Digital Infrastructure Sector Strategy
THE ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK’S ROLE IN THE GROWTH OF THE 21st CENTURY DIGITAL ECONOMY

Digital infrastructure forms technological bridges and roads that support modern economic growth in many developing countries. It is AIIB’s vision to become a leader in financing and fostering digital infrastructure development to bridge the digital divide, increase competitiveness and make infrastructure more efficient and sustainable.

3 Digital Divides
1. **Financing** of digital infrastructure.
2. **Lack of access** (4 billion without internet access).
3. **Technology application gaps** in core infrastructure sectors.

Objectives
- Bridging the digital divide
- Increasing competitiveness
- Mobilizing private capital
- Greater efficiency and technology application across core infrastructure sectors

Economic Impact
- About 25% of the estimated global GDP is contributed by digital economy activities.
- 6-15% contribution to GDP growth in developing countries. Digital infrastructure and industries account for up to two-thirds of total factor productivity growth in different countries.
- 40% of jobs created globally were in digitally intensive sectors (between 2005 and 2016).

Investments Areas
- HARD INFRASTRUCTURE
  - Connectivity and Transportation
  - Storage and Processing
  - Terminals and Devices
  - Services and Applications

- SOFT INFRASTRUCTURE

AIIB’s Digital Infrastructure Investment Principles
- **Competitive**
  - The investment must be economically sound and contributes to the competitiveness of the economy.
- **Inclusive**
  - The investment must have a positive impact on inclusion (for example, between urban and rural populations, along gender lines or along income levels).
- **Prudent**
  - The investment must support good governance, regulatory standards at the country level and sound banking principles.

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