

# 5<sup>th</sup> Brian Ward Memorial Lecture A Water Secure Future: Pathways to Resilience and Risk Reduction

## Venue:

**Jubilee Ballroom on the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
The Berkeley Hotel, Pratunam  
Bangkok, Thailand**

Col. Brian Ward was instrumental in establishing ADPC in 1986, and during his time as the director (1986-1992), he provided vision and insight, motivating all he worked with. He especially encouraged young professionals and sought to enable government authorities to reduce possible disaster losses proactively. He managed, taught, and traveled widely, conducting numerous disaster-related technical advisory and liaison missions throughout Asia-Pacific.

The Brian Ward Memorial Lecture is annually held to honor the memory of Col. Brian Ward for his vision of a safer Asia and the Pacific, as well as his outstanding personal dedication and commitment to the field of sustainable development through DRR and CR. The lecture features distinguished guests who share their experiences that would contribute to innovative resilience-building initiatives in the region.

Mr. Saroj Kumar Jha, Global Director, Water Global Practice, the World Bank, will be the keynote speaker delivering the 5th Brian Ward Memorial Lecture focusing on the theme: **"A Water Secure Future: Pathways to Resilience and Risk Reduction."**

Mr. Saroj Kumar Jha is the Global Director for the World Bank Group's Water Global Practice. In his current assignment, Mr. Jha leads the Global Practice Leadership team, which drives the policy direction of the Practice, oversees a portfolio of \$27 billion in water-related investments, analytical work, multi-donor trust funds and global partnerships. Under Mr. Jha's leadership, Water Practice is accelerating global and country level water action agenda for green, resilient, and inclusive growth, creating good jobs, and taking the water-climate-conflict nexus in shared river basins around the world.

Time	Agenda
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Arrival of their Excellencies and Dignitaries</b>
09:30 – 09:35	Introduction of the Event
09:35 – 18:40	Welcoming remark: ADPC and Pathways to a Resilient Future <b>Aslam Perwaiz</b> , Executive Director, ADPC
09:40 – 10:20	Keynote speech: <b>A Water Secure Future: Pathways to Resilience and Risk Reduction</b> <b>Mr. Saroj Kumar Jha</b> , Global Director, Water Global Practice, the World Bank
10:20 – 10:30	Open forum for discussion
10:30	Closing remark <b>Aslam Perwaiz</b> Executive Director, ADPC