

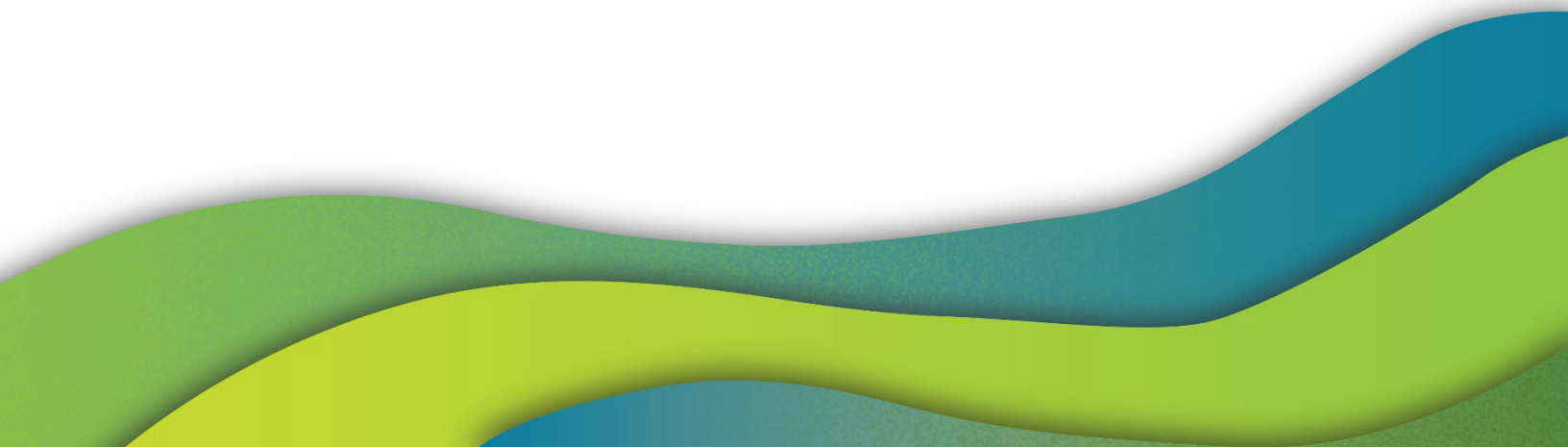


East Asia Forum 2024

19-20 September

Beijing

Program and Biographies



About the Event

This year's East Asia Forum (EAF) will explore ways the People's Republic of China (PRC) and ADB can foster partnerships in addressing regional challenges related to climate change with a special interest in promoting global and regional public goods in ADB's developing member countries (DMCs).

The Forum will have four sessions. The first session will explore strategic ways the PRC and ADB can further evolve their partnership in tackling regional challenges including climate change. The second and third sessions will focus on two critical parts of climate as public goods and explore best practices for promoting them. Specifically, session 2 focuses on nature conservation and ecosystem protection, and how instruments like nature-debt swaps can be a viable financing instrument to help DMCs meet their commitments to conserve 30% of terrestrial and marine areas by 2030. Session 3 centers on addressing climate mitigation through accelerating the energy transition from fossil fuel powered energy to clean energy, drawing on international practices related to energy policy, investments and transition financing. The fourth session discusses how artificial intelligence can support addressing regional challenges. Specifically, it will look at emerging best practices in strategy, policy, and regulation to enhance the potential benefits of AI while also mitigating the potential costs.

Each session will comprise a keynote speaker setting the context and regional challenges, followed by an interactive panel discussion comprising four to five distinguished experts.

In addition to the four sessions, ADB will also launch its publication *Echoes of Success: Case Studies in the Replication of Asian Development Bank Projects in the People's Republic of China*. The report presents five ADB-financed projects in the PRC that have been replicated within and outside the PRC.

The event will be held at the Grand Ballroom 2, Kerry Hotel, 1 Guanghai Road, Beijing.

