

ADB, Qatar Fund for Development Launch Partnership to Boost Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) have formalised a new partnership aimed at accelerating resilient infrastructure and economic development across Asia and the Pacific, following the signing of a five-year memorandum of understanding (MOU).

The agreement was signed on the sidelines of the Doha Forum 2025 and marks a strategic step toward expanding concessional financing for infrastructure projects in developing countries across the region.

“Qatar and ADB are building something new together—a partnership that unlocks development finance for communities across Asia and the Pacific,” said ADB President Masato Kanda in a video message marking the signing. “Together, we can support innovative infrastructure and sectors that are often underfunded.”

The signing ceremony was witnessed by His Excellency Sheikh Thani bin Hamad Al Thani, Chairperson of QFFD. The MOU was signed by ADB Vice-President for Sectors and Themes Fatima Yasmin and QFFD Director General Fahad Hamad Al-Sulaiti.

Under the five-year agreement, ADB and QFFD will pursue cofinancing arrangements and joint initiatives focused on priority sectors such as transport, urban development, and energy. The partnership is designed to mobilise concessional finance for projects that strengthen resilience, connectivity, and inclusive growth across Asia and the Pacific. Several potential projects are already under discussion, with implementation expected to begin in 2026.

QFFD, established in 2002, is a government entity that delivers development assistance and humanitarian support to Arab and other developing countries. Its portfolio spans more than 90 countries, with a focus on sustainable development and long-term impact.

ADB is a leading multilateral development bank supporting inclusive, resilient, and sustainable growth across Asia and the Pacific. Founded in 1966, it works with its members and partners to deliver innovative financing solutions, build quality infrastructure, and improve lives across the region.