, during which time he served as the Chairman of the OECD Pension Budget and Reserve Fund Management Board, Co-chair of the Informal Group on Development Strategy, and Chair of the Informal Reflection Group on China. He was Vice Minister of Strategy and Finance of Korea from 2009 to 2010, and prior to that, served as Secretary to the President for National Agenda. He graduated from the Department of Business Administration at Seoul National University in 1978, and holds an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Welcome Remarks: **Hyunghwan Joo**

Mr. Joo has been Vice Minister of Strategy and Finance of Korea since July 2014. He has more than 30 years of experience in the public sector including as Secretary to the President for Economic and Financial Affairs from 2013 to 2014, Secretary General of the Presidential Committee on Green Growth, Secretary General of the Presidential Council on National Competitiveness, Executive Secretary of the Presidential Council for Future and Vision, and in a number of other senior advisory and management roles. He holds a B.A. in Business Administration from Seoul National University, and both an MBA and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Illinois.
Guest Speakers:

Yi Gang

Mr. Yi became Administrator of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) in 2009, and began serving as Deputy Governor of the People’s Bank of China (PBC) in December 2007. He was Assistant Governor from 2004 to 2007, and previously served as Director-General of Monetary Policy Department and as Secretary-General of the Monetary Policy Committee of the PBC. He graduated from Beijing University in 1980, obtained a B.A. of Business Administration from Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota and obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from University of Illinois in 1986. He was an Assistant Professor, Associate Professor with tenure at Indiana University, Indianapolis from 1986 to 1994, and served on the faculty of Beijing University as a professor and Ph.D. Advisor of Economics.

Akihiko Tanaka

Mr. Tanaka is President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Before assuming the present post, he was Professor of International Politics at the Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies and at the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, the University of Tokyo. Most recently he was Vice President of the University of Tokyo from 2011 to 2012, Executive Vice President of the University of Tokyo from 2009 to 2011, and Director of the Division of International Affairs of the University of Tokyo from 2008 to 2010. He obtained his B.A. in International Relations at the University of Tokyo in 1977 and his Ph.D. in Political Science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1981.
Duk-Hoon Lee

Mr. Lee is the 18th Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of Korea and took office in March 2014. Most recently, Chairman Lee has served as Visiting Professor at Sogang University’s Graduate School of Economics since 2008. Prior to this, he has gained both theoretical and practical expertise in finance by holding such varied positions as President of Daehan Investment Trust, Vice Chairman of Woori Finance Holdings, CEO and Chairman of Woori Bank (formerly Hanvit Bank), and Member of the Monetary Policy Committee at Bank of Korea. Mr. Lee holds bachelor’s degrees in both economics and mathematics from Sogang University and a master’s degree in economics from Wayne State University. He completed a Ph.D. in economics at Purdue University in 1981.

Kyttack Hong

Mr. Hong is the Chairman and CEO of the Korea Development Bank. He served on the faculty of the School of Politics and Economics, Chung-Ang University from 1984 to 2013, and was Dean of the school from 2007 to 2009. He has extensive experience in banking and finance, and was Chairman of the Board of Directors of NH Nonghyup Financial Group from 2012 to 2013, and served as a member of the Steering Committee of the Korea Investment Corporation and as a member of the Korean Government’s Regulatory Reform Committee. He holds a B.A. in Economics from Sogang University, and earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from Stanford University in 1978 and 1983, respectively.