Program

Date/Time	Session
19 September (Thursday)	
08.30–09.00	Registration
09.00–09.15	Opening Messages Scott Morris, Vice-President (East and Southeast Asia, and the Pacific), ADB Weihua Liu, Executive Director, ADB
09.15–10.45	Session 1. The People’s Republic of China and ADB Partnership for the Asia and Pacific Region Speaker: Safdar Parvez, Country Director, ADB Resident Mission in the People’s Republic of China An Overview of the ADB-PRC Country Partnership Strategy Speaker: Yiping Huang, Dean, National School of Development, Peking University The PRC-ADB Strengthening Cooperation to Tackle Regional Challenges Panel Discussion: Creating Partnerships for Addressing Regional Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scott Morris, Vice-President (East and Southeast Asia, and the Pacific), ADB• Weihua Liu, Executive Director, ADB• Beate Trankmann, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme in China• Ayumi Konishi, Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer, Multilateral Cooperation Center for Development Finance• Yao Wang, Director General, International Institute of Green Finance, Central University of Finance and Economics Q&A

Date/Time	Session
	Moderator: Guan Xin, Anchor and Chief Editor, Business News Department, China Global Television Network (CGTN)
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	<p data-bbox="440 537 1268 569">Session 2. Nature Conservation as a Regional Public Good</p> <p data-bbox="440 600 1382 674">Speaker: Mingjia Yuan, The Nature Conservancy Beijing Representative Office</p> <p data-bbox="440 684 1373 716">Good International Practices on Strategies for Conserving Nature</p> <p data-bbox="440 747 1097 779">Speaker: Nicole Arditti, Global Sovereign Advisory</p> <p data-bbox="440 789 1032 821">Considerations on Debt for Nature Swaps</p> <p data-bbox="440 873 1398 978">Panel Discussion: How Can We Leverage Financing Instruments to Meet the Global Conservation Goal of 30% of Land and Marine Resources Protected by 2030?</p> <ul data-bbox="448 999 1341 1419" style="list-style-type: none">• Ye Wang, Deputy Section Chief, Foreign Economic Cooperation Office, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC• Wei Shen, Director, Green Belt and Road Center, International Institute of Green Finance, Central University of Finance and Economics• Mingjia Yuan, The Nature Conservancy, Beijing Representative Office• Nicole Arditti, Global Sovereign Advisory• Luo Wang, Director, Institute of International Development Cooperation, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Commerce, PRC <p data-bbox="440 1461 513 1493">Q&A</p>
	Moderator: Duncan Lang, Senior Environment Specialist, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB
12.30-14.00	Lunch

Date/Time	Session
14.00–15.30	<p data-bbox="440 369 1187 407">Session 3. Energy Transition as a Global Public Good</p> <p data-bbox="440 432 1349 506">Speaker: Andrew Jeffries, Advisor, Energy Transition Mechanism and Partnerships, Sector Group, ADB</p> <p data-bbox="440 510 1321 548">International Practices for Accelerating the Energy Transition</p> <p data-bbox="440 583 1305 657">Panel Discussion: Creating Partnerships for Advancing the Energy Transition in ADB’s Developing Member Countries</p> <ul data-bbox="448 678 1403 1094" style="list-style-type: none">• Yanmei Cui, Deputy General Manager, Client and Credit Management Department, Export-Import Bank of China• Edo Mahendra, Special Advisor to Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Investment, Indonesia, and Chairperson of Indonesia Energy Transition Implementation Joint Office• Junjie Kang, Deputy Director, Climate Change and Energy Transition Program, Institute of Energy, Peking University• Helmut Fischer, Executive Director, ADB• Yihan Hao, Principal, Rocky Mountain Institute China Program• Andrew Jeffries, Advisor, Energy Transition Mechanism and Partnerships, Sector Group, ADB <p data-bbox="440 1136 513 1173">Q&A</p> <p data-bbox="440 1209 1395 1283">Moderator: Toru Kubo, Senior Director, Climate Change, Resilience, and Environment, ADB</p>
15.30–17.00	<p data-bbox="440 1318 1386 1392">Session 4. Artificial Intelligence: Emerging Global Best Practices in Strategy, Policy, and Regulation</p> <p data-bbox="440 1419 1154 1457">Speaker: Stephanie Hung, Director General, ITD, ADB</p> <p data-bbox="440 1461 724 1499">Setting the Context</p> <p data-bbox="440 1535 1305 1608">Panel Discussion: How AI Can Be Supportive in Tackling Regional Challenges</p> <ul data-bbox="448 1629 1395 1812" style="list-style-type: none">• Stephanie Hung, Director General, Information and Technology Department, ADB• Chen Hui Ong, Assistant Chief Executive (Business-Technology Group), Infocomm and Media Development Authority of Singapore• Talal Ikhwan, Head, KPMG Digital Village, Singapore

