

10 Years of *ABDR*: Select Messages

“It is a great honor for me to be part of this important and exciting event to celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Asian Biotechnology and Development Review (ABDR)*. As an editorial board member, I am proud to say that the *ABDR* has been keeping its original promises of dedicating itself to generating the awareness of issues related to the development in biotechnologies. The achievements in the past ten years have merited the journal a success. The fact that many paper contributors to *ABDR* who are usually the leading experts in their fields have made this journal a vibrant forum for debate and information dissemination. However, the insightful discussions and debates, and more importantly the forum are not limited in serving the academic interests. Many policy makers who are interested in biotechnology development and its impact have been using the *ABDR* as a useful avenue where they can exchange ideas with each other and get inspired by the results from academic research. The successes in providing a forum for both research and policy dialogues have made the journal distinctive and unique. It is my sincere hope that the forum and platform provided by the *ABDR* will continue to prosper and maintain the prestige it has gained over the first ten years”.

— Prof. Jikun Huang,
Centre for Chinese Agricultural Policy (CCAP), China

“A regional publication that meets regional and global standards of excellence—the *ABDR* will easily overcome any challenges to its sustainability”.

— Prof. Leonardo D. de Castro,
University of Philippines, The Philippines

“I found very informative, educative and highly motivative for those who want to invest in this new and emerging technology. The reviews are good sources of reference materials for the postgraduate students in biotechnology and genetic engineering. The review will go a long way in promoting biotechnology in the Asian region. Thank you for your relentless efforts and hard work for bringing this technology to the doorsteps of all interested in biotechnology- researchers, entrepreneurs, bureaucrats and bio-business community. I wish another very successful decade for the *ABDR*”.

— **Dr. Naiyyum Choudhury**,
Chairman, Bangladesh Academy of Sciences, Bangladesh

“I truly appreciate your effort to make a big progress in Asia Biotech and other works. Congratulation on *ABDR*'s never-ending success. I believe you and your colleagues' great work. I would like to have chance to be reviewed by *ABDR*”.

Prof. Dongsoon Lim,
Dong-Eui University, South Korea

The *Asian Biotechnology and Development Review (ABDR)* will shortly celebrate its 10th anniversary. Since its inception, the Review has provided an excellent platform for bringing the focus onto themes of major concern for Asia in the field of biotechnology. It has served to inform institutions in Asia and also the UNESCO Microbial Resources Centres (MIRCEN), worldwide, on the development of biotechnology within the Asian region and has been a valuable and reliable resource for these institutions. It has given visibility to biotechnology research, development and progress in Asia and played a role in leveraging scientific knowledge for the benefit of scientists in the region. It has

been important in bringing together the scientific and policy perspective on various important issues like IPR, biosafety and regulatory issues, etc. The objectives of the *Review* fit well with the overarching objective of UNESCO's Natural Science Sector of mobilizing science knowledge and policy for sustainable development. In this context UNESCO has maintained a keen interest in the activities of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), in particular the *Asian Biotechnology and Development Review (ABDR)*. UNESCO maintained a presence for many years on the Editorial Board of the *ABDR*, through the person of Dr. Edgar J. DaSilva.

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