Pro-Poor Growth & Development Cooperation: Experience & Lessons from Asia

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**INTRODUCTION**

Organized jointly by the Korea Development Institute (KDI) and The Asia Foundation, the Asian Approaches to Development Cooperation (AADC) dialogue series brings together development experts and government officials from the Asia region and beyond to share perspectives and to facilitate mutual learning between and among “emerging” and “traditional” development actors. After a planning meeting in December 2010, KDI and The Asia Foundation convened three workshops over the course of 2011, including Kuala Lumpur in March, Colombo in June, and Seoul in September. The 2011 dialogues culminated at the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF4) in November in Busan, Korea, the world’s largest and most important gathering for discussing issues of international development and foreign aid. The conference edition of “Emerging Asian Approaches to Development Cooperation,” authored by participants in the AADC series, was released at the HLF4. Among more than 40 side events at the HLF4, the AADC side event was the most heavily attended, with more than 200 people in attendance.

The 2012 dialogues continued this momentum and focused on the theme of pro-poor growth (PPG), or more generally, inclusive growth. Over 40 participants convened in both New Delhi (March) and Beijing (June) for the fifth and sixth meetings in the dialogue series. The Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a think tank affiliated with the Government of India’s Ministry of External Affairs, and the China Agricultural University served as the local host, respectively. Countries participating in the two meetings included Australia, Cambodia, China, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, the UK, and the United States.

The Beijing meeting will be followed by an authors’ workshop in Seoul in November, as well as roundtable discussions in Australia and Washington, D.C. later this year and next year.

**OBJECTIVES OF DIALOGUE SERIES**

- To clarify and raise awareness of how Asian development actors operate: their objectives, principles, motivation, and funding levels.
- To contribute Asian development actor views to the international dialogue on development cooperation effectiveness and architecture, particularly in connection with follow-up to the HLF4.
- To promote mutual interest, learning, understanding, and opportunities for collaboration between and among Asian development actors, traditional donors, and recipient countries.
- For 2012: To make specific policy contributions and recommendations from Asian countries on the pro-poor growth agenda, such as via a second AADC publication focusing on pro-poor and inclusive growth.

**OVERVIEW OF BEIJING DIALOGUE**

Hosted by China Agricultural University (CAU), the Beijing meeting built upon the discussions in Delhi to explore the theme of pro-poor growth (PPG) and inclusive growth in greater depth.
Sessions examined Asia’s looming challenge of rising inequality amid declining poverty; highlighted various countries’ PPG strategies; and brought together diverse experts to brainstorm about practical ways to mainstream PPG into development cooperation projects. A specific session on China’s development cooperation and PPG strategy was convened as well.

In addition, participants made two external site visits. The first visit to the Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), affiliated with China’s Ministry of Commerce, provided participants a first-hand understanding of one implementation channel for China’s development cooperation programs. The second visit to Beigou Village in the outskirts of Beijing exemplified PPG at the local level.

**Dr. Zhaohu Li** (Vice President, China Agricultural University), **Dr. Gordon Hein** (Vice President, The Asia Foundation), and **Dr. Wonhyuk Lim** (Director of Global Economy Research, Center for International Development, Korea Development Institute) opened the meeting. Expressing their wishes for a productive and successful dialogue, they provided an overview of their respective organizations’ work and commitment to pursuing continued partnership in addressing poverty reduction and global development.

Recurring themes throughout the dialogue included:

- The link between economic growth and poverty reduction.
- Debates surrounding the definition of PPG:
  - Relative (poor-favoring growth):
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    \text{Rate of income growth of the poor} > \text{rate of GDP growth}
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  - Absolute (poverty-reducing growth):
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    \text{Rate of income growth of the poor} > 0
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- The need not only to generate employment opportunities to sustain economic growth, but also to transform institutions and governance in support of inclusive growth.
- The multidimensional nature of poverty and inequality.

