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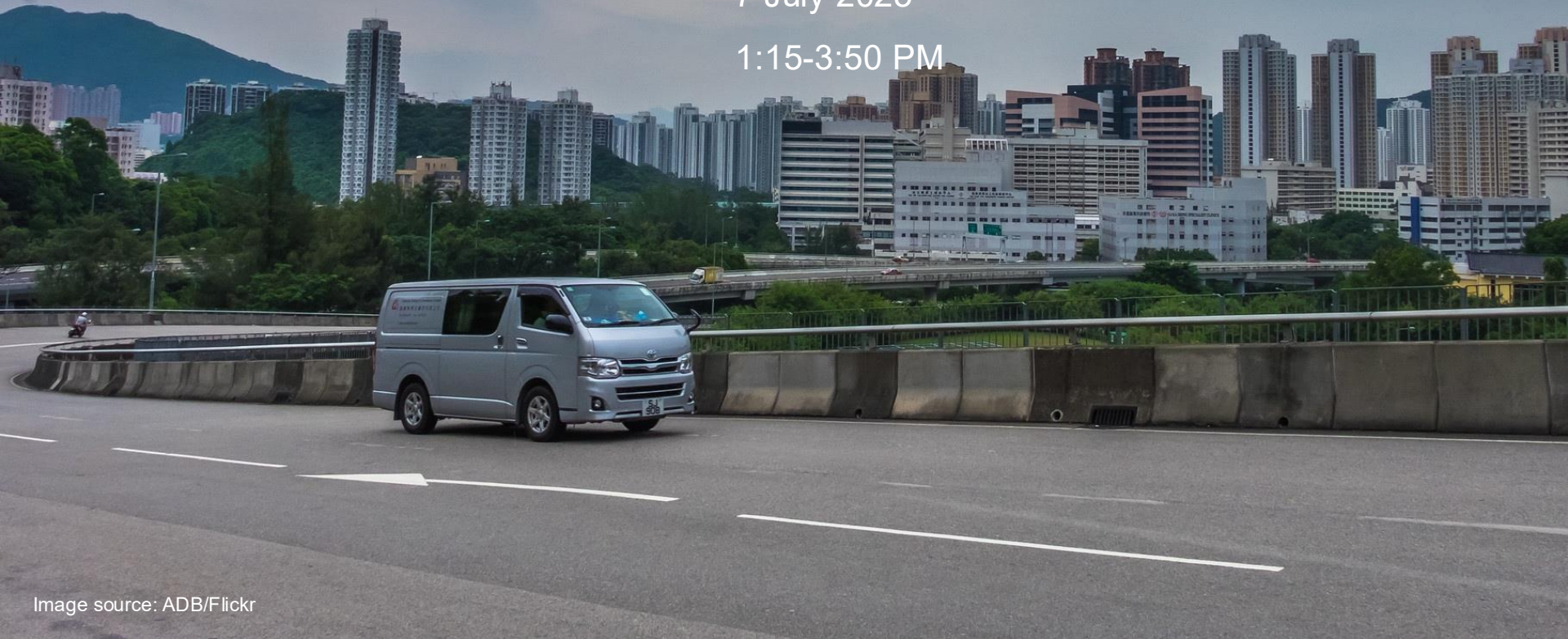
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# **Mobilizing Private Sector Innovation: Strengthening Health Systems in Asia and the Pacific**

7 July 2025

1:15-3:50 PM



## Session description

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and intensifying health-related challenges, countries across Asia and the Pacific are seeking to build more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable health systems. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has placed digital innovation, regional health security, and pandemic preparedness at the center of its Operational Plan for Health (2021–2030) and health sector investments.

Korea, through its Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) and the Korea Health Industry Development Institute (KHIDI), has actively promoted innovative solutions including smart diagnostics, green hospital infrastructure, and digital health platforms. Korea's public–private cooperation model offers valuable insights for developing member countries (DMCs) aiming to strengthen health delivery systems amid resource constraints and complex regulatory environments.

This session, part of the broader INSPIRE Health Forum, brings together stakeholders from ADB, WHO, and Korean institutions to share practical strategies and explore collaboration opportunities for accelerating health innovation and enhancing pandemic and climate preparedness across Asia.

## Speakers

- **Eduardo Banzon**, Director for Health, ADB
- **Blaire Ng**, Health Specialist, SD3, ADB
- **Dhawal Jhamb**, Principal Markets Development Advisory Specialist, OMDP, ADB
- **Junnosuke Kobayashi**, Senior Investment Specialist, PSOD
- **Representative from Korea Ministry of Health and Welfare**
- **Representative from Korea Health Industry Development Institute**
- **Mengji Chen**, Acting Coordinator, Research, Ethics and Innovation Unit, WHO WPRO
- **Sungsup Ra**, Stanford University and former DDG at ADB