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# Enhancing Connectivity and Logistics Efficiency in the Asia and Pacific Region

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# ADB in Brief

- Founded in 1966
- Goal is an Asia Pacific free of poverty
- 67 member countries – 48 regional, 19 nonregional
- HQ in Manila, 29 resident missions, 3 rep offices
- Provides loans, grants, TA, equity, policy dialogue
- In 2017, ADB provided \$32B of assistance in total



# ADB's Strategy 2030

- Vision: achieve a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific
- Value-addition: trusted development partner, reliable financier and catalyzer, knowledge provider, and convener of partnerships
- 7 Operational Priorities: poverty reduction, gender equality, climate change, livable cities, rural development and food security, governance, and regional cooperation and integration

# RCI Operational Plan (2016–2020)

- 3 Operational Directions
  - 1) Strengthening connectivity
  - 2) Raising competitiveness in connected markets: cross-border trade, investment, technology, finance, labor
  - 3) Investing in regional public goods (RPG) and collective action
- Supports 4 Pillars of RCI Strategy (2006)
  - (i) infrastructure, (ii) trade and investment,
  - (iii) money and finance, and (iv) RPG



# RCI Platforms in Asia and the Pacific

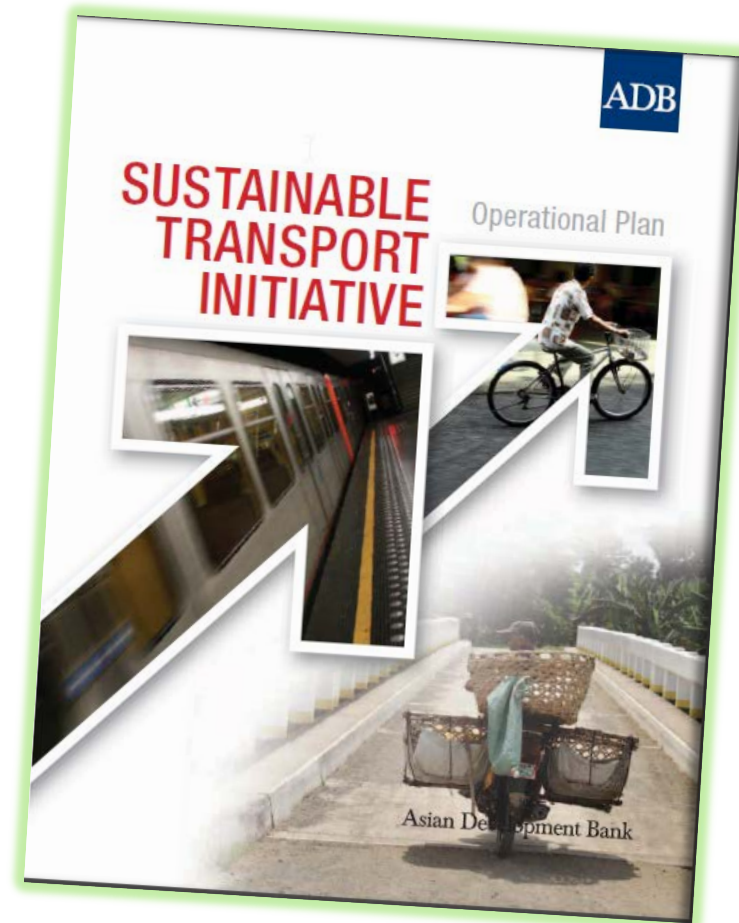
- Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS)
  - Over \$17 billion invested by ADB since 1992
  - GMS Investment Framework (2013-2022): \$50 billion projects
- Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC)
  - Over \$27 billion invested by ADB in 2001-2015
  - Priority areas: transport, energy, trade facilitation, and trade policy



- South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC)
  - \$7.7 billion funded by ADB since 2001
  - SASEC OP (2016-2025): transport, trade facilitation, energy, and economic corridors
- Pacific Islands Forum (PIF)
  - \$2 billion invested by ADB to date

# Sustainable Transport Initiative 2010-2020

- Expand support for ST
- Make transport affordable, accessible, environmentally friendly, and safe
- Scale up:
  - Urban transport
  - Addressing climate change
  - Cross-border transport & logistics
  - Road safety & social sustainability



# ADB and Infrastructure Development

- Infrastructure connectivity is the backbone of sustained economic growth, poverty reduction, and economic integration.
- The region's infrastructure remains far from adequate despite rapid improvements.
- Developing Asia's infrastructure needs are large and growing (\$1.7 trillion per year).

