

## Member's Annual Report 2007

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### **1. About the organization**

(1) Name of the organization and postal address of the office

Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

(2) The representative of the organization

Dr. Masahiro Kawai, Dean, ADBI

(3) 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.

(4) Outline of the organization

1) Number of staff

As of October 2007, 43 people work with the Dean at ADBI: 16 Japanese administrative staff, including temporary staff, 15 internationally recruited staff, 3 Visiting Fellows and 9 Research and Capacity Building Associates. There are also some on- and off-site consultants.

2) Amount of the annual budget in 2007

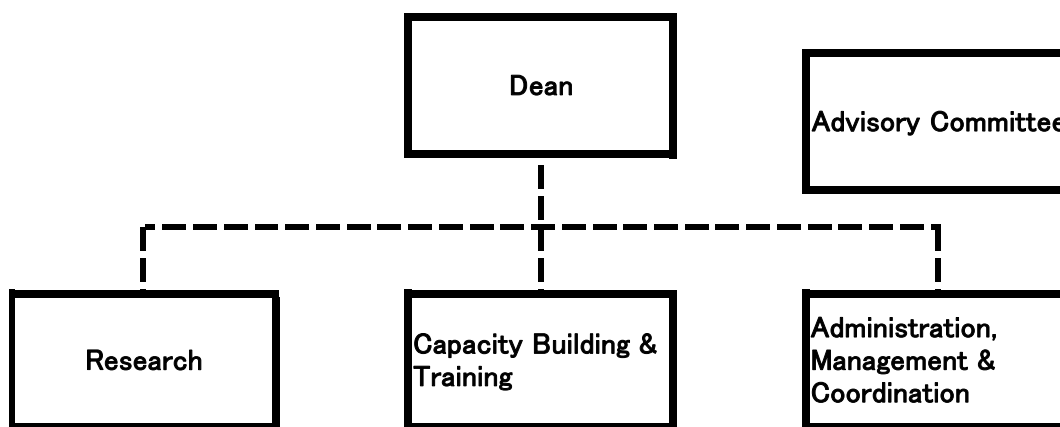
The approved budget for 2007 was \$14.2 million.

### 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 Masahiko Aoki, Victor H. Frank, Jr., Eric Girardin, Ajit K.Jain, Li Yong, Andrew MacIntyre, and Ifzal Ali.



### 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/files/keydocs.adbi.brochure.2006.pdf>

### (5) Main events in 2007

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 activity

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

1) The name, position, phone & fax number, e-mail address of the contact person

### Contact Person

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

[\[http://www.adbi.org/\]](http://www.adbi.org/) (English)

(2) Activities your organization implemented in 2007 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.

- The NARBO Thematic Workshop on Water Allocation and Water Rights

ADBI organized the 4<sup>th</sup> NARBO Thematic Workshop on Water Allocation and Water Rights (23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2008) in Saitama, Japan, in collaboration with ADB and JWA. In that workshop, participants deliberated and completed their own action plans for improvement of the issues on water allocation and water rights.

(3) Resolutions and expectations for NARBO activities in 2008

1) Your organization's resolutions

Following the activities of 2007, 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.

### **3. Questions to RBO members**

(1) Areas which your organization has improved the performance in 2007

(2) The way in which your organization was able to do so

(3) In what way NARBO has helped your organization?