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Second Contribution to the Special Fund for the Asian
Development Bank Institute from the Republic of
Korea Acting through the Republic of Korea e-Asia
and Knowledge Partnership Fund
–Additional Funding

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ABBREVIATIONS

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| ADB | – | Asian Development Bank |
| ADBI | – | Asian Development Bank Institute |

NOTE

In this report, “\$” refers to US dollars.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) administers the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) special fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 19, para. 1 (ii) of the Articles of Agreement Establishing the Asian Development Bank (the Charter).¹ In 1996, the Board approved the establishment of ADBI, the statute of ADBI, and ADB's acceptance and administration of the ADBI special fund in accordance with an agreement between the Government of Japan and ADB.² The ADBI statute and the agreement between the Government of Japan and ADB permit the ADBI special fund to receive (i) voluntary contributions from any ADB member; and (ii) voluntary contributions, donations, and grants from intergovernmental organizations, nongovernment organizations, and foundations, with the approval of the ADB Board of Directors.

2. In 2006, the Board approved the establishment of the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund and its administration by ADB.³ The purpose of the e-Asia fund is to support developing member countries through an e-Asia program and a knowledge partnership program. With Board approval in 2012, the scope of the e-Asia fund's program and activities was expanded to include support to ADBI through contributions to the ADBI special fund, and the Government of the Republic of Korea made the first contribution by transferring \$1.5 million from the e-Asia fund to the ADBI special fund.⁴ In 2015, the second contribution was approved by the Board in the amount of \$2.1 million through three annual installments of \$700,000.⁵ Payments were completed by April 2017.

3. In April 2017, the Government of the Republic of Korea proposed to increase the second contribution by \$300,000, bringing the total amount to \$2,400,000. The dean of ADBI recommends, through the President, that the Board accept this additional funding of \$300,000 to the ADBI special fund.

II. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

4. The Republic of Korea, acting through the e-Asia fund, will contribute \$300,000 as the fourth installment under the second contribution to the ADBI special fund. The Republic of Korea will deposit with ADB an instrument of contribution in the amount of \$300,000 substantially in the form attached in the Appendix no later than 31 October 2017.

III. ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS

5. All contributions to the ADBI special fund will be held and administered by ADB solely for the purposes of ADBI in accordance with Article VII of the ADBI statute.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

6. The President recommends that the Board of Directors approve the acceptance of a contribution by the Republic of Korea acting through the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund to the Special Fund for the Asian Development Bank Institute in an amount of \$300,000 through an instrument of contribution substantially in the form attached in the Appendix.

¹ ADB. 1966. *Agreement Establishing the Asian Development Bank*. Manila.

² ADB. 1996. *Establishment of the Asian Development Bank Institute*. Manila.

³ ADB. 2006. *Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund*. Manila.

⁴ ADB. 2012. *Contributions to the Special Fund for the Asian Development Bank Institute from the Republic of Korea Acting through the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund*. Manila.

⁵ ADB. 2015. *Second Contribution to the Special Fund for the Asian Development Bank Institute from the Republic of Korea Acting through the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund*. Manila.

FORM OF INSTRUMENT OF CONTRIBUTION

[date]

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The Republic of Korea, acting through the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund, hereby undertakes to contribute to the Special Fund for the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) an amount of \$300,000 no later than 31 October 2017 in accordance with the provisions of (i) the Board paper entitled "Establishment of the Asian Development Bank Institute", including all appendixes (the "Establishment Paper"), and (ii) the Board paper entitled "Second Contribution to the Special Fund for the Asian Development Bank Institute from the Republic of Korea Acting through the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund – Additional Funding" (the "Contribution Paper") and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Statute of the ADBI, the Establishment Paper, and the Contribution Paper.

Dated this ____ day of _____, _____.

For and on behalf of the Republic of Korea

Authorized Representative