



Clean Air for Cities –  
Perspectives and Solutions

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# The Role of Development Banks in Supporting Cities

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# Livable Cities

ADB's Strategy 2020 states that "livable cities" will be fostered through support for infrastructure, with programs that focus on water supply, sanitation, waste management, and urban transport; and urban shelter programs of slum upgrading, land development, housing, and housing finance.

Source: ADB. 2008. Strategy 2020: Working for an Asia and Pacific Free of Poverty



# Asian Cities are Different

- 7 of the World's 10 Most Densely Populated Cities are in Asia
  - Shanghai, Beijing, Istanbul, Karachi, Mumbai, Guangzhou and Delhi.
- Center of economic attraction ('primate' city)
- Dynamic city growth and change
  - Pace and dimension of growth
  - Land use patterns
  - Travel patterns
- Institutions struggle to keep pace
  - Coverage area
  - Roles and responsibilities

# Urban Challenges in Asia

- Between 2000 and 2010, Asia showed the greatest gains in moving people out of slum conditions, with the PRC and India together lifting around 125 million people out of such conditions.
- However, the absolute number of slum dwellers has actually increased from about 777 to 827 million in 2010 due to rapid urbanization.

# Urban Needs

- Infrastructure requirements to support sustainable cities
  - Major capital investments
  - Often under-funded
  - Public good
- System management, and adjustment to serve cities
  - Essential for sustainability and functioning cities
  - Often overlooked

# ADB - Finance + +

- A combination of ADB's own finance
- + leveraging resources through partnership
- + providing knowledge to maximize and accelerate development effectiveness

# Thank you

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