

Findings from Recent Evaluations

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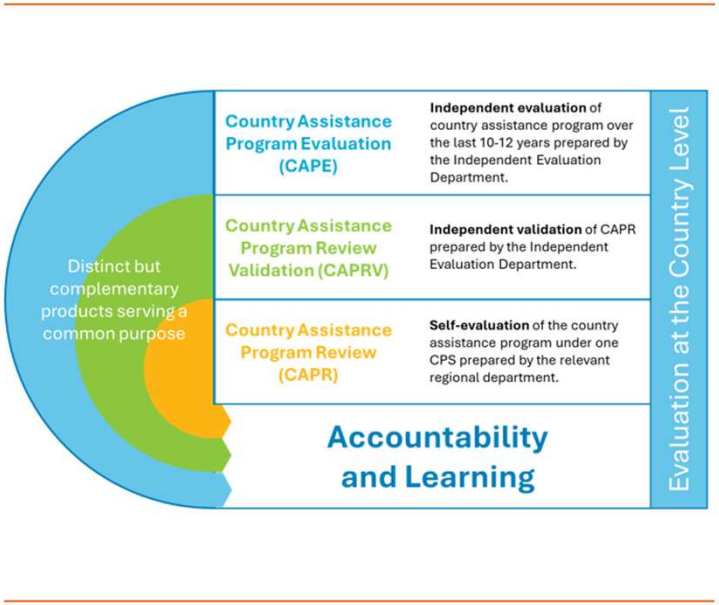
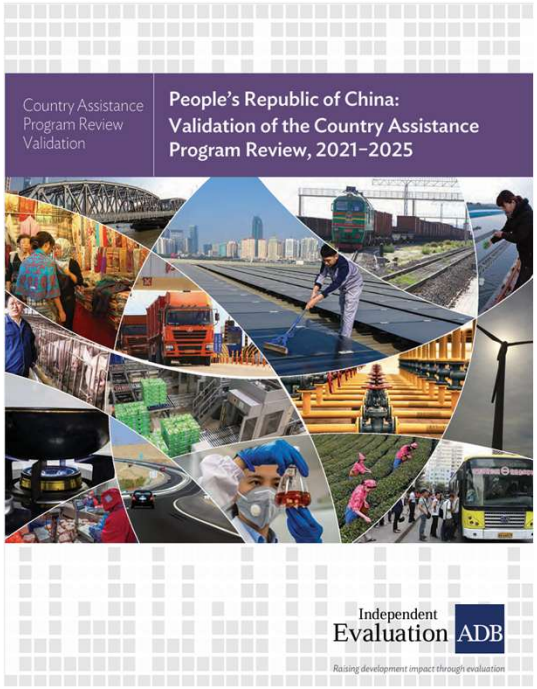
Two Recent Evaluations with High Relevance to ADB's Engagement in the People's Republic of China





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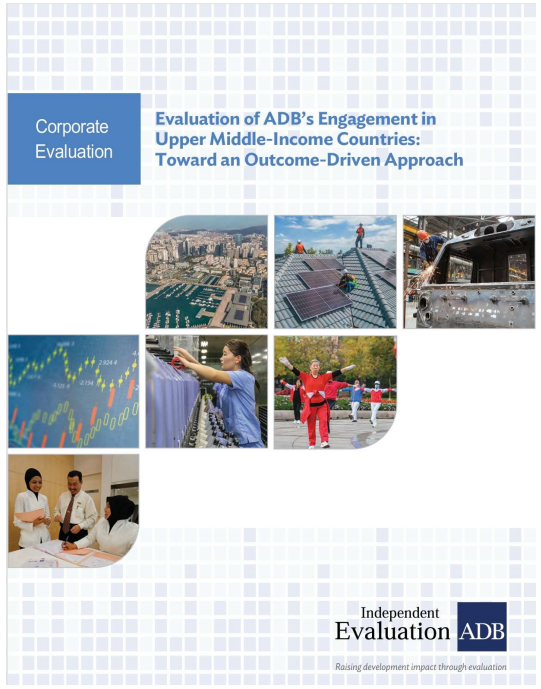

