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Dr. Eduardo P. Banzon is the Director of the Health Practice Team under the Human and Social Development Sectors Office, Sectors Department 3, at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Fondly known as "Doc Dodo," he is a leading advocate for universal health coverage (UHC) and spearheads ADB's health sector agenda. In this role, he works closely with multiple sectors and departments to design and implement health policies, strategies, and operational plans aligned with ADB's overarching mission to reduce poverty and strengthen human capital across Asia and the Pacific.

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In academia, Dr. Banzon has been actively engaged in teaching, research, and policy-oriented scholarship on universal health coverage, health financing, and global and regional health. He has served as faculty at leading Philippine institutions, including the University of the Philippines College of Medicine, the Ateneo Graduate School of Business, and the Asian Institute of Management.

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