Date/Time	Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Xudong Chen, Chairman and General Manager, IBM Greater China Group• Liang Zheng, Deputy Director, China Institute for Science and Technology Policy, Tsinghua University <p>Q&A</p> <p>Moderator: Ozzeir Khan, Director, Information and Technology Department (ITD), ADB</p>
17.00-17.05	Closing Remarks Muhammad Ehsan Khan, Director General, East Asia Department, ADB
17.05-17.20	Break
17.20-17.50	Publication Launch: <i>Echoes of Success: Case Studies in the Replication of Asian Development Bank Projects in the People’s Republic of China</i> Messages from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scott Morris, Vice-President (East and Southeast Asia, and the Pacific), ADB• Xi Zhang, Executive Director and General Manager, Shaanxi Financial Holding Development Investment Management Co., Ltd.
All day	Results Reality Booth Showcasing ADB projects in the PRC in augmented and virtual reality
18.30-20.30	Dinner
20 September (Friday)	
09.30-16.00	Field Visit to Project Site: Tianjin Dongli Biomass Energy and Comprehensive Waste Treatment Subproject, Dongli District, Tianjin Municipality

Biographies

Session 1: The PRC and ADB Partnership for the Asia and Pacific Region

Moderator



Guan XIN

Anchor and Chief Editor of Business News Department
China Global Television Network (CGTN)

Guan Xin hosts *Global Business* and *BizTalk*, the two flagship financial and business programs on CGTN that have become resources for viewers seeking analysis and discussions on the most pressing issues affecting international markets and economies.

Throughout her career, Guan Xin has engaged in one-on-one dialogues with a myriad of influential figures from the global business landscape, including top executives of multinational corporations, distinguished scholars, prominent political leaders, and ADB. She had interviewed former ADB President Takehiko Nakao, Vice-President Scott Morris, Chief Economist Albert Park, and Country Director Safdar Parvez, among others.

She has a BA in Journalism from Tsinghua University and MA in Finance from Peking University.

Speakers



Safdar PARVEZ

Country Director, ADB Resident Mission in the People’s Republic of China

Safdar Parvez holds an MPhil degree in economics from Cambridge University, United Kingdom; a master’s degree from Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan; and a bachelor’s degree in economics from Government College, Pakistan. He joined ADB in 2002 and was appointed director for Central and West Asia Department’s Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division in 2016. He became an advisor at the East Asia Department in September 2021, and was appointed country director for the People’s Republic of China in November 2022.

Mr. Parvez is a senior economist who has broad experience in ADB operations, advisory services and knowledge work.



Yiping HUANG

Dean, National School of Development, Peking University

Yiping Huang is Sinar Mas chair professor of finance and economics, deputy dean of the National School of Development, and director of the Institute of Digital Finance, Peking University. Concurrently, he is a guest research fellow of the Office of Senior Advisors at the People's Bank of China, a member of the China Finance 40 Forum, and the China Economists 50 Forum, deputy secretary-general of the China Society of Finance and Banking, chairman of the Special Committee on Fintech Development and Research of the National Internet Finance Association of China, and an associate editor of Asian Economic Policy Review.

Professor Huang received his PhD in economics from the Australian National University.

Panelists



Beate TRANKMANN

UNDP Resident Representative for China

Beate Trankmann took up her post as UNDP Resident Representative in China in October 2019 - her second posting to the PRC. Since then, she has had a diverse career in the Asia-Pacific region. Most recently she served as United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative for Mongolia. She also served as the UNDP Country Director in Indonesia further to appointments with UNDP in Sri Lanka and Cambodia. Prior to joining UNDP, Ms. Trankmann was a research fellow at the European Institute for Asian Studies in Brussels, advising European Union institutions on EU-Asia relations.

Educated in France; Taipei, China; and Germany, Trankmann holds a master's degree in political science and a bachelor's degree in PRC studies, both from University of Hamburg.



Scott MORRIS

Vice-President (East and Southeast Asia, and the Pacific), ADB

Scott Morris joined ADB on 1 November 2023. He is an expert on development finance and debt policy with more than 25 years of experience in international economic policymaking and research. Prior to joining ADB, he was a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development in Washington, DC, where he led work on multilateral and bilateral development finance. Previously, he served in senior roles in the US government, including as deputy assistant secretary for development finance and debt in the US Treasury, and managing the international and monetary policy portfolio of the Committee on Financial Services, US House of Representatives.

Mr. Morris has a master's degree in public policy studies (international economics) from the University of Michigan, Institute for Public Policy Studies, Michigan, US.



Yao WANG

Director General, International Institute of Green Finance
Central University of Finance and Economics

Yao Wang concurrently is director of the Research Center for Carbon Neutrality and Finance, and expert and member of the Academic Committee of Beijing Finance and Economics Research Base. She serves as deputy secretary general of the Green Finance Committee (GFC), China Society for Finance and Banking, advisor of the Green Securities Committee (GSC), Securities Association of China, and vice-chair of the Carbon Neutrality Committee, China Energy Conservation Association.

Professor Wang is a research fellow at the University of Cambridge (CISL), and expert on the Advisory Board of the Sustainable Finance Programme, Oxford University. She was a postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Economics, Harvard University (2010-2011).

In 2019, Professor Wang received the “Outstanding Contribution to Development of Green Finance in China” award by *Asiamoney*.



Weihua LIU

Executive Director, ADB

Weihua Liu has served as the Executive Director for the PRC in the ADB Board of Directors since January 2021. He is also the dean of the Board and a member of the Budget Review Committee. Formerly, he acted as the deputy director general of the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation, Ministry of Finance (MOF), PRC. Simultaneously, he was the executive director of IFAD for the PRC. He had engaged in international economic and financial cooperation for more than 20 years.

Mr. Liu started his career in 1987 at the Hunan School of Finance and Accounting. He moved on to different positions at MOF. He has two masteral degrees, one in accountancy from George Washington University, and another in economics from the PRC Institute of Fiscal Science.



Ayumi KONISHI

Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer, Secretariat of the Multilateral Cooperation Center for Development Finance (MCDF)

Ayumi Konishi is a career international civil servant with more than 40 years of experience with the United Nations Secretariat (1982–1988) and the Asian Development Bank (1988–2020). In ADB, he worked mostly in operations, including in education, governance, finance, and trade sectors; as country director for Viet Nam (2006–2011), deputy director general for the Pacific Department (2012–2013), director general for the East Asia Department (2013–2017), and as special senior advisor to the President (2017–2020).

Mr. Konishi is a Japanese national. He graduated from Waseda University (Japan) and Oregon State University (US) and has a master's degree in economics from New York University.

Session 2: Nature Conservation as a Regional Public Good

Moderator



Duncan LANG

Senior Environment Specialist
Climate Change and Sustainable Development, ADB

Duncan Lang is ADB’s lead for the Regional Flyway Initiative, which focuses on sustainable management and protection of priority wetlands along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway. He is also leading the biodiversity component of the ongoing update to ADB’s Safeguards through the Environmental and Social Framework due for completion in late 2024. Mr. Lang joined ADB in 2017 and has worked in the environment sector for over 20 years where he gained a wide variety of experience across a range of sectors as well as maintained a specialization in biodiversity.

He has an MS Ecology and Environmental Management degree.

Speakers



Mingjia YUAN

The Nature Conservancy, Beijing Representative Office

Mingjia Yuan has a BS Economics and Finance degree from Tsinghua University, and an MS Public Policy and Management degree from Carnegie Mellon University. Before joining TNC PRC, she worked for a large environment company and financial institutions. Currently at TNC, she is leading the Greening Sovereign Debt China workstream, Financing Natural Climate Solutions research project, and responsible for other green finance related work.



Nicole ARDITTI

Senior Advisor
Global Sovereign Advisory

Nicole Arditti was an executive director and then a senior advisor of Lazard until August 2022. She has over 40 years of experience in international financial advisory, investment and commercial banking and international finance, and over 35 years of experience working with Eastern Europe and emerging countries.

As a senior member of the GSA team and Lazard International Advisory Group in Paris, she has advised many governments, multinational corporations and financial institutions on financing strategies, debt management, restructuring and debt swaps, structuring and financing of large energy and infrastructure projects, as well as on privatizations, PPPs, M&A, capital structure, and investments.

Panelists



Ye WANG

Deputy Section Chief
Foreign Economic Cooperation Office, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC

Ye Wang is also the deputy director of the Convention Implementation Division II (Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity), Foreign Economic Cooperation Office, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the PRC. Ms. Wang has been participating in the negotiations on CBD finance mechanisms and resource mobilization since CBD COP13. She is now leading the negotiations and policy research related to financial mechanisms, and is a member of the CBD Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization representing the PRC.



Wei SHEN

Director, Green Belt and Road Initiative Research Center
International Institute of Green Finance
Central University of Finance and Economics, PRC

Wei Shen completed his PhD at the School of International Development at the University of East Anglia. His research interest mainly focuses on low carbon development and energy transition in the PRC and other developing countries and its impact on international development. He is a lead author of the 6th Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), with specific responsibility for reviewing climate policies and institutions in the Global South (Working Group III, Chapter 13). His work has been published in top journals including Energy Policy, Climate Policy, Third World Quarterly, Energy Research & Social Sciences, and Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions.



Luo WANG

Director, Institute of International Development Cooperation
Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation
Ministry of Commerce, PRC

Luo Wang has been the director of the Institute of International Development Cooperation, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC), Ministry of Commerce since 2013. Her primary research areas include international development cooperation, and the PRC's foreign aid policy. She has led and participated in numerous major government research projects, such as the PRC's Foreign Aid Development Outline (2016–2025), guidance on the PRC foreign aid in the South Pacific region, and foreign aid performance evaluation in the fields of health, education, technology, and human resources development cooperation. Prior to her current role, she worked at the Asia and Africa Research Institute of CAITEC, and the Foreign Aid Department of the PRC Ministry of Commerce.

Session 3: Energy Transition as a Global Public Good

Moderator



Toru KUBO

Senior Director, Climate Change, Resilience, and Environment, ADB

Toru Kubo is a senior director in ADB's Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department. His portfolio covers climate change, disaster risk management, and environmental sustainability. Mr. Kubo previously served as ADB's focal staff for UNFCCC matters, carbon markets, and climate change technologies. Most recently, he was the energy division director for Southeast Asia overseeing policy dialogue, technical assistance, investment programs and projects, and regional cooperation efforts across ASEAN. He was in charge of the Energy Transition Mechanism, now one of ADB's flagship climate mitigation initiatives.

Speaker



Andrew JEFFRIES

Advisor, Energy Transition Mechanism and Partnerships, Sector Group, ADB

Andrew Jeffries holds a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University, and a bachelor's degree in economics from Bucknell University, US.

He has 32 years of professional experience including over 17 years with ADB and 27 years in the energy sector. He currently oversees ADB's Energy Transition Mechanism team and Just Energy Transition Partnership related activities regionwide. He was ADB's country director for Viet Nam from 2020 to 2023, director of the Southeast Asia Energy Division from 2016 to 2020, head of ADB's energy sector operations in India from 2013 to 2016, and prior to that, led energy sector infrastructure projects in the South Asia region.

Panelists



Edo MAHENDRA

Special Advisor to Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Investment, Indonesia, and Chairperson of Indonesia Energy Transition Implementation Joint Office

Edo Mahendra advises the coordinating minister for maritime affairs and investment on carbon pricing and energy transition. Previously, he was the head of the Indonesia Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) Secretariat. He worked for the United Nations in Addis Ababa (UNECA), and New York (UNDESA). He holds a DPhil in International Development from the University of Oxford.



Junjie KANG

Deputy Director, Climate Change and Energy Transition Program, Institute of Energy, Peking University

Junjie Kang is an associate researcher working on clean energy transition, power system reform, climate and environmental policies. Previously, he researched on energy policy and energy economy at the Natural Resources Defense Council and State Power Investment Corporation. He has led and participated in many research projects by NDRC, NEA, UK

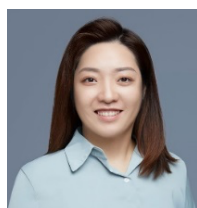
PSF, etc. Mr. Kang has several publications in renowned international journals such as *Nature Communication*, *Energy*, *Energy Policy* and *China Energy*. His research achievements have been reported by the media, including *China Energy News*, *Caijing*, and *Energy Observer*, including an exclusive interview by *Southern Weekly*. He has a PhD in techno-economics and management from the North China Electric Power University (Beijing).



Helmut FISCHER

Executive Director, ADB

Helmut Fischer is ADB Executive Director representing Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom in ADB's Board of Directors. A German national, Mr. Fischer has three decades of professional experience as a civil servant working for the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Mr. Fischer was formerly an ADB Board member from 2017 until 2020. Prior to his reappointment to ADB, he was head of BMZ's Afghanistan and Pakistan Division and Deputy Commissioner for Asia. Furthermore, he gained comprehensive expertise in development cooperation both with the private sector and with a number of ADB's regional members. He spent more than three years in Afghanistan as counsellor for development cooperation.



Yihan HAO

Principal, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) China Program

Yihan Hao joined RMI in 2016. She oversees work on energy sector methane control, rural energy transition, climate-smart agriculture, and carbon removal, providing solutions in areas such as provincial methane mitigation, coal mine methane recovery, biomethane trading, rural energy cooperatives, fertilizer emission reduction, and corporate carbon dioxide removal procurement. She has been responsible for scaling supply chain energy efficiency financing, and the PRC-ASEAN low-carbon cooperation, among other projects.

She has years of international and domestic work experience in energy transition and sustainable development. Before joining RMI, she worked as deputy chief architect at the Beijing Institute of Architectural Design, for multiple national and municipal key projects.

She has a Master of Architecture from Columbia University.



Yanmei CUI

Deputy General Manager, Client and Credit Management Department, Export-Import Bank of China

Yanmei Cui graduated from the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, PRC, and joined the Export-Import Bank of China in 2006. Since then, she has successively held the posts of deputy division chief, division chief of the Economics Research Department, and division chief and deputy general manager of the Strategic Planning Department. She is now the deputy general manager of the Client and Credit Management Department. Her academic and professional interests are international economy and trade analysis, macroeconomic policy research, foreign investment policy, and finance and green finance.

Session 4: Artificial Intelligence: Emerging Global Best Practices in Strategy, Policy, and Regulation

Moderator



Ozzeir KHAN

Director, Digital Learning Labs, Information and Technology Department, ADB

Ozzeir Khan is the director of the Office of Digital for Development Operations within ADB. He is currently also heading the ADB AI Program.

He has worked for the United Nations and the global financial banking services sector in Asia, Europe, and the US.

Prior to joining ADB, he was the chief of Innovation and Business Relationships at the United Nations headquarters in New York, where he was responsible for developing relationships with departments, member countries, facilitating public-private partnerships and leading innovation labs' development globally.

His broad areas of expertise include digital transformation, innovation, and emerging technologies adoption by the public sector and international agencies.

Speaker



Stephanie King-Chung HUNG

Director General, Information and Technology Department, ADB

An innovative and dynamic leader, Stephanie King-Chung Hung, serves as the chief information officer of ADB. She gained extensive experience and industry knowledge in the technology sector at IBM, HP, Microsoft, startups, and ST Engineering.

She was the honoree recipient of the Singapore SG100IT Women in 2020 over 1,000 nominations. She was one of the first 10 industry members in Singapore Computer Society to obtain a Certificate of Senior Professionals in AI Ethics and Governance. She holds certificates in the International Director Program and Corporate Governance in INSEAD Business School. She received the senior directorship accreditation from the Singapore Institute of Directors (SID).

She holds a Master of Business Administration with high honors from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Panelists

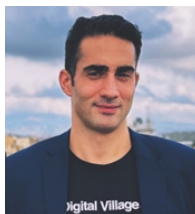


Chen Hui ONG

Assistant Chief Executive (Business-Technology Group), Infocomm and Media Development Authority of Singapore (IMDA)

Chen Hui Ong oversees IMDA's efforts in developing an industry and research ecosystem around emerging technologies. She developed the A.I. Verify toolkit for governance of AI, launched the National Multimodal LLM R&D program, Future Communications R&D Program to support 6G research, Digital Trust Centre to support research into trust technologies, National Quantum Safe Networks Plus Program to support business access to quantum safe communications and the 5G Innovation Program to support industries in adopting 5G.

Ms. Ong has spent more than 20 years in R&D and technology innovation. She is the chair of Singapore Women-in-Tech and one of the honorees of Singapore 100 Women in Tech 2021.



Talal IKHWAN

Head, KPMG Digital Village, and Strategic Innovation and GenAI Value Creator

Talal Ikhwan leads KPMG's efforts where they harness Generative AI and emerging technologies to shape innovative business models and launch new products and services.

Guiding a team of creative thinkers and technical delivery experts, they combine human-centered design with a lean and agile approach to deliver tangible value for large corporations and government bodies.

With consulting experience spanning Europe, the Middle East, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, Mr. Ikhwan brings proficiency in spearheading, establishing, and leading innovation business units while introducing new services in new emerging fields: GenAI, blockchain, loyalty and sustainability solutions.



