Preface

he establishment of the ASEAN+3 Bond Market Forum (ABMF) was endorsed by the ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers at the 13th ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers' Meeting on 2 May 2010 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, as a common platform to foster standardization of market practices and harmonization of regulations relating to cross-border bond transactions in the region.

Since the first meeting in September 2010 in Tokyo, Japan, ABMF members and experts met quarterly: in December 2010 in Manila, Philippines; February 2011 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; June 2011 in Jeju Island, Republic of Korea; September 2011 in Bali, Indonesia; and December 2011 in Beijing, People's Republic of China. The members and experts invested a lot of effort to produce the first outputs of ABMF as a regional framework to support collaboration between the public and private sectors in the region.

The report, titled ASEAN+3 Bond Market Guide, consists of two volumes; Volume 1: Sub-Forum 1 - Comparative Analysis and Bond Market Guides, and Volume 2: Sub-Forum 2 - Information on Transaction Flows and Settlement. The report aims to dispel misunderstanding and misperception persistently existing against Asian markets. The report is expected to narrow information gaps and establish a common understanding on how markets in the regions operate.

The report was compiled by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Team comprising Satoru Yamadera (Economist, ADB Office of Regional Economic Integration), Seung Jae Lee (Principal Financial Sector Specialist, ADB Office of Regional Economic Integration), Shinji Kawai (Senior Financial Sector Specialist [Banking], ADB Office of Regional Economic Integration), and with other ADB staff, Shigehito Inukai (ADB consultant), Taiji Inui (ADB consultant), and Matthias Schmidt (ADB consultant). However, the report should not be regarded as outputs of the team, but as a result of the collective work of ABMF members and experts. The international experts kindly shared their market guide information, as well as their expertise with the team to initiate the study. The information enabled the team to start the study from solid ground. The national members and experts provided answers to questionnaires prepared by the team, thoroughly reviewed the draft, and gave valuable comments.

In addition, the team thanks all interviewees who gave useful comments and responses during the market consultations. Therefore, the report should be regarded as a crystallization of regional collaborative efforts and knowledge towards more harmonized and integrated ASEAN+3 bond markets. Without such strong support and cooperation from the ABMF members and experts, as well as from market experts in the region, the report could not have been be published.

Especially, leadership provided by Tokyo AIM and Tokyo Stock Exchange Group; CIMB Investment Bank; Korea Securities Depository (KSD); Japan Securities Depository Center (JASDEC); and Indonesian Central Securities Depository (KSEI) as the Chairs and Vice Chairs of SF1 and SF2, who facilitated very active discussions among members and experts. The team also thanks the national members and experts of Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Indonesia, and People's Republic of China for hosting the ABMF meetings. Smooth organization of the meetings made possible the conduct of intensive discussions at each meeting.

The efforts for harmonization and standardization of bond markets in the region have just begun. Given large differences in economic and market developments in the region, the task is not easy. The work is inevitably gradual and step-by-step. However, this unique regional initiative will create a momentum to push the region towards more harmonized and integrated markets in the future. ABMF continues to function as a regional platform to realize and institutionalize regionalism by helping formulate regional views and opinions into a common policy framework.

Finally, it should be noted that no part of the report represents the official views of any of the institutions, which participated as ABMF members and experts, and the ADB team is held responsible for the contents of the reports.

A. ABMF Members, Experts, and Observers

Economy/Jurisdiction	Me	embership	Institution
Brunei Darussalam	SF1	National Member	Brunei International Financial Centre (BIFC), Ministry of Finance
Brunei Darussalam	SF2	National Member	Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD)
Cambodia	SF1	National Member	National Bank of Cambodia
Cambodia	SF1 and SF2	National Member	Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) of Cambodia
China, People's Rep. of	SF1 and SF2	National Member	People's Bank of China (PBOC)
China, People's Rep. of	SF1 and SF2	National Member	China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC)
China, People's Rep. of	SF1	Observer	National Association of Financial Market Institutional Investors (NAFMII)
China, People's Rep. of	SF1 and SF2	National Expert	China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation (CSDCC)
China, People's Rep. of	SF1 and SF2	National Expert	China Central Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (CCDC)
China, People's Rep. of	SF2	National Expert	Shanghai Clearing House (SCH)
China, People's Rep. of	SF2	National Expert	China Foreign Exchange Trade System/National Interbank Funding Center (CFETS)
Hong Kong, China	SF1 and SF2	National Member	Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA)
Indonesia	SF1 and SF2	National Member	Ministry of Finance of Indonesia
Indonesia	SF1 and SF2	National Member	Indonesian Capital Market and Financial Institution Supervisory Agency (BAPEPAM-LK)
Indonesia	SF2	National Member	Indonesian Central Securities Depository (KSEI)
Indonesia	SF1 and SF2	National Member	Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX)
Japan	SF1	National Member Chair	Tokyo AIM, Tokyo Stock Exchange Group
Japan	SF1	National Member	Japan Securities Dealers Association (JSDA)
Japan	SF1	National Member	Japan Bankers Association (Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation)
Japan	SF1	National Expert	Nomura Securities Co. Ltd.
Japan	SF1	National Expert	Daiwa Securities Capital Markets Co.Ltd.
Japan	SF2	National Member	Japan Securities Depository Center, Inc. (JASDEC)
Japan	SF2	National Expert	Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.
Korea, Rep. of	SF1	National Member	Korea Financial Investment Association (KOFIA)
Korea, Rep. of	SF2	National Member	Korea Securities Depository(KSD)
Korea, Rep. of	SF1 and SF2	National Expert	Korea Capital Market Institute (KCMI)
Korea, Rep. of	SF1	National Expert	Korea Exchange (KRX)
Lao PDR	SF1 and SF2	National Member	Ministry of Finance of Lao PDR
Lao PDR	SF1 and SF2	National Member	Securities and Exchange Commission Office, Bank of the Lao PDR
Malaysia	SF1	National Member Vice-chair	Financial Market Association of Malaysia CIMB Group and CIMB Investment Bank
Myanmar	SF1 and SF2	National Member	Central Bank of Myanmar
Philippines	SF1	National Member	Bureau of Treasury of the Philippines
Philippines	SF1	National Expert	Securities and Exchange Commission of the Philippines
Philippines	SF2	National Member	Philippine Dealing System Holdings Corp (PDS Group)
Philippines	SF2	National Member	Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP)
Thailand	SF1	National Member	Securities and Exchange Commission
Thailand	SF2	National Member	The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)
Thailand	SF1	National Member	Thai Bond Market Association
Viet Nam	SF1	National Member	Vietnam Bond Market Association (VBMA)
Viet Nam	SF2	National Member	Vietnam Securities Depository (VSD)
Viet Nam	SF2	National Member	Hanoi Stock Exchange (HNX)

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Economy/Jurisdiction	Membership		Institution
-	SF2	International Expert	Citibank
_	SF2	International Expert	Deutsche Bank AG
-	SF2	International Expert	HSBC Securities Services
-	SF2	International Expert	J.P. Morgan
-	SF2	International Expert	State Street Bank and Trust State Street Global Advisors
-	SF2	International Expert	SWIFT
	SF2	International Expert	The Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd

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ADB Consultant for SF2	Taiji Inui	Senior Manager, NTT DATA Corporation
ADB Consultant	Matthias Schmidt	Custody Business Specialist