

# INVITATION



## Switzerland and the Asian Development Bank: 50 Years of Partnership for Developing Asia and the Pacific

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the 50th year of Switzerland's membership in ADB, the Swiss Confederation, ADB, the University of St. Gallen and the Swiss-Japanese Chamber of Commerce are inviting you to celebrate a long-standing development partnership

on Thursday, 19 October 2017  
4:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
University of St. Gallen

**Dr. Bambang Susantono**

Vice-President  
Asian Development Bank

**Amb. Raymund Furrer**

Governor for Switzerland to the  
Asian Development Bank  
Head of Economic Cooperation  
and Development, SECO

**Prof. Dr. Thomas Bieger**

President  
University of St. Gallen

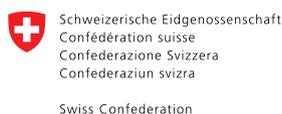
**Martin Herb**

President  
Swiss-Japanese Chamber  
of Commerce

### EVENT ADDRESS

Campus-E, University of St. Gallen (Einstein Congress Hotel)  
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# Cooperating for Sustainability **Gemeinsam für nachhaltige Entwicklung**

## PROGRAM

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Registration & Welcome Drinks from 4:45 p.m.

5:15 p.m. **Opening Speech** by Ambassador Raymund Furrer, Governor for Switzerland to the ADB; Head of Economic Cooperation and Development, SECO

**Keynote Address** by Dr. Bambang Susantono, ADB Vice-President

5:45 p.m. **Panel Discussion on Closing Asia's Infrastructure Gap:** Opportunities and Challenges for the Public and Private Sector

**Dr. Yasuyuki Sawada**, Chief Economist, ADB

**H. E. Ambassador Etsuro Honda**, Ambassador of Japan to Switzerland

**Ambassador Raymund Furrer**, Governor for Switzerland to the ADB; Head of Economic Cooperation and Development, SECO

**Ms. Eunice Zehnder-Lai**, CEO, IPM, Board Member Asia Society Switzerland

**Prof. Dr. Simon Evenett**, Professor of International Trade and Economic Development, University of St. Gallen

7:00 p.m. Networking Apéro Riche with photo and video exhibition on ADB's achievements over the last 50 years and cooperation projects with Switzerland

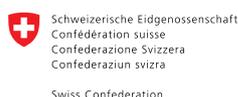
## SWITZERLAND AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

The Asian Development Bank, a regional multilateral development bank based in Manila, is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive and environmentally sustainable economic growth and regional integration. Established in 1966, ADB is celebrating years of development partnership in the region working with governments, the private sector, academia, think-tanks and civil society organizations.

ADB is owned by 67 members and Switzerland has been a member since 1967. ADB's mission is consistent with Switzerland's objectives of reducing poverty and disaster risks while facilitating environmentally and socially sustainable economic development. Switzerland's longstanding development cooperation with the ADB has resulted in numerous successful co-financing projects as well as collaborations with multiple Swiss companies and consultants. ADB has mobilized and invested more than \$250 billion in infrastructure, research and knowledge sharing to reduce poverty and improve people's lives in the region.



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