

Member's Annual Report 2006

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1. About the organization

(1) Name of the organization

Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

(2) Purposes and roles of your organization

a) Historical background of the organization

ADBI, located in Tokyo, is a subsidiary of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). It was established in December 1997 to respond to two needs of developing member countries: identification of effective development strategies and improvement of the capacity for sound development management of agencies and organizations in developing member countries. As a provider of knowledge for development and a training center, the Institute serves a region stretching from the Central Asian republics to the Pacific islands.

b) Purposes and roles of the organization

ADBI carries out **research and capacity building & training** to help the people and governments of Asian and Pacific countries. The Institute aims to provide services with significant relevance to problems of development in these countries. In line with this aim, the approach is demand-led, responding to the requests from developing countries. The Institute's four priority theme areas are **Poverty Reduction, Regional Cooperation, Private Sector Development, and Governance**. A new area of specialization, **Infrastructure for Regional Cooperation**, has been added to bring coordination to research projects that span multiple countries and areas of interest.

(3) Outline of the organization

1) Number of staff

As of July 2006, 36 people work at ADBI: 14 Japanese administrative staff, including temporary staff, 12 internationally recruited staff, 1 visiting fellow, 3 visiting researchers, and 6 research and capacity building associates. There are also some on- and off-site consultants.

2) Amount of the annual budget in 2006

The approved budget for 2006 was \$14.2 million, which was funded by the Government of Japan.

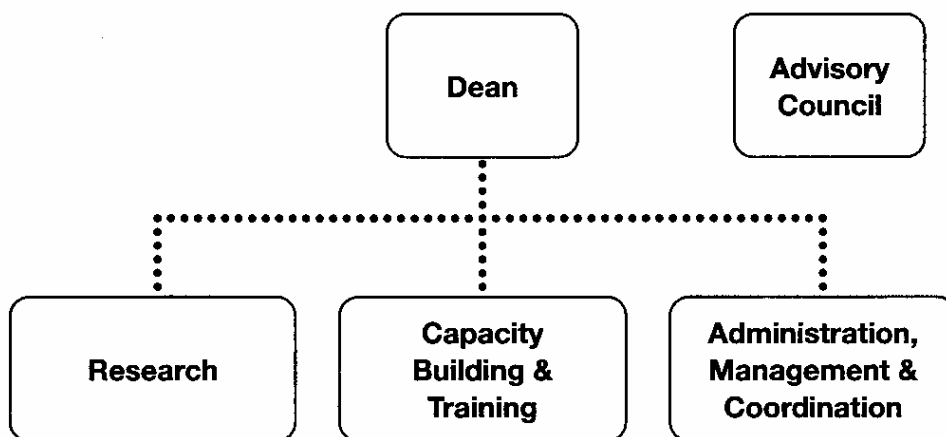
3) Organizational chart

ADBI consists of 3 departments: (i) Administration, Management and Coordination, (ii) Capacity Building and Training, and (iii) Research.

The Dean is the chief executive officer of the Institute and is responsible for the planning and execution of the Institute's strategy and work program as well as coordination with ADB.

The Advisory Council advises on and reviews the Institute's strategic directions and work programs. Its current members are Masahiro Aoki, Victor H. Frank, Jr., Eric Girardin, Ajit K.Jain, Li Yong, MacIntyre, and Ifzai Ali.

The Institute's organizational chart is below.



4) Ongoing projects

ADBI is now promoting many projects relating to networking of partner organizations and institutions and knowledge management as well as research and capacity building and training. For more information, please see the Institute's brochure at the following web address.

[<http://www.adbi.org/key-docs/2006/12/13/2103.adbi.brochure/>].

(5) Key events in 2006

The Institute carried out numerous events relating to research and capacity building and training activities. With regard to the events, please see

the Institute's website.

[<http://www.adbi.org/>].

2. About NARBO activities

(1) Activities your organization implemented in 2006 as the member

- Placement of JWA staff

In order to promote the NARBO activities and research to propose future action plans for NARBO, ADBI accepted the placement of a staff from Japan Water Agency (JWA), Michitaro Nakai. He has served at ADBI as NARBO Associate since May 2005. The NARBO Associate contributes not only to the research activities on water resources management in the Asia-monsoon region but also to the capacity building activities such as the NARBO Thematic Workshop on Water Allocation and Water Rights.

- NARBO General Meeting (13–15 February 2006, Indonesia)

The Institute selected Tatara Toru (Special Advisor to the Dean) and Michitaro Nakai (NARBO Associate) as delegates to attend the NARBO General Meeting.

- NARBO Thematic Workshop on Water Allocation and Water Rights

ADBI organized the second (5–9 June, 2006) and third (27 November–1 December, 2006) NARBO thematic workshops on Water Allocation and Water Rights in Manila, Philippines and Bangkok, Thailand, respectively, in collaboration with ADB, JWA, and some NARBO member organizations (National Water Resources Board and Laguna Lake Development Authority of Philippines, and Department of Water Resources of Thailand).

(2) The contact person and organization's web-site

- 1) The name of the contact person and contact number (including e-mail address)

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- 2) Your organization's web-site URL (English and local language)

<http://www.adbi.org/> (English)

(3) Resolutions and expectations for NARBO activities in 2007

1) Your organization's resolutions

Following the activities of 2006, the Institute will continue to perform the role of secretariat with NARBO.

2) Expectations of NARBO activities

The Institute expects more interactive activities for sharing information and experiences among NARBO member countries, which will promote regional cooperation in the relevant area.

(4) About the NARBO web-site (<http://www.narbo.jp>)

1) Whether you can access to the NARBO web-site.

(Yes / ~~No~~)

2) Whether you can access to the ADB's web-site (<http://www.adb.org/>) and the ADBI's web-site (<http://www.adbi.org/>)

(Yes / ~~No~~)

3) Who can accesses NARBO web-site usually?

All Institute staff

4) How often do you access to the NARBO web-site on the average?

Almost every day

5) What content are you interested in most and what information do you want to get from the NARBO web-site?

Training and workshop materials (stored in the Database [<http://www.narbo.jp/data/db.htm>]) are very helpful to share the information about the status of water resources in NARBO member counties.

In addition, Japan has some good and practical experiences and efforts in water resources management, which might be helpful for water resources management practitioners in NARBO member counties. Thus, such experiences and efforts could be posted on the NARBO website.

6) What do you think we need to do to get more hits to the NARBO web-site?

Access to the contents in the Database, which contains the most attractive information, is now limited to NARBO members. The contents

(excluding those that include personal information) should be disclosed to the public unless there are any IT security problems. Open access may not only increase the hits to the NARBO website but would also improve the evaluation of NARBO's activities.

7) What do you think we need to do to stimulate information exchange among members through the NARBO web-site?

At present, we seem to share no idea about what information should be exchanged among members. Promoting information exchange seems difficult under this condition, so the NARBO secretariat should show some orientation about the information to be exchanged. For the time being, it is suggested that the NARBO secretariat take an initiative to collect some good water-related information and publish it on the NARBO website, although that may cause some burden for the NARBO secretariat. Such efforts may give NARBO members suggestions about the information to be exchanged, and this could be a first step for promoting information exchange.

Reference:

Asian Development Bank Institute (2006): ADBI Brochure