# ADB's Role in Infrastructure Development

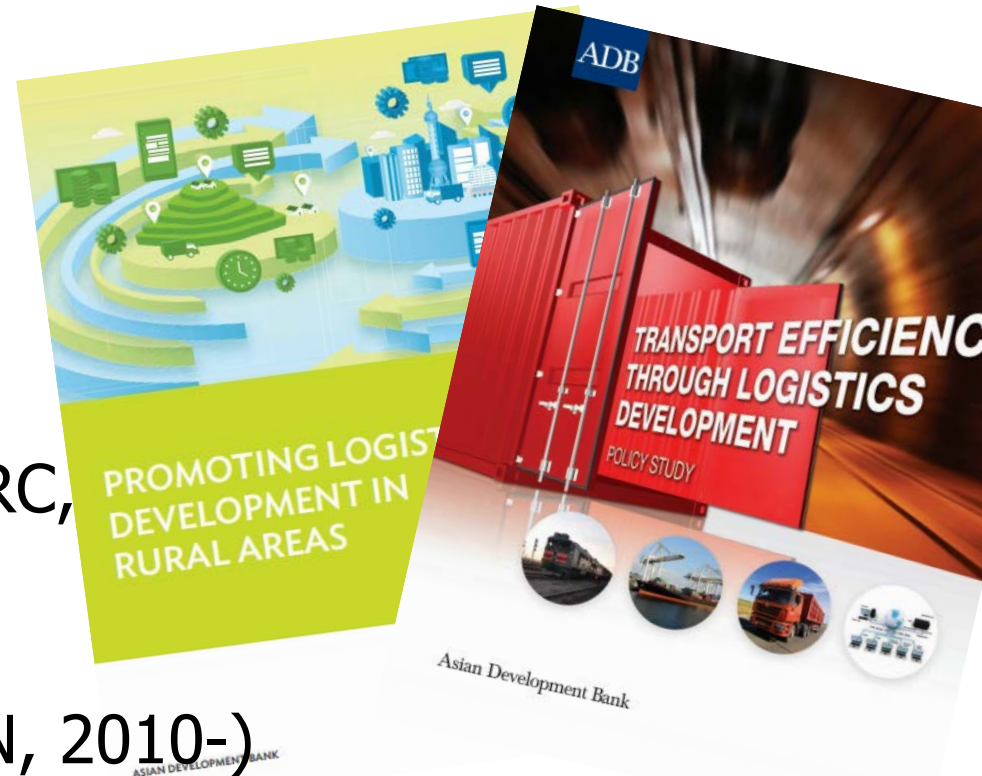
- Preparing, planning and packaging projects
- Improved technologies for quality infrastructure
- Market-based, concessional, innovative financing
- Credit & equity to share risks with private sector
- Environmental and social safeguards
- Developing the regulatory environment





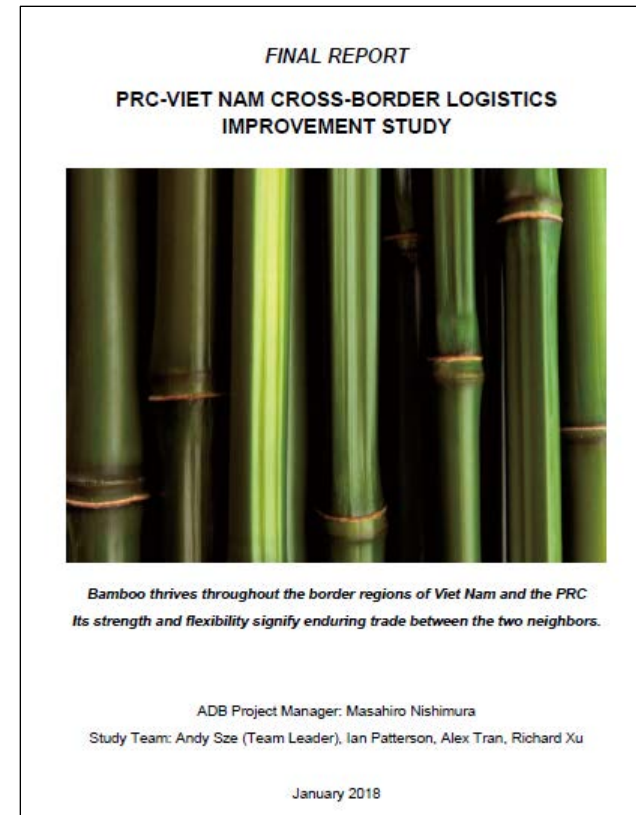
# Logistics Projects and Knowledge Initiatives

- Knowledge products (PRC)
  - Transport Efficiency thru Logistics Development (2012)
  - Promoting Logistics Development in Rural Areas (2014)
- Projects
  - CAREC Border Services (KYR, 2013-)
  - Chongqing Logistics (PRC, 2016-)
  - Regional Logistics (MON, 2010-)



# GMS Logistics Action Plan

- From transport corridor to economic corridor
- Under preparation
- Viet Nam–PRC Cross Border Logistics Study in 2017
  - VN–PRC Infrastructure Developments
  - Planned/ongoing RCI programs
  - Close coordination with logistics associations and operators
  - Recommended hard/soft actions



**Thank you!**

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