



EDWARD BRECKNER

Mr. Breckner has over thirty-five years experience in agriculture, rural development, environmental impact assessment and international development financing, of which over thirty years have been in Asia.

Position: Honorary Senior Advisor

Nationality: Canadian

Education and training:

- B.Sc. (Agriculture), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 1969
- M.Sc. (Agriculture), University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad, 1971
- Courses in Asian Studies including Mandarin Chinese language, Chinese history, geography of China and Chinese culture, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 1974

Post-Graduate Course in International Economics; Center for Financial and Management Studies; School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, United Kingdom (audit only).

Key Qualification:

The centerpiece of Mr. Breckner's career was his 20 plus years as a full-time staff member of the Asian Development Bank. During this period he designed, prepared, appraised and supervised the implementation of a broad range of projects in the agriculture and rural development sectors throughout Asia and the Pacific. In addition, during his years with the ADB Mr. Breckner was responsible for providing input and perspective for the agriculture sector into programming missions and country strategy studies in several key countries of the region.

After retiring from the ADB in 1998 Mr. Breckner has worked as an independent consultant with a variety of development agencies, assisting with project preparation and design, undertaking reviews and evaluations of on-going projects and carrying out special evaluation and strategy studies. He was also the principal author of the Asian Development Bank's Consulting Services Operations Manual.

His areas of experience include policy-based agriculture sector reform (Cambodia, Vietnam and Bangladesh), multi-sector rural development and livelihood (Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Myanmar, Pakistan, Bangladesh), irrigation and water resources (Vietnam, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Bangladesh), rural infrastructure (Vietnam, Cambodia, Bangladesh), rural credit (Bangladesh, Nepal and Cambodia) and sector evaluation (Cambodia, Vietnam and Lao PDR). He has also recently been involved in country assessment studies including an evaluation of the ADB's past programs in Nepal and Lao PDR and special evaluation studies on project performance, capacity building, project evaluation and gender policy.