Participants’ presentations can be accessed via [KDI’s website](http://www.kdi.re.kr).
CHINESE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION & PRO-POOR GROWTH

In this session, Chinese experts and officials presented the recent trends in Chinese development cooperation and pro-poor growth strategies. Moderated by Dr. Wenping He (Professor and Director of African Studies Section, Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), the session featured:

**Mr. Feng Lu**
Director of International Exchange and Cooperation, Department of Foreign Aid, Ministry of Commerce

**Dr. Sangui Wang**
Professor, School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Deputy Director of Advanced Institute for Sustainable Development, Renmin University of China

Mr. Feng Lu, who played a major role in drafting China’s first white paper on foreign aid released in April 2011, presented on “China’s South-South Cooperation: Policies and Activities.” The areas he discussed included: developments in China’s South-South cooperation (SSC) over the years;
historical and contemporary iterations of policies and principles guiding China’s foreign aid; administration structure; and examples of projects that China has supported in fields such as agriculture, infrastructure, public facilities, and healthcare. The Division of International and Exchange and Cooperation, where Mr. Lu serves as its first Director, was established in 2009.

**Discussion topics related to Mr. Feng’s presentation and China’s development cooperation included:** efforts to strengthen capacity development; the role of technology in development cooperation; choice of project prioritization; comparative national development experiences; development of small and medium-sized enterprises; the selection process for local contractors and its relevance to development cooperation policies; and post-Busan global partnerships.

**Dr. Sanguí Wang** presented on “Pro-Poor Growth and Poverty Reduction in China.” Referencing China’s remarkable progress that has lifted 600 million people out of poverty over the past three decades, Dr. Wang discussed ways to disaggregate this data. He analyzed varying rates of income growth for different income quintiles and base unit levels (e.g., household, village, county, national average). His empirical analysis suggested that the programs have thus far most effectively narrowed gaps between poorer and richer regions, not necessarily across individual households. Dr. Wang outlined policy suggestions to better address the remaining gaps in poverty reduction efforts. These recommendations included: improved income distribution and appropriate targeting mechanisms.

**Discussion topics related to Dr. Wang’s presentation included:** the multidimensional nature of poverty; private sector involvement in China’s PPG mainstreaming; issues facing the urban poor versus the rural poor in China; and the interplay between policy (e.g., subsidies) and market mechanisms when analyzing the high positive correlation between agricultural growth and PPG.

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**RISING INEQUALITY AMID DECLINING POVERTY: PRO-POOR GROWTH CHALLENGES IN ASIA**

Emerging Asia has made great strides in raising living standards, but growing income disparities threaten this success. This session focused on how Asian policymakers can ensure that growth benefits are more widely shared. It featured a presentation on “Confronting Rising Inequality in Asia,” the thematic chapter in *Asian Development Outlook 2012*, the Asian Development Bank’s annual publication that discusses a macro-economic outlook and long-term development challenges for developing Asia. The chapter presentation was followed by commentary on its conclusions. Moderated by **Dr. Xiaoyun Li** (Dean, College of Humanities and Development, China Agricultural University), the session featured:

- **Dr. Juzhong Zhuang**
  Deputy Chief Economist, Economics and Research Department, Asian Development Bank

- **Dr. Wonhyuk Lim**
  Director of Global Economy Research, Center for International Development, Korea Development Institute

- **Dr. Sulochana Nair**
  Dean, Graduate School, Binary University College, Malaysia
Dr. Juzhong Zhuang presented on “Confronting Rising Inequality in Asia,” the chapter he co-led for *Asian Development Outlook 2012*. The region’s rapid economic growth has brought significant reductions in absolute poverty, but has also led to rising inequality in many countries. Dr. Zhuang discussed the causes and long-term ramifications of the phenomenon and highlighted the need to address this looming development challenge via three policy pillars at the operational level as shown below.

Furthermore, Dr. Zhuang highlighted the significance of the term “inclusive growth,” defined as “growth coupled with equality of opportunity.” He noted that “inclusive growth” as an important development concept is broader than PPG, as it is applicable and relevant in a wider range of contexts, whether reducing absolute poverty in Low Income Countries (LICs) or reducing inequality in Middle Income Countries (MICs).
Dr. Wonhyuk Lim provided commentary on Dr. Juzhong Zhuang’s presentation by relating “Korea’s Experience with Rising Inequality and Pro-Poor Growth.” He described Korea’s overall development experience and highlighted initiatives such as Korea’s “Saemaul Undong” (New Community Movement) that targeted rural development and urban-rural inequality in Korea. Dr. Lim also addressed conceptual and policy issues for rising inequality and inclusive growth at large, such as the question of addressing inequality before or after interventions are implemented.

Dr. Sulochana Nair commented on the Asian Development Outlook by connecting its conclusions and recommendations with the Malaysian context. She noted the importance of the distinction made in the paper between the “inequality of outcome” and the “inequality of opportunity,” as it highlights the multidimensionality of inequality and helps determine the type of inequality that public policy should aim to reduce. Dr. Nair pointed out that in the context of multi-ethnic countries, it is also important to talk about horizontal inequality, which is inequality that exists between culturally defined groups, as opposed to vertical inequality, which is related to the ranking of individuals (or households) within a country (or sometimes the globe). In discussing Malaysia’s development experience and challenges in greater depth, Dr. Nair described the country’s goal to move from middle-income to high-income status by the year 2020, such as via the New Economic Model. She looked at existing poverty programs and income disparities along rural-urban and inter-ethnic lines. In addition, she emphasized the multidimensionality of inequality and poverty and the need for more specifically targeted public policies.

Overall session discussion topics included: linkages between job training and markets; conditional cash transfer case comparisons; the government as an enabler and the private sector as the driver of inclusive growth; the need for vocational education as well as socially oriented jobs; avenues for communicating entitlements and grievances; challenges facing MICs; and the difficulties in striking a balance between inclusive growth and efficiency.

**DEVELOPING COUNTRY STRATEGIES FOR PRO-POOR GROWTH**

Building on the Delhi meeting, this session discussed partner countries’ national strategies for addressing pro-poor growth, highlighting modalities, lessons, and how external assistance has been managed. Moderated by Mr. Banchong Amornchewin (Director of Planning and Monitoring, Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency), the session featured:

- **Dr. Cielito F. Habito**
  Professor, Department of Economics, Ateneo de Manila University, Former Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning, Philippines

- **Mr. Prabodh Saxena**
  Joint Secretary (Bilateral Cooperation), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, India

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- **Dr. Pungky Sumadi**
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**Dr. Cielito F. Habito** presented on: “In Search of Inclusive and Pro-Poor Growth: The Philippine Agenda.” He discussed the Philippines’ lagging growth and perverse growth-poverty reduction experience compared to the country’s Southeast Asian neighbors, as well as underlying causes behind this phenomenon. He also commented on the increasingly unequal income distribution in the Philippines. Dr. Habito provided recommendations on key areas to address in order to restore growth momentum and, at the same time, to ensure broad-based, inclusive growth. Central to this is government-wide support for the development of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), particularly in inclusive industry drivers like tourism and agriculture. Quality of governance was also cited as a key factor for inclusive growth in Asia. Noting the dearth of development cooperation in the fields of market reform and MSME support, Dr. Habito provided recommendations for ways forward.

**Mr. Prabodh Saxena** provided an overview of India’s multipronged PPG strategies, discussing the role and changing profile of external assistance in related processes. He noted that although external assistance may amount to low absolute figures, it has made critical contributions, particularly in the areas of health and education, and at the sub-national level. In addressing growth strategies in general, Mr. Saxena highlighted the importance of historical context—the caste system, for instance, as a factor while considering how to determine target groups for inclusive growth and how to diversify strategies for national development. Mr. Saxena noted that improving service delivery and addressing supply bottlenecks in fields such as agriculture and infrastructure are widely known in India to be keys for inclusive growth, but there remain various infrastructural and political challenges.

**Mr. Sengmany Keolangsy** provided an overview of Laos and the country’s PPG strategy. Its “2020 Strategy” targets poverty eradication and graduation from Least Developed Countries (LDC) status by the year 2020. Mr. Keolangsy outlined the government’s achievements related to PPG over past five-year plans, related challenges and lessons learned, and strategies moving forward.

**Dr. Pungky Sumadi** provided an overview of Indonesia’s PPG strategy and related development cooperation efforts. He discussed the 1997 financial crisis and its effect on the plunge of the Indonesian economy. He outlined the government’s response that involved addressing political, legal, macro-economic reform. As the economic crisis had become a multidimensional crisis, Dr. Sumadi went on to discuss ongoing, post-crisis economic and social development, as well as the role of external assistance in these areas. He referenced the Indonesian government’s National Program for Community Empowerment (PNPM) as a core element of the country’s PPG strategy.
Overall session discussion topics included: the importance of having government leadership in prioritizing the development agenda with international partners; the role of external assistance in legal development reforms and related sensitivity; importance of cultural dimensions in program replication (e.g., what works for self-help/microfinance groups in rural areas may not work in urban settings); evaluation methodologies and baseline indicators; the strategy of connecting small villages with larger ones; and the need to distinguish between evaluation (criteria-based) and assessment (no criteria).

**Supporting Pro-Poor Growth to Achieve Aid & Development Effectiveness**

This session discussed how and whether development cooperation efforts can contribute to pro-poor growth and at the same time be development-effective. Panelists presented their strategies, approaches, and lessons. Moderated by Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi (Senior Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India), the session featured:

**Mr. Roderick Brazier**
First Assistant Director General, AusAID

**Dr. Jennifer Adams**
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**Ms. Woojin Jung**
Senior Researcher, Korea Institute for Development Strategy (KDS)

Mr. Roderick Brazier provided an overview of Australia’s work on poverty alleviation and PPG in Asia. Noting that Australia’s development budget has more than doubled within the past decade and continues to grow, Mr. Brazier stated that based on present trends, Australia will become the largest grant donor to the East Asia region by 2015. Following the 2010 independent review of Australia’s aid program, poverty has become AusAID’s top priority. Mr. Brazier described promotion of food security and support for private sector development as two key elements of sustainable economic development, one of AusAID’s strategic goals in line with the Beijing dialogue’s PPG theme. In addition, Mr. Brazier referenced transparency, as well as the balance between focusing on results delivery versus recognizing the non-quantifiable dimensions of poverty (e.g., disabilities, insufficient access to services), as focus areas for AusAID.
Dr. Jennifer Adams outlined USAID’s overall programs and holistic approach to aid and development. She discussed various channels through which USAID operates: serving as a direct actor, leveraging other actors via contracts and grants, and creating enabling environments. Dr. Adams also covered USAID’s partnership priorities and range of existing partnerships. Furthermore, she provided insights into USAID’s internal reform movements that have sought to remain abreast of the evolving global landscape and changing needs. Dr. Adams concluded by offering suggestions for moving aid effectiveness forward, such as through greater emphasis on partner priorities and local sourcing, as well as through program-based rather than specific project-based work.

Ms. Woojin Jung presented on “Promoting Pro-Poor Orientation of Development Cooperation: Policy Guidance for Korea.” She used three levels of poverty reduction strategies to guide her analysis: “micro” (address local needs directly, such as through food/water provisions), “meso” (address community development via inclusive but indirect actions), and “macro” (create enabling environments). Ms. Jung compared the strategies of large donor countries and multilateral organizations across these and other dimensions. As the majority of KOICA’s projects operate in the “meso,” indirect area that primarily addresses economic development, Ms. Jung discussed the agency’s internal debate regarding whether Korea should increase its work in direct interventions or continue to focus on its proven forte. Ms. Jung went on to provide recommendations for mainstreaming poverty reduction and PPG strategies amidst such debates.

Overall session discussion topics included: more effective integration of capacity building into overall program design—beyond existing training courses; donor exit plans; responsibilities of both donors and recipients in facilitating donor coordination and alignment; the role of academics versus practitioners in supporting development; post-Busan global partnerships; the process of untying aid; civil society as implementing entities for development assistance and local NGO sustainability; the significance of donor agencies’ local field offices; efforts to use local suppliers and reduce flow-back of assistance to donors; and the role of traditional donors in facilitating South-South cooperation.

**MAINSTREAMING PRO-POOR GROWTH INTO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECTS: PLANNING, IMPLEMENTING & EVALUATING**

Through small group discussions, participants discussed how emerging Asian countries are undertaking development cooperation and South-South cooperation projects, as well as how pro-poor growth is or can be mainstreamed into planning, implementing, and evaluation processes. Moderated by Mr. Peter Beck (Country Representative, The Asia Foundation, Korea), the session featured:

*Introductory remarks on group discussions & framework:*

**Mr. Go Shimada**
Director, Research Program Division, JICA Research Institute

*Small group discussion facilitators:*

**Dr. Siriporn Wajjwalku**
Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Dean, Faculty of Political Science / Director of International Program, Thammasat University, Thailand

**Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi**
Senior Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India
Mr. Go Shimada introduced the framework for the small group discussions. He asked each group to identify common challenges to mainstreaming PPG at various monitoring levels (national, regional, global) as well as thematic levels (policy and practical). The groups were also asked to provide recommendations for overcoming these challenges. Providing JICA’s processes as an example, Mr. Shimada identified JICA’s requirements for pro-poor program design (availability, accessibility, affordability, acceptability) and discussed the agency’s operational flow and challenges faced at each of the planning, evaluating, and monitoring stages.

When reporting back to the larger plenary, the group led by Dr. Siriporn Wajjwalku listed the following as common challenges: 1) **PPG principles**: how to promote buy-in from all levels of stakeholders, develop sustainable in-country systems, and encourage ownership and partnerships; 2) **Differentiation**: how to distinguish between PPG and non-PPG projects, and how to leverage their respective strengths and interested donors; 3) **Relationships**: how to manage different development partners’ approaches to aid provision, and to what extent these should be coordinated; and 4) **Best practices**: how development partners can learn from successful cases, and to what extent replication is appropriate. The group’s recommendations included: 1) strengthen support for the ideas and initiatives of developing, as opposed to developed, partners; and 2) better prioritize focus areas, as many developed partners fund the same sectors.

The group led by Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi reported on challenges relating to the country-specific contexts of poverty (e.g., how to identify the number of people living below the poverty line) and their associated effects on defining appropriate PPG strategies. The questions of how to translate
PPG strategies to the level of community participation and how to mainstream evidence-based policymaking were also posed. The group’s recommendations built on the concept that there is not one prescription that can serve as a panacea for all contexts. Given such regional and national variability, support for local voices will be critical.

The group led by Ms. Natalie Shobana Ambrose discussed challenges involving both donors and recipients, centering primarily on the question of program sustainability and long-term impact. The group discussed the importance of planning and the need for inclusiveness and impact evaluation to be built in at these early stages; the tendency of recipient countries to rely on donor countries to conduct impact evaluation; obstacles facing continued training after funding is phased out; the reality that many South-South cooperation training programs do not actually translate down to the poor themselves because they are based on governments helping governments; the reality that culturally in some countries aid is seen as a gift, which in essence dictates less responsibility and accountability, making it difficult to implement monitoring mechanisms; and the challenge of implementing aid in countries where no central coordinating body exists.

Dr. Yihuan Wang provided closing commentary following the larger plenary session. She set forth the following as points to clarify and emphasize: 1) context-specific objectives for and the definition of PPG (absolute versus relative) must be clarified, as doing so impacts strategies for international cooperation; 2) mainstreaming is an all-inclusive process that incorporates the experiences and knowledge of the poor at each stage, and does not materialize merely by injecting an isolated pro-poor component into the project; 3) capacity building should involve implementation, not only conceptual training; and 4) development is not a linear process.

Mr. Zhenyuan Qu, Party Secretary at China Agricultural University (CAU), provided the keynote address at the welcome dinner. Focusing on the theme of pro-poor and inclusive growth, he emphasized the importance of state capacity and developmental governance, human capital development (including vocational training), self-reliance and local capacity development, and global partnership. Mr. Qu expressed his wishes for continued partnership among CAU, KDI, and The Asia Foundation in sharing experiences to work toward inclusive global development.

In addition, dialogue participants had the opportunity to make two external site visits. The first visit to the Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), where Mr. Xu Jin, Dean of AIBO, provided remarks, offered participants a first-hand understanding of one implementation channel
for China’s development cooperation programs. AIBO, also known as the Training Center of China’s Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), is an educational and training institution directly affiliated with MOFCOM. AIBO was founded 30 years ago; in 1998, it became China’s first entity to organize seminars for government business officials from other developing countries, and since 2008 has functioned as MOFCOM’s administrative and coordination department for South-South cooperation (SSC) training programs. Currently, nearly 200 teaching and administrative staff work at AIBO. Their responsibilities and areas of expertise include: SSC training, domestic training, and training for party cadres.

The second external visit to Beigou Village in the outskirts of Beijing exemplified pro-poor growth at the local level. Participants met with locals and officials to discuss how this village has generated sustainable livelihoods for its people through creative public-private partnerships and the expansion of the local fruit industry.

**FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

Having moved forward the discussion in linking Asian developmental experiences and inclusive growth to the questions of international development and cooperation at large, the 2012 Delhi and Beijing dialogues will be followed by an authors’ workshop in Seoul. There, preparations will be made for a monograph, which will be the second volume in the “Asian Approaches to Development Cooperation” publication series (conference edition of Volume I released in November 2011).

Additional AADC events are planned for Australia in late 2012 and Washington, D.C. in early 2013. KDI and The Asia Foundation are also discussing program ideas for a 2013 series of jointly organized AADC dialogues.
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Overview of AIBO

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In 1998, AIBO became China’s first entity to organize seminars for government business officials from other developing countries. Since 2008, AIBO has functioned as MOFCOM’s administrative and coordination department for foreign aid training programs.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

Beigou Village & Mutianyu Great Wall Tour Itinerary

Friday, June 29      8:30am – 6:00pm
Overview of AIBO

Events follows.

This is a full-day program that includes lunch and will conclude at approximately 6:00pm. Detailed Schedule of A tour of the Great Wall will be organized in the afternoon on the way back to downtown Beijing.

Keynote speaker: Jin Xu, Dean of AIBO

Visit AIBO College

Visit a village outside of central Beijing that has incorporated pro-poor growth approaches into its development strategy. Participants can meet with locals to discuss their needs and views on development policies and support.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

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Breakfast Buffet        Venue: Regent Hotel Café 99, Second Floor

Session 1: Opening Ceremony, Welcome & Introductions

Venue: Celestial Conference Room, First Floor
Moderator: Jonathan Stromseth, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation, China

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Break

Session 2: Chinese Development Cooperation & Pro-Poor Growth

Venue: Celestial Conference Room, First Floor
Moderator: Wenping He, Professor and Director of African Studies Section, Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

In this session, Chinese experts and officials will present the recent trends in Chinese development cooperation and pro-poor growth strategies.

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Venue: Regent Hotel Café 99, Second Floor
Session 3: Rising Inequality amid Declining Poverty: Pro-Poor Growth Challenges in Asia

**Venue:** Celestial Conference Room, First Floor

**Moderator:** Xiaoyun Li, Dean, College of Humanities and Development, China Agricultural University

Emerging Asia has made great strides in raising living standards, but growing income disparities threaten this success. This session will focus on how Asian policymakers can ensure that growth benefits are more widely shared. It will feature a presentation on “Confronting Rising Inequality in Asia,” a thematic chapter in the Asian Development Bank’s Asian Development Outlook 2012.

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Session 4: Developing Country Strategies for Pro-Poor Growth

**Venue:** Celestial Conference Room, First Floor

**Moderator:** Banchong Amornchewin, Director of Planning and Monitoring, Thailand International Development Cooperation Agency

Building on the Delhi meeting, this session will discuss partner countries’ national strategies for addressing pro-poor growth, highlighting modalities, lessons, and how external assistance has been managed.

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**Venue:** Duc de Chine Restaurant 5-minute walk from The Regent Hotel  
**No. 98, Jinbao Street, Beijing, 100005**

**Facilitator:** Jonathan Stromseth, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation, China

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| 12:45 – 12:55 | Future Directions  
Anthea Mulakala, Country Representative, Malaysia | Regional Advisor, Donor Relations, The Asia Foundation |
| 12:55 – 1:10 | Closing Remarks  
Wonhyuk Lim, Director of Global Economy Research, Center for International Development, Korea Development Institute |
| 1:10 – 2:00 | Lunch  
Venue: Regent Hotel Café 99, Second Floor |
| 2:10 | Meet in lobby of Regent Hotel for visit to the Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO); Training Center of China’s Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) (detailed Schedule of Events follows) |
| 6:30 | Arrive at Regent Hotel  
**Dinner and evening free** |

Session 5: Supporting Pro-Poor Growth to Achieve Aid & Development Effectiveness

**Venue:** Celestial Conference Room, First Floor

**Moderator:** Sachin Chaturvedi, Senior Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India

This session will discuss how and whether development cooperation efforts can contribute to pro-poor growth and at the same time be aid-effective. Panelists will present their strategies, approaches, and lessons.

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Session 6: Mainstreaming Pro-Poor Growth into Development Cooperation Projects: Planning, Implementing & Evaluating

**Venue:** Celestial Conference Room, First Floor

**Moderator:** Peter Beck, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation, Korea

Through small group discussions, we will discuss how emerging Asian countries are undertaking development cooperation and South-South cooperation projects, as well as how pro-poor growth can be mainstreamed into planning, implementing, and evaluation processes.

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| 11:00 – 11:15 | Introductory Remarks on Group Discussions & Framework  
Go Shimada, Director, Research Program Division, JICA Research Institute |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | Group Facilitators: Sachin Chaturvedi, Senior Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India  
Venue: Celestial Conference Room, First Floor |
| 12:00 – 12:45 | Discussion  
Venue: Sapphire Conference Room, Third Floor |

Session 7: Closing

**Venue:** Celestial Conference Room, First Floor

**Moderator:** Nancy Kim, Deputy Country Representative, The Asia Foundation, China

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