

■ Just released: Overview of Asian and Pacific countries' anti-corruption policies and frameworks

The report reviews the anti-corruption policies and frameworks of 21 Asian and Pacific countries as of the fourth quarter of 2004, covering all aspects of an effective anti-corruption system and using as reference standards the principles of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia and the Pacific. The approach chosen is thematic and comparative in order to allow identifying similarities and differences in the countries' anti-corruption strategies. ■■■ [More information](#)

■ Training on implementing the UN Convention against Corruption in the framework of the ADB OECD Initiative scheduled for February

The Initiative's third training seminar, to be held in February 2005 in Pakistan, will address obligations resulting for Asian and Pacific countries from the ratification of the UN-Convention against Corruption. The 3-day seminar will identify Asian and Pacific countries' respective needs for institutional and legal reform to meet the Convention's standards and how the ADB/OECD Initiative can assist these countries in this reform process. Experts from ADB and OECD member economies will be invited to share their experience and expertise in providing assistance in designing governance and anti-corruption policies in the Asia-Pacific region and in implementing anti-bribery provisions and mechanisms under the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention. The seminar is organized in cooperation with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and hosted by the Government of Pakistan (National Accountability Bureau). ■■■ [More information](#)

■ Asia-Pacific countries conduct self-assessment of public procurement systems

A study on tools and mechanisms to curb corruption in public procurement spearheads the Initiative's series of thematic reviews under the Action Plan. Based on participating countries' self-assessment reports, the study will assist governments in better understanding corruption risks inherent in their countries' institutional and legal settings for public procurement and provide them with an analytical framework to design policies and procedures to curb corruption in this sector. ■■■ [More information](#)

■ OECD releases report on Korea's implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention

The report on Korea's implementation of the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions (Anti-Bribery Convention), released on 10 November 2004, is a systematic, analytical assessment addressing all the aspects of Korea's anti-corruption system, including policies, laws, regulations, organization, resources and functioning. The report covers preventive, awareness, detection and enforcement measures and contains recommendations aimed at guiding Korea's anti-corruption performance. The report is grounded in a peer review process directed by the OECD Working Group on Bribery which meticulously reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of Convention signatories' implementation of the OECD's anti-bribery instruments into domestic legislation and procedures. ■■■ [More information](#)

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■ Viet Nam's legal and institutional framework for fighting corruption – self assessment report

Viet Nam's self assessment report under the Initiative's stocktaking exercise is now available. ■■■

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By Thuy Mellor and Jak Jabes, ADB, Manila, November 2004. ■■■

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