



# Robert Wihtol

**Director General  
Pacific Department  
Asian Development Bank**

---

Mr. Robert Wihtol is the Director General of Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Pacific Department. He took office in April 2010.

Mr. Wihtol leads the department that formulates ADB's operational strategies for the Pacific developing member countries, including economic analyses, policy analyses, and country performance reviews, and develops associated country operational programs for ADB assistance. The department is responsible for the entire range of operations, and prepares, appraises, and administers loan and technical assistance projects.

Prior to this, Mr. Wihtol was ADB's Country Director for the People's Republic of China. He was also the chair of the ADB Education Sector Committee.

Mr. Wihtol served as the Director of the Social Sectors Division of the East Asia Department from 2004 to 2008.

Before joining ADB in 1994, Mr. Wihtol was with the International Labor Organization.

A Finnish national, Mr. Wihtol earned his DPhil from the University of Oxford. He also holds a Masters Degree from the University of Helsinki. ■

Robert Wihtol  
Telephone: +63 2 632 6085  
E-mail: [rwihtol@adb.org](mailto:rwihtol@adb.org)  
ADB web site: <http://www.adb.org>