

No. 5 (7) ADB-III/12


Islamabad the 15th February, 2012

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Conference on Regional Cooperation and Integration- Experiences in Asia and the Pacific Kunming, People's Republic of China, 26-27 March, 2012.

The undersigned is directed to refer to ADB's letter dated 8th February, 2012 on the above subject (copy enclosed).

2. It is requested that the nomination of **one** suitable officer along with detailed C.V. and copies of valid passport may kindly be sent to EAD not later than **24th February, 2012** positively.


(Mansoor Ali Masood)
Section Officer (ADB-III)
Ph.051-9204169

Ministry of Commerce
Secretary
Government of Pakistan

MOST IMMEDIATE

No. 2(3)/2011-Admn-I
Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce
◇◇◇◇◇

Islamabad, the 21st February, 2012

CIRCULAR

Copy of EAD's O.M No. 5(7) ADB-III/12 dated 15-02-2012 is forwarded with the request that the nominations of suitable officers duly approved/recommended by their respective officers may be forwarded to this Section latest by **22-02-2012**.


(MARIA KAZI)
Section Officer (Admn-I)



Asian Development Bank

8 February 2012

Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed Rao
Additional Secretary
Economic Affairs Division
Ministry of Economic Affairs and Statistics
Islamabad, Pakistan

Dear Mr. Rao,

**Subject: Conference on Regional Cooperation and Integration
—Experiences in Asia and the Pacific
Kunming, People's Republic of China, 26–27 March 2012**


The Asian Development Bank (ADB), guided by its regional cooperation and integration (RCI) strategy, supports and promotes RCI by providing and mobilizing financial resources and technical assistance for RCI projects and programs; helping developing member countries (DMCs) and regional and subregional bodies build capacity to manage RCI programs; creating, consolidating, and disseminating knowledge and information on RCI; and serving as catalyst and coordinator of RCI for the DMCs.

ADB is managing several subregional cooperation programs and initiatives that support the RCI strategy. To review past efforts, share experiences across subregional programs, and discuss ways to widen the scope and deepen the effort of cooperation for Asia and the Pacific region, ADB, with the support of Kunming Municipality Government, Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China (PRC), is organizing a conference entitled "Conference on Regional Cooperation and Integration—Experiences in Asia and the Pacific" in Kunming, the PRC on 26–27 March 2012. The conference will bring delegates from all ADB DMCs in Asia and the Pacific for the first time to share their experiences regarding regional cooperation, and discuss how they have overcome obstacles and will meet challenges that remain. The conference will consolidate the lessons learned and prepare a summary of best practices and a plan for the way forward. The draft conference agenda is attached for your reference.

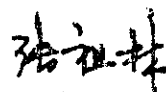
We are pleased to invite three (3) participants from Pakistan to participate in this conference. To facilitate informative discussion, we suggest that participants should be decision-makers and/or possess knowledge of corresponding sectors covered by the conference agenda and are at suitable institutional level. ADB will provide each participant with return tickets via the most direct route, hotel accommodations, and per diem. Registration and visa application forms requesting for passport details are attached. Please confirm your representatives' participation and submit the completed registration and visa application forms (if necessary), to Reymond Bueno, ADB Consultant, East Asia Department (e-mail: rbueno.consultant@adb.org; fax no. +632 636 2494) copy to Anna Karmina Pantig, ADB Consultant (apantig.consultant@adb.org or fax no. +632 636 2387) no later than **29 February 2012**. This will provide sufficient time to process visas (if needed) and for the secretariat to arrange logistical requirements.

If you need more information, please contact Mr. Yuebin Zhang, Overall Conference Coordinator at tel. no. +632 632 6655 or yuebin.zhang@adb.org or Ma. Cristina Delos Santos, Conference Coordinator (CWRD) at tel. +632 632 6368 or cdelossantos@adb.org.

Thank you for your cooperation and we hope to hear from you soon.



