

Regional Conference on Postal Saving Systems in Asia: What We Know and What To Expect? 23-24 February 2016, Tokyo, Japan

	DAY ONE: 23 February 2016 (Tuesday)
09:00 - 09:30	Registration of Participants
09:30 - 09.40	 Welcome Remarks Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
09:40 - 11:00	SESSION 1: Understanding postal savings and their role in small savings mobilization
	 Moderator: Prof. Anwar Nasution, University of Indonesia Discussion of the origins/evolution of postal saving system including the various postal saving models and the critical factors that contributed to their success over the years. This session provides a comprehensive overview of issues, reforms and challenges that influenced the growth of postal savings in Asia, and how the postal saving system has played a critical role in savings mobilization in the region. Speakers: Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, ADBI Mr. Hans Boon, CEO, Postalfinance International
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break and Group Photo
11:30 - 13:00	SESSION 2: Confronting the postal saving system today – issues and challenges
	 Moderator: Mr. Hans Boon, CEO, Postalfinance International Discussion of the key problems confronting the use of savings through the postal network. This session examines issues related to the impact of privatization, market liberalization and deregulation on the postal environment, and to what extent these changes have affected the viability of postal saving system as a mechanism to mobilize domestic savings and increase access to financial services in Asia. Speakers: Mr. Minoru Nakamura, Director, Financial Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan Mr. Maryono, President Director, PT Bank Tambungnan Negara Indonesia

13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:30	SESSION 3: How postal savings can support development and financial inclusion in Asia
	 Moderator: Dr. Bokhwan Yu, Deputy Dean, ADBI Discussion of the role of postal saving system as a mechanism for mobilizing domestic financial resources that can be applied to economic development. This session examines how the provision of financial services (including savings) through the postal infrastructure can improve financial intermediation, increase the efficiency of investment funds, and promote inclusive finance by providing credit to the poor and returning funds to their communities through local microcredit institutions. Speakers: Prof. Anwar Nasution, University of Indonesia
	Dr. Jose Anson, Chief Economist, UPU (by video conference call) Open Discussion
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:30	SESSION 4: Asia's experiences in postal saving: postal savings bureau model
	Moderator: Dr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Senior Economist, ADBI
	Discussion of the fundamental role that posts can play in mobilizing savings, as a number of country case studies demonstrate. This session will examine the lessons learned from Asian countries (China, Japan and Korea) with advanced postal saving system, including policy reforms and regulations implemented to support the development of postal savings.
	 Speakers: Mr. Tae-Hee Park, Director, Korea Post Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, ADBI Open Discussion
18:00 - 20:00	Reception dinner hosted by ADBI Venue: 37/F Kasumigaseki Building

DAY TWO: 24 February 2016 (Wednesday)		
09:00 - 11:00	SESSION 5: Asia's experiences in postal saving: post office savings bank model, start-ups and new developments	
	Moderator: Dr. Wawan Juswanto, Senior Economist and Special Adviser to the Dean, ADBI	
	Discussion of the fundamental role that posts can play in mobilizing savings, as a number of country case studies demonstrate. This session will examine the lessons learned from Asian countries that have implemented the post savings bank model (India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) as well countries that have recently revived the system (Indonesia and Philippines).	
	Speakers:	
	• Mr. Sachin Kishore, Director, Financial Services and Core Banking Solutions, Department	

	of Posts, India Mr. Drona Pokhrel, Director-General, Postal Services Department, Nepal Post Mr. D.L.P.R. Abeyaratne, Postmaster General, Ministry of Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs, Sri Lanka Mr. Gilarsi Wahyu Setijono, CEO, Pos Indonesia Ms. Emelita Dacanay, Financial Analyst, Department of Finance, Philippines Open Discussion
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 13:00	SESSION 6: Asia's experiences in postal saving in transition economies
	Moderator: Dr. David Dole , Senior Economist, ADBI Discussion of the fundamental role that posts can play in mobilizing savings, as a number of country
	 case studies demonstrate. This session will examine the lessons learned from transition economies in Asia in implementing the postal saving system. Speakers: Mr. Ney Sakal, Director, Financial Markets and Institutions, Ministry of Economy and
	 Finance, Cambodia Ms. Marine Rukhadze, Acting Head of Postal Division, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia Mr. Nariman Mukushev, Chief Information Officer, Kazpost, Kazakhstan Mr. Niimatzhan Mavlianov, First Deputy of General Director, State Enterprise, Kyrgyzstan Ms. Ngu Thida, Deputy General Manager, Myanma Post, Myanmar Mr. Bekzod Shamshiev, Deputy Director, Central Bank, Uzbekistan Mr. Do Hoang Anh, Deputy Head, Prudential Regulation Department, State Bank of Viet Nam
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:30	SESSION 7: Roundtable Discussion – issues for the future of postal saving system
	Moderator: Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino , Dean, ADBI
	Discussion of the key areas in which policies can address in order to enhance the existing advantages of postal financial services and meet the challenges of savings mobilization through the postal infrastructure. Based on the outcomes of country presentations, this session examines critical issues such as corporate structure and governance, legal and regulatory framework, agency-stakeholder relationships and other emerging issues that will shape the future of postal saving system in Asia, and to what extent countries are ready to tackle them.
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	Open Discussion