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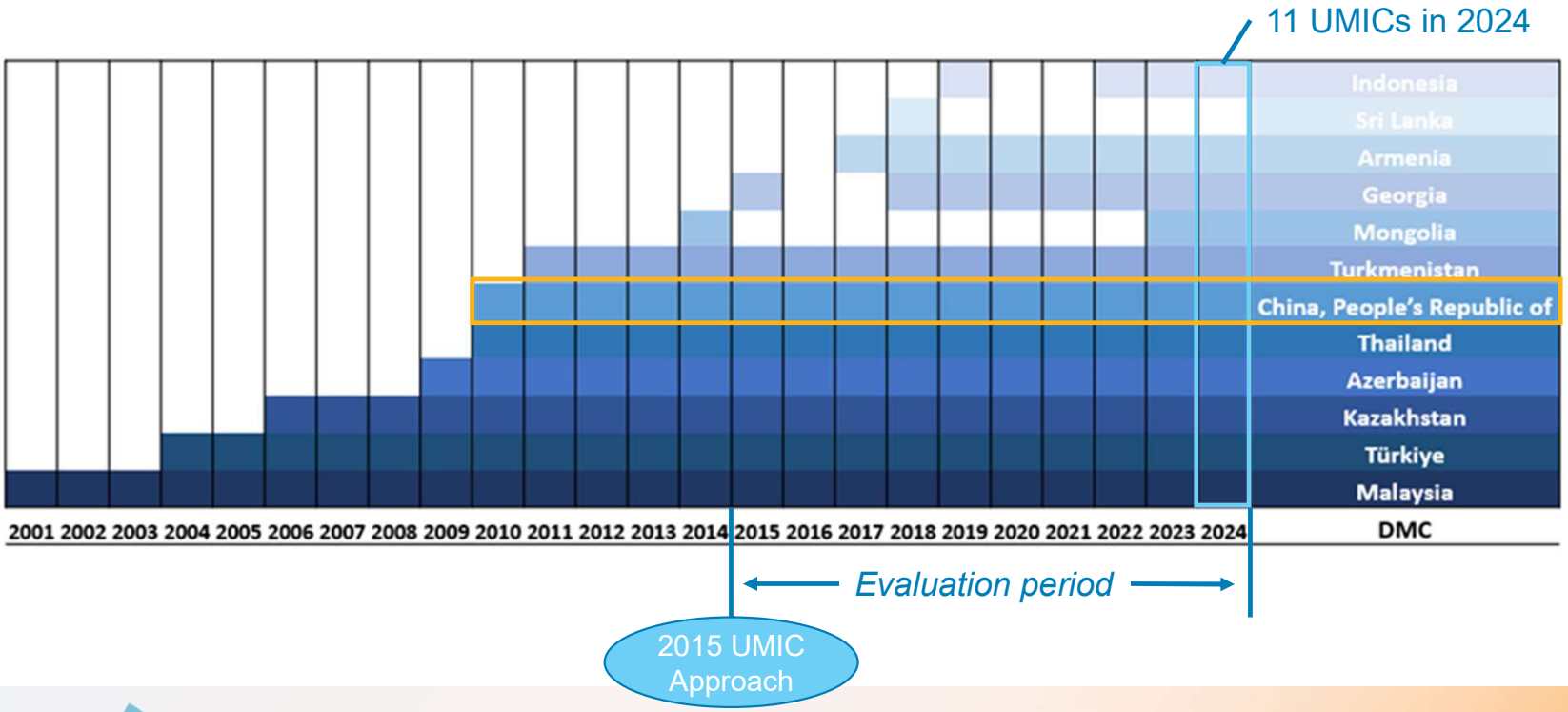
UMICs Have Become a Defining Part of ADB's Membership



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12) Philippines
13) Sri Lanka
14) Viet Nam

