

Finance Minister attends the 58th Annual Meeting of Asian Development Bank in Milan, Italy

Lyonpo Lekey Dorji, Hon'ble Finance Minister and ADB Governor, led Bhutan's delegation to the 58th Annual Meeting of the Asian Development Bank held in Milan, Italy, from 4-7 May 2025, under the theme "Sharing Experiences, Building Tomorrow."

At the Governor's Business Session, the Finance Minister delivered Bhutan's national statement, highlighting the country's development priorities, the 13th Five-Year Plan, and investment opportunities in the Gelephu Mindfulness City, besides underscoring the areas of cooperation for future programming with the ADB's support.

Lyonpo held bilateral meetings with ADB President Mr. Kanda, Vice Presidents (for Market Solutions; Sector and Themes; and South, Central and West Asia) and other senior officials to strengthen RGoB-ADB cooperation in infrastructure, energy security, skills development, healthcare and financial inclusion. Various other matters of mutual interest were also tabled for programming period 2025-28, seeking high-level management support of the ADB. Lyonpo also informally met many finance ministers from member countries and exchanged views and reflections affecting the world.

At the sideline, Lyonpo exchanged courtesy call with the Indian Finance Minister H.E Nirmala Sitharaman to review portfolio performances and other matters of common interests. Lyonpo also engaged with JP Morgan, OPEC Fund, and the ADB Director for Environment to explore partnerships in sustainable and innovative financing, and climate-resilient investments.

This year's annual meeting congregated 5,000+ attendees from 70+ countries, elevating discussions on "Sharing Experiences, Building Tomorrow" through focus areas namely: Digital Transformation, Green Transitions, Innovation for Adaptation, and Sustainable Food Security.


