



March 3, 2006

LAEBA SEMINAR

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Office in Japan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) and the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) are pleased to invite you to participate in a seminar on ***“Strengthening Partnerships Between East Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean: The Role of FEALAC,”*** that our four institutions are jointly organizing within the context of the **Latin America/Caribbean and Asia/Pacific Economics and Business Association (LAEBA www.laeba.org)**. The seminar will be held from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, on **Friday, March 31, 2006**, at **ADBI’s facilities, on the 8th floor of the Kasumigaseki Building**. The seminar will be followed by a reception, to which all the seminar’s participants are also invited.

The purpose of this seminar is to discuss, among a distinguished group of keynote speakers from both East Asia and Latin America, Ambassadors, officers of international organizations and the general audience, how the **Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC)** can effectively contribute to build closer ties and stronger partnerships between these two regions, through an enhanced dialogue and more meaningful cooperation initiatives.

For the past two decades, even before the formal establishment of APEC in 1989, and more recently with a stronger globalization interdependence and with an increasing number of interregional Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), that are now linking several countries of East Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean, these two regions have shown a strong commitment to develop closer cooperation ties in many areas.

In this context, FEALAC can be perceived as an effective instrument for promoting better understanding, political and economic dialogue and cooperation between the member states of that forum, with a view to develop and enrich partnerships in economics, trade, investment, finance, science and technology, environment protection, culture and people-to-people exchanges.

The seminar will assess the progress achieved to date in inter-regional cooperation and dialogue between East Asia and Latin America, as well as that attained so far by FEALAC’s working groups focused on issues related to (i) politics, culture and education; (ii) economy and society; and (iii) science and technology. It will also include a special discussion on how the **Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)** can be used as a valuable tool for promoting further cooperation between the two regions.

The LAEBA Program was launched as a special initiative between the ADBI and the Integration and Regional Programs Department (INT) of IDB, within the context of a Partnership Agreement signed by the ADB and the IDB in 2001. The main objective of LAEBA is to provide a forum for development specialists and researchers interested in the economies and private sector development of both Latin America/Caribbean and Asia/Pacific regions to network, collaborate on on-going inter-regional research initiatives and exchange ideas with policymakers from those two important regions.

Please confirm your participation to this important seminar, by faxing the attached **Reply Sheet (Fax: 03-3591-0641)** by **Monday, March 27, 2006**.

Sincerely yours,

Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC)

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PROGRAM

(English-Japanese simultaneous interpretation)

- 2:00-2:10 pm** **Welcome Remarks**
Chair: Dr. Fausto Medina-López, Deputy Representative, IDB Office in Japan
Dr. Peter McCawley, Dean of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) (5 minutes)
Mr. Satoru Satoh, Deputy Director-General, Latin American & Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (5 minutes)
- 2:10 – 2:30 pm** **Overview: Inter-Regional Dialogue and Cooperation Between East Asia and Latin America**
Chair: Dr. Douglas H. Brooks, Senior Research Fellow, ADBI
H.E. Mr. André Mattoso Maia Amado, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil (10 minutes)
Mr. Park Seung-Moo, Minister of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea (10 minutes)
- 2:30 – 3:10 pm** **Session I: Perspectives for Enhancing Inter-Regional Dialogue and Cooperation**
Chair: H.E. Dr. Alfredo Martiz Fuentes, Ambassador of the Republic of Panama
Regional Cooperation in Asia
Dr. Masahiro Kawai, Head, Office of Regional Economic Integration, ADB (20 minutes)
Role of FEALAC for Advancing Inter-Regional Dialogue and Cooperation
Mr. Han Byun-kil, Director-General, Department of Latin America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea (10 minutes)
Open Discussion (10 minutes)
- 3:10 – 3:25 pm** **Coffee Break**
- 3:25 – 4:40 pm** **Session II: Report of FEALAC's Working Groups**
Chair: Mr. Francisco Mauro Brasil de Holanda, Director, Division of Asia and Oceania 2, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil
Political, Cultural and Education Working Group
Mr. Carlos Eduardo Ospina Cruz, Director-General for Asia, Africa and Oceania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia (15 minutes)
Economy and Society Working Group
Ambassador Mrs. Nora Jaureguiberry, Director, Department of Asia and Oceania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina (15 minutes)
Inter-Regional Cooperation Through the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)
Ms. Yuriko Sakairi, Senior Researcher of Natsource of Japan (15 minutes)
Science and Technology Working Group
Mrs. Katherina Formal Fernández, Ambassador in Special Mission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica (15 minutes)
Open Discussion (15 minutes)
- 4:40 – 5:00 pm** **Closing Session: Future Prospects of FEALAC: Where Do We Go From Here?**
Chair and Commentator: H. E. Mr. Daniel Polski, Ambassador of the Argentine Republic
Reflections by H. E. Ambassador Daniel Polski (10 minutes)
Open Discussion (10 minutes)
- 5:00 pm** **Adjournment**
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm** **Reception (ADBI Lobby) (All the seminar's participants are invited)**

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(Reception: 5:00-6:30 pm)

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