

Launch of the ADB publication

“Economics of Climate Change in East Asia”

Beijing, 17 October 2013

Seoul, 18 October 2013

Ulaanbaatar, 21 October 2013

Tokyo, 23 October 2013

The new ADB publication “Economics of Climate Change in East Asia” examines how Japan, Mongolia, the People’s Republic of China, and the Republic of Korea can better respond to the challenges of climate change through a combination of adaptation and mitigation measures. Using detailed estimates of costs under a range of climate scenarios, the analysis identifies efficient strategies that take into account the uncertainty about future climate scenarios while balancing the costs of adaptation and mitigation.

Team members from more than 10 leading universities and think tanks in Asia, North America, and Europe, contributed the best available databanks and models on climate change. The study extends previous work on the economics of climate change in East Asia to provide a better basis for policy development in this area.

The study provides:

- a summary of the potential impacts of climate change in East Asia;
- cost analysis of adapting to climate change up to 2050 for three critical sectors for the region: infrastructure, coastal protection, and agriculture;
- impact assessment of climate change on poverty in Mongolia and the PRC;
- cost estimates of reducing emissions of greenhouse gases based on detailed analysis of sector-specific mitigation options up to 2020 and 2030;
- a long-term perspective of climate change up to 2100 using an integrated assessment model to examine alternative strategies that combine adaptation and mitigation, allowing for uncertainty about climate outcomes;
- a review of policies and initiatives to address climate change in the countries of East Asia; and
- an assessment of opportunities for regional cooperation in both adaptation to and mitigation of climate.



17 October 2013, PRC launch, Tang La Hotel, Beijing

- **International Book launch of the “Economics of Climate Change in East Asia” (English language book) and**
- **Book launch of the PRC background report “Climate Change and Low Carbon Growth Strategies in the PRC” (Chinese language book)**

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:20 | Opening by the ADB and the NDRC <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Edgar Cua, Deputy Director General, East Asia Department, ADB- Su Wei, Director-General, National Development and Reform Commission (requested) |
| 9:20 – 9:30 | Project overview and project goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jörn Brömmelhörster, Principal Economist, East Asia Department, ADB |
| 9:30 – 9:50 | Climate Change and Low Carbon Growth Strategies in the PRC (Summary findings of the Chinese background report) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chen Wenying, Professor, Tsinghua University |
| 9:50 – 10:30 | Findings, Results, and Messages from the Economics of Climate Change in East Asia Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gordon Hughes, University of Edinburgh |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | Questions and Answers |

18 October 2013, Mongolia launch

Ulaanbaatar Hotel, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Book launch: Key findings and messages of the “Economics of Climate Change in East Asia” with special reference to Mongolia

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:20 | Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- D. Dagvadorj, Special Envoy on Climate Change- Robert Schoelhammer, Country Director, ADB |
| 9:20 – 9:30 | Project overview and project goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jörn Brömmelhörster, Principal Economist, East Asia Department, ADB |
| 9:30 – 9:50 | Climate Change and Low Carbon Growth Strategies in Mongolia (Summary findings of the Mongolian background report) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Namjil Enebish (National Renewable Energy Centre, Mongolia)- Jamsran Batbold (Mongolian Environmental Civil Council, Mongolia). |
| 9:50 – 10:30 | Findings, Results, and Messages from the Economics of Climate Change in East Asia Report (with special reference on Mongolia) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gordon Hughes, University of Edinburgh |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Questions and Answers |

21 October 2013, Republic of Korea launch, Ambassador Hotel, Seoul

Book launch: Key findings and messages of the “Economics of Climate Change in East Asia” with special reference to Republic of Korea

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:20 | Keynote address - Dohyun Park, KOICA |
| 9:20 – 9:30 | Project overview and project goals - Jörn Brömmelhörster, Principal Economist, East Asia Department, ADB |
| 9:30 – 10:10 | Findings, Results, and Messages from the Economics of Climate Change (with special reference on Republic of Korea) - Gordon Hughes, University of Edinburgh |
| 10:10 – 10:40 | Questions and Answers |

23 October 2013, Japan launch, ADBI/JRO, Tokyo

Book launch: Key findings and messages of the “Economics of Climate Change in East Asia” with special reference to Japan and fostered regional integration

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Registration |
| 9:30 – 9:50 | Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hideki Minamikawa, Senior Advisor, Ministry of the Environment, Japan- Stephen P. Groff, Vice President, Asian Development Bank (video) |
| 9:50 – 10:00 | Project overview and project goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jörn Brömmelhörster, Principal Economist, East Asia Department, ADB |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Climate Change and Low Carbon Growth Strategies in Japan (Summary findings of the Japan background report) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kotaro Kawamata, Director for international cooperation, Ministry of the Environment, Japan |
| 10:20 – 11:00 | Findings, Results, and Messages from the Economics of Climate Change in East Asia Report (with special reference on Japan) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gordon Hughes, University of Edinburgh |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Questions and Answers |
| 11:30 – 11:40 | Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Masahiro Kawai, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute |