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Innovating and Strengthening Cross-Border Collective Action

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Ms. Kawawaki is the Senior Advisor Central West Department since Feb 2021. She looks after the 10 countries in the region. Previously she was Deputy Director General of the Southeast Asia Department (SERD) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) from July 2017. As one of the five regional departments, SERD covers the ASEAN countries and Timore-Leste with a portfolio of over \$20 billion in loans/grant assistance. From large road and infrastructure projects to education and rural development projects, ADB has been a partner to developing member countries for over 50 years. In SERD, \$5.35 billion in COVID-19 support has been approved and is now under implementation. ADB is working with our countries for immediate support for medical, social and economic needs as well as formulating for green recovery.

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