**Development Focus**

**ADB Maintains Developing Asia Growth Forecast**

Developing Asia remains on track toward steady growth in 2014 despite slower-than-expected growth in the United States (US) in the first quarter, says a new Asian Development Bank (ADB) report. ([Read More](#))

**ADB Economy Growth Forecast**

![Bar Chart: US, Euro area, Developing Asia growth forecast from 2013 to 2015]
World Bank Group, JICA to Strengthen Partnership to Tackle Development Challenges

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the World Bank Group (WBG) held their first high-level dialogue at JICA Headquarters in Tokyo on July 10-11. (Read More)

Kim Announces New Planned Funding for Filipinos Hit by Typhoon Haiyan

World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim reaffirmed the institution’s support for the Philippines’ reconstruction efforts during his visit to communities affected by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in Leyte, announcing that the organization was preparing more funding soon. (Read More)

What we’re doing……..

The TaiwanICDF is cooperating with World Vision Taiwan in providing assistance to local governments in Leyte Province through the rehabilitation of rural health units and Barangay Health Centers damaged by Typhoon Haiyan, thereby improving the community’s access to health services. (Assisting the Recovery of Typhoon Haiyan-affected Health Centers)
World Bank Refocuses its Strategy to Address Economic and Climate-Change Related Vulnerabilities in São Tomé and Príncipe

The World Bank’s Board of Executive Directors today launched a new strategy to help the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe. (Read More)

EBRD Flies The Flag For Sustainable Energy Innovation

EBRD’s experience in low-carbon and climate-resilient innovation encourages others to follow suit. (Read More)

What we’re doing……

The TaiwanICDF is implementing a number of projects in São Tomé and Príncipe, including” Pig Development Project” and ”Food Crops Development Project”

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The TaiwanICDF makes a contribution of US$80 million to the Green Energy Special Fund. Proceeds from the TaiwanICDF’s sub-account under the GESF is used to co-finance EBRD’s lending operations to national and municipal governments in accordance with the TaiwanICDF’s geographical preferences and linked to projects containing green energy components.
Kaberuka addresses Africa’s infrastructure gap at the OECD in Paris

African Development Bank President Donald Kaberuka made a strong case for the importance of tackling private investment impediments in the African infrastructure agenda during the joint AfDB, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and International Growth Center (IGC) event held on July 15, 2014 at the OECD headquarters in Paris. (Read More)

Agence Française de Développement announces its 2014-2016 strategy for operations in Sub-Saharan Africa

Africa is experiencing unprecedented economic and demographic growth. Agence Française de Développement (AFD) has just adopted a new strategy for operations in Sub-Saharan Africa in order to provide the most effective support possible for this potential. (Read More)