Pacific Opportunities: Leveraging Asia’s growth

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How can Pacific island economies, including those of Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste, tap into projected growth in Asia? How can economic and financial integration between Asia and the Pacific be expanded to benefit both regions? This seminar will feature one of the main authors of a recently published Asian Development Bank (ADB)-Asian Development Bank Institute book, *Pacific Opportunities: Leveraging Asia’s Growth*, who explored these issues, identified critical constraints to integration, and suggested relevant policy reforms.

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