

**TA9889-Sharing ADB's Operational Knowledge in the PRC in TVET with other CAREC Member Countries**

**Final Workshop**

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1500–1800 (Manila/Beijing time)

**DRAFT OPENING REMARKS**

Dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

- Good afternoon! I am very pleased to join today's event with you. Please allow me to open the workshop with a few remarks.
- On behalf of East Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank in the PRC, I would like to welcome you all to the final workshop under the TA on Sharing ADB's Operational Knowledge in the PRC in technical and vocational education and training with other CAREC member countries.
- ADB has supported the education and training sectors in the PRC since 2006. By the end of 2021, 24 loans, grants, and TA projects totaling \$760.95 million have been provided, primarily through TVET programs in less developed central and western areas. The PRC's national and provincial policy directives comprehensively articulate TVET as a tool for tackling economic and social development needs. Responding to these needs, ADB's TVET projects have used innovative approaches, including developing competency-based curricula that meet the needs of occupations; trained vocational instructors and teachers; promoted public-private partnerships and institutional reforms; modernized and upgraded teaching and learning facilities; reduced dropouts through financial assistance to students from poor

families; and supported regional cooperation by promoting partnership agreements between TVET institutions and enterprises in the PRC and other countries.

- The TVET sector is less developed in other member countries of the CAREC program. This TA project aims to gather and share the operational knowledge and policy lessons on TVET that ADB and other developmental partners have accumulated and learned in the PRC with other CAREC member countries. The PRC's domestic policy interventions and innovations on TVET are reviewed and examined as well. The TA is expected to improve the operational efficiency of TVET programs, strengthen the institutional capacities of key stakeholders in the TVET sector, and be a reference for policy reforms in the PRC and other CAREC member countries.
- With all your efforts and support, I am pleased to see the TA final report, policy notes and other knowledge sharing products are all in good shape. Joined by our consultant team and TVET experts and colleagues, the workshop today will be focusing on sharing knowledge products and findings supported by the TA, exchanging features and experiences of TVET development in different countries, and exploring potential cooperation areas between PRC and other CAREC member countries.
- Under the County Partnership 2021-2025, knowledge will be central to ADB's operations in the PRC. It is of great significance for us to promote related knowledge sharing of PRC's development experiences, best practices and innovations with other developing member countries. This TA serves as a platform for sharing the PRC's development experiences and lessons with other CAREC member countries. We believe the TA will (i) help enhance knowledge sharing between the PRC and other CAREC member countries; and (ii) improve the quality of policies and practices in TVET in the region.
- I wish you a success workshop.
- Thank you all!