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Four Strategic Objectives for a Differentiated Engagement with ADB UMIC Members



Relevance and achievability of four strategic objectives highlighted by:

i. ADB corporate guidance

ii. Peer multilateral development banks

iii. Literature

iv. Positive examples at ADB

They are yet to be consistently embedded in ADB's UMIC engagements

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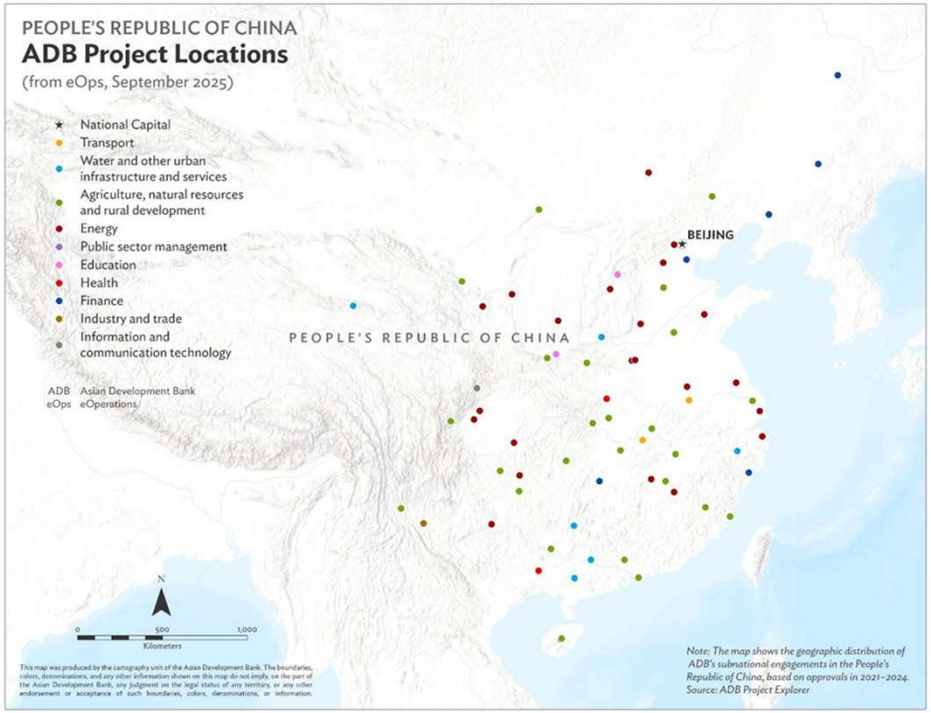
ADB's Engagement in People's Republic of China Highlights Good Practices for UMIC Engagement

Beijing–Tianjin–Hebei Air Quality Improvement–Hebei Policy Reforms Program

Innovative response to a major development challenge typical of UMICs—the reduction of elevated air pollution in large cities

Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative

A unique feature of ADB's engagement with the PRC is that it provides a learning platform for implementing innovative solutions and sharing knowledge for the region's benefit.



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Country Assistance Program Review Validation Rated ADB's Engagement as Successful

Summary of Country Partnership Strategy, 2021–2025 for the People's Republic of China



CPS was tailored to the PRC's advanced development stage and remaining challenges.

Overall: Successful

- Relevance: Highly Satisfactory
- Effectiveness: Satisfactory
- Efficiency: Less than Satisfactory
- Sustainability: Satisfactory

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Evidence-Based Recommendations for ADB's Future Engagement with the People's Republic of China

Review

1. Strengthen the **focus on global and regional public goods** linked to local development benefits and affordable borrowing.
2. **Broaden the geographic scope** of engagement, with a balanced focus on both relatively advanced and less advanced provinces.
3. **Stronger focus on knowledge**.
4. **Higher value addition from nonsovereign operations**.

Validation

Expand ADB support to deepen the PRC's local and regional engagement on knowledge products.

Grow the knowledge platform into a standalone CPS program component that becomes increasingly self-sustaining through cost recovery.

