INVITATION

Switzerland and the Asian Development Bank:
50 Years of Partnership
for Developing Asia and the Pacific

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the 50th year of Switzerland’s membership in ADB, the Swiss Confederation, ADB, the University of St. Gallen and the Swiss-Japanese Chamber of Commerce are inviting you to celebrate a long-standing development partnership

on Thursday, 19 October 2017
4:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
University of St. Gallen

Dr. Bambang Susantono
Vice-President
Asian Development Bank

Amb. Raymund Furrer
Governor for Switzerland to the
Asian Development Bank
Head of Economic Cooperation
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Prof. Dr. Thomas Bieger
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The Asian Development Bank, a regional multilateral development bank based in Manila, is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive and environmentally sustainable economic growth and regional integration. Established in 1966, ADB is celebrating years of development partnership in the region working with governments, the private sector, academia, think-tanks and civil society organizations.

ADB is owned by 67 members and Switzerland has been a member since 1967. ADB’s mission is consistent with Switzerland’s objectives of reducing poverty and disaster risks while facilitating environmentally and socially sustainable economic development. Switzerland’s longstanding development cooperation with the ADB has resulted in numerous successful co-financing projects as well as collaborations with multiple Swiss companies and consultants. ADB has mobilized and invested more than $250 billion in infrastructure, research and knowledge sharing to reduce poverty and improve people’s lives in the region.

PROGRAM

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Registration & Welcome Drinks from 4:45 p.m.

5:15 p.m. Opening Speech by Ambassador Raymund Furrer, Governor for Switzerland to the ADB; Head of Economic Cooperation and Development, SECO

Keynote Address by Dr. Bambang Susantono, ADB Vice-President

5:45 p.m. Panel Discussion on Closing Asia’s Infrastructure Gap: Opportunities and Challenges for the Public and Private Sector

Dr. Yasuyuki Sawada, Chief Economist, ADB

H. E. Ambassador Etsuro Honda, Ambassador of Japan to Switzerland

Ambassador Raymund Furrer, Governor for Switzerland to the ADB; Head of Economic Cooperation and Development, SECO

Ms. Eunice Zehnder-Lai, CEO, IPM, Board Member Asia Society Switzerland

Prof. Dr. Simon Evenett, Professor of International Trade and Economic Development, University of St. Gallen

7:00 p.m. Networking Àpero Riche with photo and video exhibition on ADB’s achievements over the last 50 years and cooperation projects with Switzerland