The IMF South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) in India invites you to a book launch on:

**Modernizing China – Investing in Soft Infrastructure**

“The IMF remains a committed partner in China’s transformation, offering policy advice, technical assistance, and training. We hope this book will contribute to the broader discussion about how best to achieve a successful transformation.”

Christine Lagarde, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

**Speaker:**

Mr. Alfred Schipke  
*Editor  
Senior Resident Representative*  
*International Monetary Fund Resident Representative Office in China*  
*Asia and Pacific Department, IMF*

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Sukhwinder Singh  
*Director, SARTTAC*

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**Details of the Event:**

**Date:** 31 March 2017 (Friday)  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Registration starts at 2:00 p.m.)  
**Venue:** SARTTAC Center in Aerocity, Delhi

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**About the Talk**

China's economic growth over the past 35 years has been remarkable, raising the living standards of millions of people. At the same time, the country has made its physical infrastructure a benchmark for countries around the world. Now China is once again at a critical juncture in its economic history as it transforms its growth model toward one that is more sustainable, inclusive, and greener. This in turn requires investing more in "soft" infrastructure, that is the institutional foundation that underpins and guides the functioning of markets and facilitates macroeconomic management. The event will feature this new IMF book on China covering fiscal, monetary, external, and financial sector policy frameworks, as well as state-owned enterprise and local government finance reforms.
About the Speaker

Alfred Schipke is the IMF Senior Resident Representative for China. In this capacity he provides policy advice, leads the analytical work of the office, engages with academia, think tanks, and the media, and coordinates the Fund’s training and technical assistance in China. Previously, he was a division chief in the Asia and Pacific Department, where he coordinated the work on fast growing low-income countries in South-East Asia (Frontier Economies) and led missions to Vietnam. He was a division chief in the IMF’s Western Hemisphere Department in charge of the Latin Caribbean and Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU) divisions. He teaches international trade and finance at Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government and has authored and edited a number of books and articles. His research focuses on economic integration and the linkages between macroeconomics and finance.