

## Organization of Lending Functions

The Asian Development Bank administers its lending functions through the following departments:

- Country Department — organized on a geographic basis; plans the Bank's lending, technical assistance and work programs for each developing member country and processes loan and technical assistance projects in collaboration with Projects Departments;
- Projects Departments — organized on an industry sector basis: Agriculture, Irrigation and Rural Development, Infrastructure, and Industry and Development Banks — carry out project appraisal work, administer loans, and supervise project execution;
- Central Projects Services Office — plans, monitors, and reviews the Bank's project supervision and loan administration activities and provides advice on procurement matters.

The Country Department is most involved in the earlier stages of a project, gradually relinquishing control to the Projects Department. After loan approval, both Country Department and Projects Department staff are useful contacts. Once project implementation begins, most detailed work is handled by the Projects Department staff.

The Asian Development Bank maintains two offices in the field. The role of the Bangladesh Resident Office in Dhaka is to strengthen the working relationship between the Bank and the Bangladesh authorities. The function of the South Pacific Regional Office, located in Port Vila, Vanuatu, is to focus on the development needs of its South Pacific island member countries.

**NOTE:**The Asian Development Bank is unique in that it hires consulting firms directly for prefeasibility and feasibility studies, project preparation, and detailed design financed under its Technical Assistance activities. Projects Department staff will

be your primary sources of detailed information on such projects.

## Priority Sectors for Asian Development Bank Lending

In 1984, the Asian Development Bank committed new loans totalling \$2.23 billion to projects in the following sectors:

	%
• energy	34.32
• agriculture and agro-industry	33.92
• transport and communications	17.06
• education	5.37
• water supply and sanitation	4.64
• development banks	2.42
• multisector	1.55
• health and population	0.72
• industry and non-fuel minerals (no lending in 1984)	
• urban development (no lending in 1984)	

## For Information

1. *Operational Information on Proposed Projects (OIPP)* — monthly listings of Technical Assistance activities and project loans being considered by AsDB. Available by subscription, \$28 per year, from AsDB Information Office — main address.
2. *Development Business and Scan-A-Bid* — publish procurement notices. See page 11 for subscription information.
3. *Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers* — available from DEA trade officers, Canadian embassy in Manila, and AsDB.
4. *News Releases* — for each project approved by the Board; a Project Information Sheet accompanies the release, describing among other things the consulting services provided for in the loan. Available upon request from AsDB Information Office, main address.