

■ Initiative's member countries discuss and adopt thematic review on MLA, extradition and recovery of proceeds

In November 2006, the Initiative's members began a review of their frameworks and practice of mutual legal assistance, extradition and recovery of proceeds of corruption (read [preliminary report](#)). In early September, experts from the Initiative's 27 member jurisdictions and members of the OECD Working Group on Bribery will discuss and adopt individual country reports that analyze mechanisms and practice in this area and identify ways to strengthen legal cooperation in the fight against corruption.

■ Technical seminars to make international anti-bribery standards operational

To give international anti-bribery standards of the UN and OECD Conventions full effect and to encourage policy reform and cooperation, the Initiative delivers a series of technical seminars for senior experts of its 27 member governments in Asia and the Pacific. The first two seminars, hosted by the Indonesian Corruption Eradication Commission KPK, address proper management of conflict of interest (8-9 August), and asset recovery and mutual legal assistance (5-7 September). The seminar on asset recovery and mutual legal assistance also provides a forum to broaden legal cooperation in criminal investigations into transnational corruption.

■ Bhutan endorses ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific

Bhutan will soon join the Initiative as its 28th member. The Royal Government of Bhutan endorsed the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific on 10 May 2007 and is expected to formally join the Initiative at the next meeting of the Steering Group on 3 September 2007.

■ OECD strengthens co-operation with P.R. China, India, and Indonesia

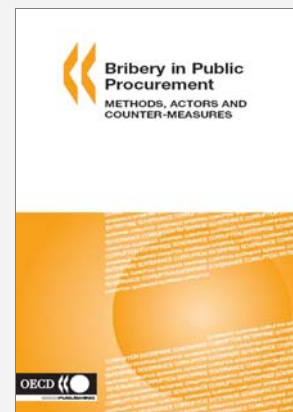
OECD Ministers offer P.R. China, India, and Indonesia enhanced engagement programs with the Paris-based organization of 30 industrialized nations. The offer, extended on 16 May 2007 to five countries that are particularly important for the fulfillment of the Organisation's mandate to promote policy convergence and global economic development may eventually lead to full OECD membership. ■ ■ ■ [OECD Council Resolution on Enlargement and Enhanced Engagement](#)

■ Initiative's reports and major international instruments soon available in Thai language

To ensure that Thai anti-corruption practitioners are abreast of the most recent trends and instruments in the fight against corruption, the Thai National Counter Corruption Commission translates reports on the Initiative's reviews as well as the OECD anti-bribery instruments as into Thai.

recent publications and documents

- [Bribery in Public Procurement: Methods, Actors and Counter-measures: OECD 2007](#)



- [Corruption: Glossary of International Criminal Standards: OECD 2007](#)
- [Fighting Corruption in Transition Economies—Kazakhstan: OECD 2007](#)
- [Integrity in Public Procurement: Good Practice from A to Z: OECD 2007](#)

news and upcoming events

- ADB approves [Second Governance and Anticorruption Action Plan \(GACAP II\)](#) in response to the findings of the Review of Implementation of ADB's Governance and Anticorruption Policies
- Building integrity in the private and public sectors - implementing APEC's anti-bribery principles: APEC Anti-Corruption Task Force workshop, Cairns, Australia, 22 June 2007, followed by APEC Anti-Corruption Task Force meeting (24-25 June 2007)
- [APG Annual Meeting and Technical Assistance & Training Forum 2007, 23-27 July, Perth, Australia](#)
- Transparency International Southeast-Asia Subregional Meeting, focusing on Corruption in the Judiciary, Bangkok, Thailand, 23-25 July 2007, followed by a TI Workshop on Forestry and Corruption Programme Development: Bangkok, Thailand, 26-27 July 2007
- Combating Corruption Related to Money Laundering APEC Capacity Building workshop, hosted by the Thai National Counter Corruption Commission, August 2007
- A [national integrity strategy in Bangladesh](#), aimed at combating corruption in government is underway with financial help from ADB. To improve governance and reduce corruption in the public sector in Bangladesh, ADB also considers a [USD40 million program loan](#)