Xudong CHEN

Chairman and General Manager of IBM, Greater China Group

Xudong Chen is a transformational and transboundary business leader with over 30 years of management experience across industries and cultures. He started as a software engineer in 1992 and progressed to achieve an outstanding track record of business leadership. Before IBM, he assumed senior management roles in Lenovo, Meituan, Yangtze Memory, and other companies. When he was the President/CEO of Lenovo PRC, he led Lenovo's rise as the absolute leader in the PRC's computer market.

He obtained his bachelor's degree in statistics in 1989, and master's degree in 1992, both from Peking University. He completed the Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) program at China Europe International Business School in 2007.



Liang ZHENG

Vice Dean, Institute for AI International Governance, and Deputy Director, China Institute for Science & Technology Policy, Tsinghua University

Liang Zheng, Professor, School of Public Policy and Management, is also a research fellow and vice dean of the Institute for AI International Governance (I-AIIG), and research fellow and deputy director of the China Institute for Science & Technology Policy (CISTP), all at Tsinghua University.

He earned his doctoral degree in economics at Nankai University (2003) and completed the senior executive training program on leadership at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2010). He was a Fulbright Visiting Research Scholar at the MIT Industrial Performance Center (MIT IPC) for one year (2012). He was a member of the National Innovation Survey Expert Group (2014-2017), and the Sino-US Innovation Dialogue Expert Group (2015-2018).

Closing Remarks and Publication Launch



Muhammad Ehsan KHAN

Director General, East Asia Department, ADB

Muhammad Ehsan Khan has more than 34 years of work experience, including nearly 21 years in ADB. At ADB, he significantly contributed to COVID-19 Pandemic Response Option operations in Central and West Asia and has led the organization of several of ADB's annual meetings amid pandemic challenges.

Prior to joining ADB, he worked with Halcrow Pakistan as manager for the social sector, rural development and agriculture, and had advised the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Islamic Development Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Office for Project Services, and the World Bank on strategic and operational issues.

Mr. Khan holds doctorate and masteral degrees in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University and University of Wyoming, respectively.



Xi ZHANG

Executive Director and General Manager
Shaanxi Finance Holding Group Co., Ltd.

Ms. Zhang is the Executive Director and General Manager of Shaanxi Finance Holding Group Co., Ltd. She is a professional in financial investment and management with nearly 20 years of work experience in the financial investment field.

Ms. Zhang also serves as the Executive Director and General Manager of Shaanxi Poverty Alleviation Industry Investment Fund Co., Ltd. Prior to this, Ms. Zhang worked at the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China for more than 10 years, mainly engaged in financial investment management including clean energy and electricity.

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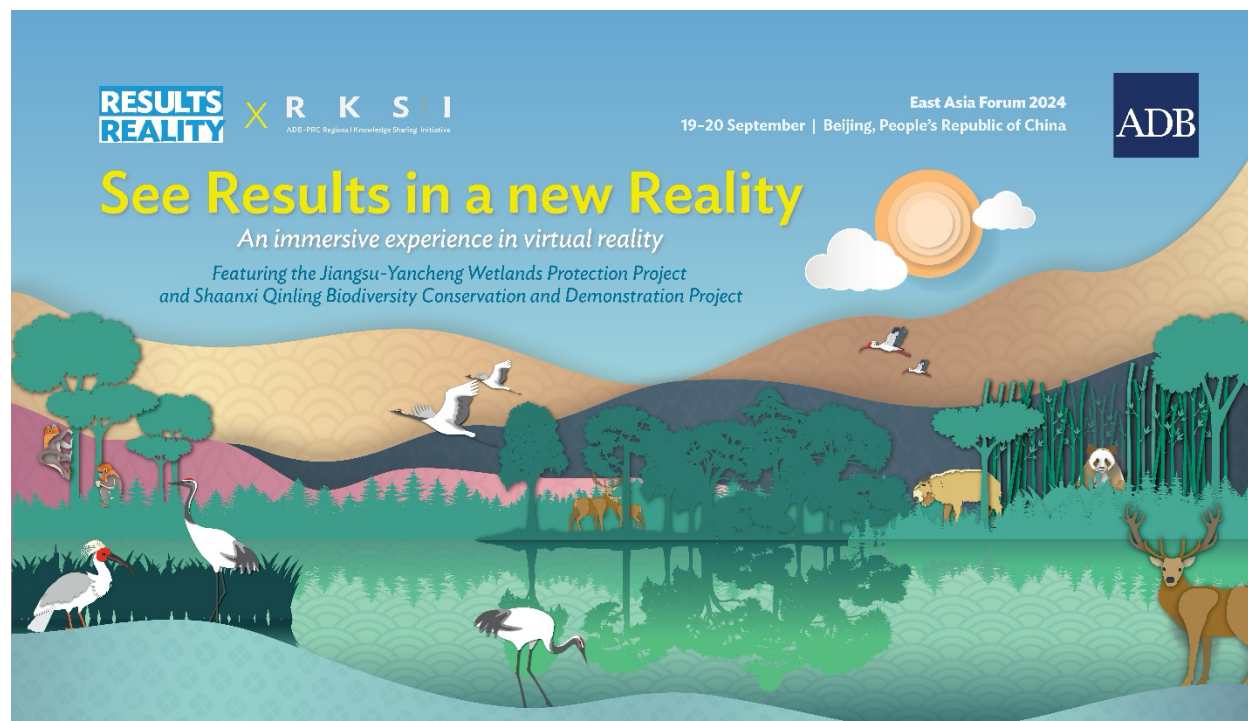
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Results Reality Booth 19 September 2024

