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New ADB Resident Representative

Mr Geert van der Linden has taken over as the new Resident Representative of the Asian Development Bank's Bangladesh Resident Office. Prior to this assignment Mr van der Linden was at the ADB Headquarters in Manila as Manager in charge of Education, health and Population Division (West), says a press release.

An economist by profession, Mr van der Linden is a Dutch national. Before joining ADB in 1979, Mr van der Linden worked in the Dutch Government and UNDP. In his previous position as Manager of Education, Health and Population Division (West) at ADB Headquarters, Mr van der Linden visited Bangladesh on many occasions and he is well aware of the country's needs in the various sectors of economic and social development.

Mr van der Linden will be the fourth Resident Representative of ADB since the Bangladesh Resident Office was established in Dhaka in late 1982. He succeeds Mr Basudeb Dahal who left Bangladesh in July 1991 to become the Deputy Director of Programs (East) Department at the ADB HQ.