



Distance Learning Seminars on Economic Management



Today's Inflation: Global Context and Local Solutions

First of a Multi-Session Series Seminar held for economic decision-makers in Asian countries

June 5 and 6, 2008

Organized by the World Bank in collaboration with the Global Development Learning Network Asia Pacific

Introduction

Inflation is climbing to uncomfortable levels in virtually every East Asian country due to several factors including high fuel and food prices. At the same time, money and credit growth are difficult to contain, owing to substantial capital inflows. The inflationary experience is new and traumatizing for the current economic managers. Therefore, there is great interest in countries of the region to learn about how available inflation management tools can be deployed to address today's inflation, and how other economic interventions can be used in a complementary fashion to deal with adverse sectoral effects on the welfare of specific groups, especially those with low incomes.

Responding to this need for information, the Global Development Learning Network in Asia Pacific is pleased to launch a distance learning seminar series on economic management, with support from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The initiative is highly welcomed by countries in the Asia Pacific region. 11 countries have expressed keen interest in participating, with between 10 – 100 people in each, mostly from ministries of finance and central banks.

Seminar

This seminar is the first of a series that will focus on economic management. This seminar will include presentations on (i) the global and regional context of the current inflation and related developments; (ii) causes, impacts and policies to address inflation; and (iii) a case study, featuring the successful as well as unsuccessful experiences of countries in other parts of the world..

Each seminar will be for 3 hours and will allow maximum interaction between participating countries and speakers

Featuring

Moderator :

Stanley Grant, Senior Communications Officer World Bank

Key Note Speakers:

Hans Timmer, Manager, Development Prospects Group, World Bank

Romuald Semblat, Senior Economist, International Monetary Fund

Ignacio Igal Magendzo W, Adviser, Central Bank of Chile

Locations & Times

Thursday, June 5th

- **Canberra (11:00-14:00)**, Australian National University Distance Learning Center **Contact:** Peter Yates, peter.yates@anu.edu.au
- **Manila (9:00-12:00)**, Asian Institute of Management and the World Bank Development Resource Center and Distance Learning Center **Contact:** Juan Robertino D. Macalalde, jmacalalde@aim.edu
- **Chongqing (9:00-12:00)**, Chongqing Industry and Commerce University **Contact:** Weiqin Hu, lhxq@ctbu.edu.cn
- **Shanghai (9:00-12:00)**, Asia-Pacific Finance & Development Center **Contact:** Liu Tinghe, liutinghe@afdc.org.cn
- **Shanxxi (9:00-12:00)**, Distance Learning Center **Contact:** Wenqun Qian, qwj@xauat.edu.cn
- **Hanoi (8:00-11:00)**, Vietnam Development Information Center **Contact:** Linh Nguyen, lnguyen@worldbank.org
- **HochiMinh City (8:00-11:00)**, HCMC Development Learning Center **Contact:** Tuan Hoa, hoant@hdic.org.vn
- **Tokyo (10:00-13:00)**, Development Learning Center, **Contact:** Yuka Yabashi, yyabashi@worldbank.org
- **Washington DC**, World Bank GDLN Studio

Friday, June 6th

- **Denpasar (8:00-11:00)**, Udayana University Distance Learning Center **Contact:** Linawati, linawati@unud.ac.id
- **Jakarta (8:00-11:00)**, University of Indonesia Distance Learning Center **Contact:** Gatot Hertono, gatot-f1@ui.edu
- **Dili (10:00-13:00)**, Distance Learning Center **Contact:** Vicente Soares, vsoares@worldbank.org
- **Port Morseby (11:00-14:00)**, Development Cooperation Center **Contact:** Dodi Doiwa, ddoiwa@worldbank.org
- **Bangkok (8:00-11:00)**, Chulalongkorn University Center of Academic Resources **Contact:** Achara Kuwinpant, achara@car.chula.ac.th
- **Ulaanbaatar(9:00-12:00)**, Mongolia Development Learning Center **Contact:** Sunjidmaa Jamba, sjamba@worldbank.org
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