Development Focus

World Bank

South East Europe Climbs Slowly Out of Recession, says World Bank
South East Europe’s economy began recovering from the 2012 recession, growing by 2.2 percent on average in 2013, according to the World Bank’s latest South East Europe Regular Economic Report (SEE RER). (Read More)

World Bank Group, Agence Française de Développement Partner to Streamline Co-financing to Improve Aid Effectiveness
The World Bank Group (WBG) and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) signed a framework co-financing agreement to provide coordinated assistance to their client countries, with a focus on Africa. (Read More)
Myanmar is slated to join the shareholders of the ASEAN Infrastructure Fund (AIF), bringing all 10 ASEAN members into the AIF. (Read More)

ASEAN Infrastructure Fund

The objective of the ASEAN Infrastructure Fund (AIF) is to finance projects that promote infrastructures of development within ASEAN developing country members. AIF aims at providing loans up to USD 300 million a year to finance projects contributing to poverty reduction, inclusive growth, environmental sustainability and regional integration.
Capacity building is critical to Africa's emergence and industrialisation

Some leaders say now is the time to boost Africa's industrialisation efforts and that capacity building, which is critical to the continent's emergence, will play an essential role in this. (Read More)

What is capacity building?

At present, the primary emphasis of international development assistance work is on capacity building for recipient countries. The main appeal of this approach lies in the fact that recipients become increasingly able to plan their own operations, so that even when an aid organization makes its exit, a project can continue to develop and yield benefits. For this reason, capacity building is built into the framework of the TaiwanICDF’s assistance projects at the project design stage. (TaiwanICDF’s Project Planning Principles)

AfDB approves its first Human Capital Strategy

The Board of Executive Directors of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) approved on May 28, 2014 in Tunis the AfDB’s first Human Capital Strategy (HCS). (Read More)
**JICA**

**JICA Sends a Message Ahead of the International Discussion on the Post Millennium Development Goals**

During the annual meeting of ADB, from JICA, Vice-President Shigeru Kiyama and Vice-President Kiyoshi Kodera attended the public seminars Public Private Partnership (PPP) seminar and Post Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) seminar. (Read More)

**CDB**

**CDB Cites Strong Development Results In 2013 Annual Report**

Nearly two million people in the Region have benefited from direct Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) assistance to Borrowing Member Countries over the past ten years, as it responds to greater economic and financial difficulties in these territories. (Read More)

**TaiwanICDF Annual Report 2013**

Each year we publish an annual report looking back over the past year, helping those in Taiwan, our partner countries and international organizations to understand the TaiwanICDF’s recent endeavors and our future direction. (TaiwanICDF Annual Report 2013) (Video)