Rajat M. Nag
Managing Director General
Asian Development Bank



Zhang Zulin
Mayor
Kunming Municipality, Yunnan
Province, People's Republic of China

cc: Mr. Werner Liepach, Country Director, Pakistan Resident Mission (PRM), ADB
Mr. Saad Paracha, Programs Officer, PRM

**Conference on Regional Cooperation and Integration
Experiences in Asia and the Pacific**

26-27 March 2012
International Hall, Empark Grand Hotel
Kunming, People's Republic of China

26 March 2012 (Monday)	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:05	Forum Opening Master of Ceremony (MC): to be determined (TBD) , Kunming Municipal Government
9:05 – 9:35	Welcome and Opening Remarks Ministry of Finance (TBD) Yunnan Provincial Government (TBD) Asian Development Bank (ADB) (TBD)
9:35 – 9:45	Group Photo
9:45 – 10:00	Tea Break
10:00 – 12:30	Session 1: Regional Cooperation Initiatives in Asia and the Importance of Regionalism <i>This session will provide an overview of ongoing regional cooperation initiatives in Asia and those directly involved by ADB, and review experiences in developing broader (more countries and sectors) and deeper (more substantial institutional setup) regional cooperation programs. The session will highlight the importance of regionalism and regional institutions in maximizing the benefits of globalization.</i> Moderator: ADB Theme of Presentations: Asian Regional Cooperation Initiatives: Trends, Prospects and Challenges Presenter: Representative of GMS countries Presenter: Representative of CAREC countries Presenter: Representative of SASEC countries Open Discussion

12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:30	<p>Session 2: Regional Cooperation in Transport and Roles of Economic Corridors</p> <p><i>This session will discuss the issues of and approaches to enhancing regional cooperation through transport cooperation. Particular attention will be given to development of transport corridors for seamless connections and the roles that economic corridors could play in promoting local and regional economic development, focusing on issues related to logistics, nodal city development, and public-private sector partnership.</i></p> <p>Moderator: ADB</p> <p>Theme of Presentation: Seamless Connections and Roles of Economic Corridor-led National and Regional Development</p> <p>Presenter: Representative of GMS countries Presenter: Representative of CAREC countries Presenter: Representative of SASEC countries Open Discussion</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Tea Break
15:45 – 17:45	<p>Session 3: Regional Cooperation in Energy and Environment</p> <p><i>This session will discuss how various energy issues can be addressed in a regional cooperation context and how public good in environment protection and climate change can be maximized on regional platforms.</i></p> <p>Moderator: ADB</p> <p>Theme of Presentation:</p> <p>Presenter: Representative of GMS countries Presenter: Representative of CAREC countries Presenter: Representative of SASEC countries Open Discussion</p>
18:30	<p>Dinner Hosted by Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Venue: Function room XXX, Empark Grand Hotel</p>
27 March 2012 (Tuesday)	
9:00 – 11:15	<p>Session 4: Regional Cooperation in Trade Facilitation, Trade and Investment, and Regional Financial Integration</p> <p><i>This session will discuss role of regional cooperation in enhancing trade facilitation, and the importance of regional platform in promoting trade, investment, and regional financial integration.</i></p> <p>Moderator: ADB</p>

	<p>Theme of Presentation: Facilitation Measures to Expedite and Expand Trade, and Promote Investment and Financial Integration</p> <p>Presenter: Representative of GMS countries Presenter: Representative of CAREC countries Presenter: Representative of SASEC countries Open Discussion</p>
11:15 – 11:30	Tea Break
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Session 5: Summary and Looking Forward</p> <p><i>The session will summarize the key lessons/experience learned from the various RCI groupings and follow up actions needed for more effective experience sharing across Asia and the Pacific in the future.</i></p> <p>Moderator: ADB Open Discussion</p>
12:30 – 12:45	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Yunnan Provincial Government (TBD) ADB (TBD)</p>
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch, Business Opportunity Presentations
14:30 – 17:30	Field Visits
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner Hosted by Kunming Municipal Government



Conference on Regional Cooperation and Integration
—Experiences in Asia and the Pacific
26-27 March 2012, Kunming, PRC

REGISTRATION FORM

Name:		
(Given name)	(Middle name)	(Surname)
Designation: :		
Institution / Organization:		
Office Address:		
Telephone No.:		
Fax No.:		
Mobile No.:		
E-mail Address:		
Passport Details:		
Passport No		
Passport type:		
Date of Birth:		
Nationality:		
Issuing Authority:		
Date of Issue		
Date of Expiry		
Flight Details: Arrival---		
Departure----		
Dietary Restrictions		

(Signature)