



■ Sri Lanka and Macao, China join the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific

Sri Lanka and Macao, China became the 26th and 27th member economies of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative on 17 May 2006. By endorsing the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific, the two economies have committed at the highest political level to stepping up their fight against corruption and undergoing regular reviews of progress in implementing the Action Plan. ■■■ [Read the press release](#)

■ Steering Group discusses the implementation of the Action Plan and future steps at its 8th meeting

Delegations from the Initiative's member countries and observer countries reported on achievements, planned reforms and remaining challenges in the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific. At its 8th meeting, held in Manila, Philippines on 17-19 May 2006, the Group also finalized the thematic review on mechanisms to curb corruption in public procurement and agreed to conduct an in-depth study of the frameworks for mutual legal assistance and extradition in the fight against corruption in Asia and the Pacific. To expand the Initiative's partnerships in the region, its member countries invited the Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APGML) to become a full member of the Initiative's Advisory Group. ■■■ [More information on the meeting](#)

■ 4th high level training seminar on "Denying Safe Haven to Corruption and its Assets" brings together 80 experts from 30 countries

Over 80 senior experts – prosecutors, investigative magistrates, police officers and policy-makers – from more than 30 Asia-Pacific and OECD countries and international organizations met from 28-30 March in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to discuss practical solutions to enhance the effectiveness of granting and requesting mutual legal assistance, extradition requests and ways to repatriate proceeds of corruption. Experts from various countries and institutions delivered presentations and case-studies. Held on the premises of the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Academy and hosted by the Anti-Corruption Agency of Malaysia (ACA), the training seminar was organized in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the American Bar Association/Asia Law Initiative and received support from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Asia Foundation. ■■■ [More information on the training seminar](#)

■ Proceedings of the 5th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia-Pacific and the 2nd edition of the report on Anti-Corruption Policies in Asia-Pacific released

The proceedings of the 5th regional ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia-Pacific, held in September 2005 in Beijing, P.R. China, are available for download and in print. The publication reflects the discussions, debates, and their conclusions on issues that range from fighting corruption in humanitarian aid and reconstruction operations to the role of public opinion surveys in shaping anti-corruption reform; from addressing ethical issues in the public and corporate sectors and conflict of interest to enhancing mutual legal assistance to prevent the corrupt from using borders to shield themselves and their profits from investigation and prosecution. Also released: the 2nd edition of the Initiative's report on Anti-Corruption Policies, featuring achievements and challenges in the member countries' reforms of the legal and institutional frameworks to fight corruption. ■■■ [Download the conference proceedings](#)
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Workshop at the Initiative's training seminar on enhancing mutual legal assistance and extradition, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

anti-corruption reform in Asia-Pacific

- 12 countries present their reform projects to implement the Action Plan for 2007-2008
- P.R. China to intensify fight against bribery in business transactions
- ADB grants USD 150,000 to civil society to boost their role in the fight against corruption

recent publications and documents

- [Anti-Corruption Policies in Asia and the Pacific: Legal and Institutional Reform in 25 Countries](#)
- [Knowledge – Commitment – Action against Corruption in Asia and the Pacific: Proceedings of the 5th regional ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Conference](#)
- [Curbing Corruption in Tsunami Relief Operations available in English, Bahasa, Sinhala and Tamil](#)

upcoming events by the Initiative's partners

- [Transparency International: Preventing Corruption in Public Contracting: Capacity Building and Networking for Civil Society and Local Governments in Asia, planned to take place in Bali, Indonesia 28-29 June 2006](#)
- [Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering: Annual Meeting 2006 and Annual Forum on Technical Assistance & Training; Manila, Philippines, 3-7 July 2006](#)
- [12th International Anti-Corruption Conference: Towards a fairer world: why is corruption still blocking the way? Scheduled to be held in Guatemala, 15-18 November 2006](#)