Promote private sector development and use innovative risk sharing to leverage private sector resources more effectively.

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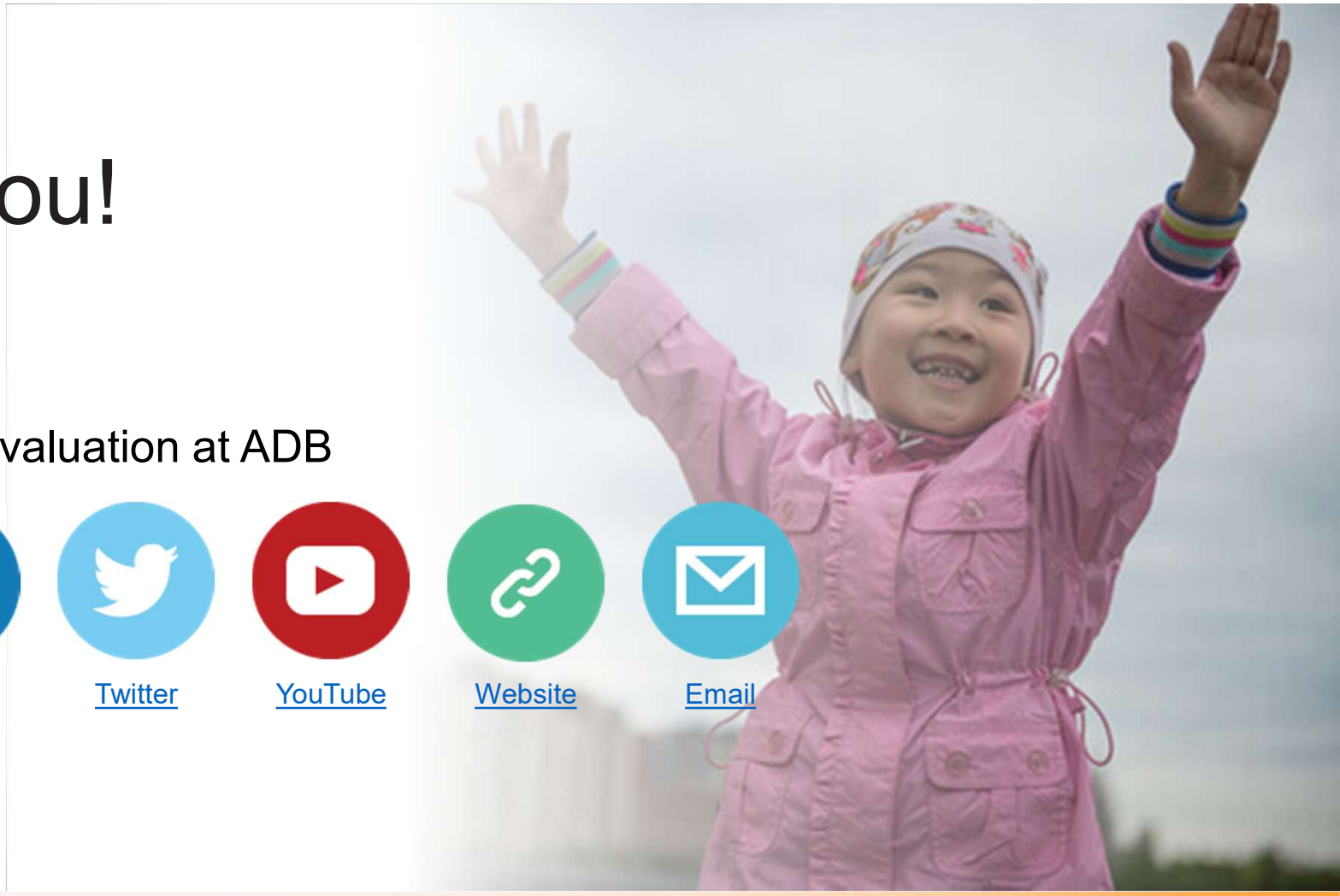

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