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Mr. Jean-Pierre A. Verbiest is the first Country Director of Asian Development Bank's Thailand Resident Mission. He assumed office in January 2005.

Mr. Verbiest leads the Resident Mission in further enhancing ADB's presence in Thailand and helps strengthen its operational activities in the region. The mission enables ADB to become more responsive to the development needs of the country.

Prior to this, Mr. Verbiest was the Assistant Chief Economist (Macroeconomic and Finance Research), Economics and Research Department of ADB.

A Belgian national, Mr. Verbiest joined ADB in 1989 as an Economist/Econometrician in the Economics and Department Resource Center. In 1993, he became Senior Economist for Pakistan and was responsible for the overall Pakistan program as Senior Programs Officer in 1995. In January 1997, he was posted to Hanoi to head the ADB Viet Nam Resident Mission.

In January 2002, he was appointed as the Manager of Strategy, Planning, and Policy Coordination Division of the Strategy and Policy Department, responsible for preparing ADB's Long-Term Strategic Framework and Medium-Term Strategy.

Prior to ADB, Mr. Verbiest worked at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand for nine years beginning 1981. At ESCAP, he was in charge of a regional project aimed at building econometric forecasting models for countries in Asia and the Pacific.

Mr. Verbiest began his career as an academic, teaching and researching at the universities of Mons (Belgium), Lille (France), Oxford (United Kingdom), and Teheran (Iran). He also worked as Consultant for the Central Bank of Iran (1976-1978) and the Central Bank of Belgium (1980-1981).

Mr. Verbiest holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Mons (Belgium) and a postgraduate degree in Economics and Econometrics from the Free University of Brussels and a doctorate degree from Oxford University.

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