



Dear Sir/Madam,

You are cordially invited to participate in the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's upcoming Brown Bag Lunch Series event, featuring **S. Samuel Tumiwa** of the **Asian Development Bank**.

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Time: 12:00-1:00PM

Location: Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (#220, 890 W. Pender St., Vancouver)
<http://www.asiapacific.ca/contact-us>

A light lunch will be served. Please **RSVP** to nabila.pirani@asiapacific.ca to confirm your attendance.

In a presentation entitled, "**Can Asia's Growth be Green?**" Mr. Tumiwa will speak about the various challenges facing Asia, as it attempts to recognize the potential of the Asian Century. The presentation will last about 30 minutes and will be followed by a moderated discussion. Please see below for further information, including an abstract and a biography of Mr. Tumiwa.

"Can Asia's Growth be Green?"

Asia is booming. On many dimensions, Asia's development performance in the 21st century has been its best decade so far. If Asia maintains its current levels of growth, Asia's GDP increases from \$17 trillion in 2010 to \$174 trillion in 2050, or half of the global GDP, similar to its share of the global population. With a per capita GDP of \$40,800, Asia in 2050 would have incomes similar to Europe's today and would have no poor countries. Against this backdrop, many are under the impression that Asia's ascendancy is somehow a given and that the only question is when the People's Republic of China and India will become the world's largest economies - as if countries are on autopilot, gliding smoothly to their rightful destiny. Is this the case? Mr. Tumiwa will discuss several mega challenges that Asia needs to address to achieve the Asian Century and will talk more specifically on the challenges of competition for finite resources and Asia's need for sustainable infrastructure.

Mr. S. Samuel Tumiwa is the Deputy Regional Director of ADB's North American Representative Office in Washington, DC where he serves as a liaison between ADB's Manila headquarters and North American policymakers and stakeholders in the private and public sector. He also serves to strengthen collaboration with other multilateral institutions based in North America, and conducts public and media outreach. Mr. Tumiwa has 20 years of professional experience as a development professional and has a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, USA and a Masters of Arts in International Affairs (Development Studies) from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, USA.