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Junichi Kanda, after graduating from the Tokyo University faculty of Economics in 1994, he joined Bank of Japan. At the International Department and Financial Markets Department in Bank of Japan, he engaged in research on cross border credit and cash flow. After receiving his MA on International & Development Economics from Yale University, since 2004, he has been in charge of monitoring and examination of major Japanese banks and international financial institutions in Japan. From 2011 to 2012, he temporary transferred to Nippon Life Insurance Company and was responsible for the management of credit and market risks. Also, from 2015 to 2017, he temporary transferred to Financial Services Agency and was responsible for the research and planning of payment reform and Fintech as a Director. He joined Money Forward in 2017. He is a Director of Fintech Association of Japan.

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Minhuan Nian graduated from Clemson University in the US with a Ph.D degree in Applied Economics. In 2006, Dr. Nian joined Capital One Bank, which is one of the fastest growing banks in the US driven by its IBS (information-based strategy) approach. Throughout her tenure there, Dr. Nian worked on a wide variety of credit related projects to build her reputation as a consumer lending credit risk expert, she also served as Model Risk Officer in the credit card business and led the data science team in Big Data Transformation and Payments Department. In late 2016, Dr. Nian decided to move back to China to capture the hot Fintech wave. She now serves as Chief Risk Officer in Quant Group, which is one of the leading big data risk management solution providers in China's online consumer lending industry.



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Krislert Samphantharak is an associate professor and associate dean at the School of Global Policy and Strategy at the University of California San Diego. He is an expert in finance, public policy and economic development. His current research includes studies of households, small-and-medium enterprises, and large family businesses conglomerates, and a book manuscript on comparative economic development of Southeast Asian economies. He held visiting positions at the International Monetary Fund, UCLA, Australian National University, University of Tokyo and Yale-NUS College. He also serves as advisor to Puey Ungphakorn Institute for Economic Research at the Bank of Thailand.



Masaaki Shirakawa was previously Governor of the Bank of Japan. He was appointed as Governor in April 2008, and left the Bank in March 2013. He was also Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank for International Settlements between January 2011 and March 2013. Currently, he is professor at Aoyama-Gakuin University and a member of the Group of Thirty. Masaaki Shirakawa joined the Bank of Japan in 1972. At the Bank, he held various key positions, including Executive Director in charge of monetary policy. Other professional experiences include professorship at the Kyoto University School of Government from July 2006 to March 2008. Masaaki Shirakawa was born in September 1949. He studied economics at the University of Tokyo (B.A.) and at the University of Chicago (M.A.).

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Robert Wardrop is an economic sociologist interested in how social relations influence investment decisions. He is the Director of the Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance, an inter-disciplinary research group at the University of Cambridge studying new instruments and channels of finance emerging outside of the banking and capital markets system. He is a member of the Finance & Accounting group at the Cambridge Judge Business School, and teaches courses in new venture funding and alternative finance channels in the MBA and Master of Finance programmes. Prior to entering academia in 2010, Robert had a 30-year career as an entrepreneur and professional investor.



Bohui Zhang is the presidential chair professor of finance at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, the associate director of Shenzhen Finance Institute, the director of the Center for FinTech and Social Finance. He studies FinTech, the media, Chinese capital market, and international capital markets. His papers have been accepted for publication in the global top-tier finance, accounting, and business journals such as the *Review of Financial Studies*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Journal of Accounting Research*, *Management Science*, *Journal of Financial Quantitative and Analysis*, *Journal of International Business Studies*, *Review of Finance*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Journal of Corporate Finance*, *Journal of Financial Markets*, and *Journal of International Money and Finance*. He has also been awarded with research grants from Australian Research Council, the Centre for International Finance and Regulation, Australian School of Business, National Natural Science Foundation of China, and best paper prizes from MIT Asia Conference in Accounting, the Annual Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets of the Korean Securities Association, the Chinese Finance Association Best Paper Symposium, the China Finance Annual Meeting, the Asian Finance Association Conference, China International Conference in Finance, and the Northern Finance Association Conference.

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Asian Development Bank Institute



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Peter Morgan Peter Morgan joined the Asian Development Bank Institute in December 2008. Previously he served in Hong Kong as Chief Asia Economist for HSBC, responsible for macroeconomic analysis and forecasting for Asia. Before that, he was Chief Japan Economist for HSBC, and earlier held similar positions at Merrill Lynch, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, and Jardine Fleming. Prior to entering the financial industry, he worked as a consultant for Meta Systems Inc in Cambridge, Massachusetts, US, specializing in energy and environmental areas, including energy policy issues in Asian countries, and at International Business Information KK in Tokyo, specializing in financial sector consulting. Peter's research areas are macroeconomic policy, financial sector regulation and reform, financial inclusion, financial literacy and financial education. Recent publications include "Financial Inclusion, Regulation and Education: Asian Perspectives" and "Central and Local Government Relations in Asia: Achieving Fiscal Sustainability". He earned his MA and PhD degrees in economics from Yale University.



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Bank of Thailand



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In private sector, Veerathai was a senior executive of Siam Commercial Bank, PCL and The Stock Exchange of Thailand. He held various positions at the boards of leading corporations, including Thanachart Capital PCL, Bangkok Dusit Medical Services PCL, Thai Airways International PCL, and Central Pattana PCL.

Veerathai received his B.A. (first class honors) in Economics from Thammasat University in 1988 and was awarded H.M. the King Bhumibol Adulyadej award for academic excellence. He went on to receive A.M. and Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University in 1994. His graduate study was sponsored by H.M. the King's Anandamahidol Foundation.

Veerathai has actively participated in social activities. He has served as the treasurer of the Royal Initiative Discovery Foundation, a member of the executive board of the Buddhadasa Indapanno Archives, a member of the board of Mae Fah Luang Foundation, a member of the board of the Thailand Sustainable Development Foundation, and an honorary member of Thammasat University Council. He was a member of the first Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee of the World Health Organization in Geneva and was awarded the Eisenhower Fellowship in 2013.



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