Special Issue Launch:

"Rural and Agricultural Development in Digital Age"

18 August 2023, 16:30-17:30pm, Tokyo Time (Online)

This webinar will highlight key takeaways from the Special Issue on "Rural and Agricultural Development in the Digital Age", which is edited by Wanglin Ma, Andy McKay, Dil B. Rahut and Tetsushi Sonobe and published in the Review of Development Economics (RDE) journal. The 9 papers included in this Special Issue investigated the impacts of the use and adoption of widely defined ICTs (e.g., internet use, smartphone use, ICT adoption, and e-commerce adoption) on a wide range of outcomes that capture, for example, productivity growth, income growth, poverty reduction, rural economic transformation, rural migration and employment, the empowerment of different demographic groups, and financial inclusion. The policy implications developed from these Special Issue papers provide significant insights into the ways of boosting sustainable rural and agricultural development in the digital age.

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AGENDA

16:30-16:35	Introduction (technical guidance) and Group Photo Session **Dil B. Rahut**, Vice Chair of Research and Senior Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
16:35-16:45	Opening Remarks **Tetsushi Sonobe**, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
16:45-16:55	Overview of RDE Journal and Special Issue **Andy McKay,** Professor of Development Economics, University of Sussex, United Kingdom
16:55-17:10	Introduction to Special Issue **Wanglin Ma,** Associate Professor of Applied Economics, Lincoln University, New Zealand
17:10-17:25	Comments on Papers Published in the Special Issue **Thilak Mallawaarachchi,** Honorary Associate Professor, School of Economics, The University of Queensland, Australia
17:25-17:30	Q and A Session Moderated by **Dil B. Rahut**, Vice Chair of Research and Senior Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Attendance is free but registration is required. Please register here:
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