

# Foreword

Created in 1999, the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific supports its members in strengthening their policies, legislation, institutions and practices to fight corruption. The Initiative offers experts in Asia and the Pacific opportunities to work with colleagues from around the globe to address emerging challenges in the fight against corruption, and to seek solutions.

Expansion of Asian and Pacific economies and strengthened economic ties among countries bring increased attention to the negative impact of bribery in business. The members of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific thus dedicated the 6th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia and the Pacific on 26–28 November 2008 to *Fighting Corruption in Asia-Pacific: Strategies for Business, Government, and Civil Society*.

The conference, hosted by the Government of Singapore and its Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB), brought 150 experts from 35 countries to a regional forum to assess the role of businesses, governments, and civil society in the fight against corruption, notably the supply of bribes. Workshop discussions addressed six topics: the role of international criminal law standards; conflict of interest; corporate compliance programs and integrity systems; international and regional initiatives to combat corruption; private-to-private corruption; and the role of the fight against corruption for sustainable development.



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