The Results Reality Booth is initiated by Asian Development Bank’s (ADB) Results Management and Aid Effectiveness Division (SPRA), Strategy, Policy, and Partnerships Department (SPD). It engages Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) to highlight the results of ADB projects.

Results Reality is an innovative way of telling a results story using an immersive experience. It showcases immersive media content highlighting the results of ADB projects: high-definition videos, photo galleries, and interactive 3D graphics that include interviews of beneficiaries, implementing agencies, and project officers, project information, and results data. Through engaging applications of AR and VR technology, it offers visitors a window into the lives of beneficiaries under ADB projects.

For the Results Reality Booth @ East Asia Forum 2024, R K S I will showcase two PRC projects namely [Jiangsu Yancheng Wetlands Protection Project](#), and the [Shaanxi Qinling Biodiversity Conservation and Demonstration Project](#). The two projects were also exhibited at the 2023 and 2024 ADB Annual Meetings, respectively.



Site Visit Dongli District, Tianjin Municipality 20 September 2024

1. About the Project

[Loan 3629-PRC: Air Quality Improvement in the Greater Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Regional Emission-Reduction and Pollution-Control Facility](#)

The project is to support air quality improvement in the greater Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei (BTH) region, and directly address barriers in deploying high level technologies that reduce air pollution from industries, urban infrastructure, and agriculture. It was approved for €428,000,000 and became effective on 15 January 2019, the closing date is 30 November 2025. As of 30 May 2024, the project approved 19 subprojects, with 11 subprojects financed from ADB loan proceeds.

The Tianjin Dongli Biomass Energy and Comprehensive Waste Treatment Subproject is to comprehensively recycle and re-use waste to reproduce ether extract from kitchen waste and soil-aggregate subgrade and regenerated bricks from construction waste. Furthermore, there is also biomass power generation in the subproject. This subproject achieves both financial return and economic return in terms of emission reduction and energy saving.

Dress code: Casual, and comfortable walking shoes.

Please bring along your passport in case of ID checks.



2. Agenda

- 9:30-11:20 Journey from Beijing to Tianjin
Buses will be parked at the right side of the lobby exit of Kerry Hotel
Plate numbers: 京B20788, and京B26001
- 11:20-11:30 Visit Tianjin Dongli Environmental Protection Exhibition Hall floor
Introduce the integration of ecological priorities into urban planning and governance in Tianjin.
- 11:30-12:05 Presentation meeting room, 2nd floor
- An Introduction of ADB Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Air Quality Improvement Program
Yun Zhou, Principal Safeguards Specialist (Environment), ADB
10 minutes
- An Introduction of the Tianjin Dongli Biomass Energy and Comprehensive Waste Treatment Subproject
Le Yang, Senior Manager, China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group (CECEP) Fund
25 minutes
- 12:05-12:25 Visit 2nd floor and 3rd of the exhibition hall
Introduce comprehensive solutions for energy and environment, treatment of waste.
- 12:25-13:25 Lunch at staff canteen
- 13:25-13:45 Visit household waste incineration facility
- 13:45-14:00 Visit construction and slag waste resource utilization facility
- 14:00-14:15 Visit food and kitchen waste treatment facility
- 14:15-16:00 Return to Beijing