

### **Post-Reform Development in Asia: Essays for Amiya Kumar Bagchi**

On 22 December 2008, *Post-Reform Development in Asia: Essays for Amiya Kumar Bagchi* was released at Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK). The collection of eleven essays by nineteen contributors has been published by Orient Blackswan. The editors are Manoj Kumar Sanyal, Mandira Sanyal and Shahina Amin. A galaxy of teachers, researchers and scholars assembled at the launch of a book to pay tribute to, as well as to express solidarity with, a legendary academician in his very presence.

The first volume was presented to West Bengal's Finance Minister, Asim Kumar Dasgupta by Asis Bandyopadhyay, former Vice Chancellor of University of Calcutta, both students of Amiya Kumar Bagchi. Prabuddha Nath Roy, a former Pro-Vice Chancellor of University of Calcutta and one-time senior colleague of Amiya Kumar Bagchi, was in the chair.

The festschrift volume for Professor Bagchi dwells on issues often raised in the development debate on whether neo-liberal reforms in developing nations have raised inequality and poverty, food insecurity, hindered empowerment of women aggravated agrarian distress, re-allocated resources for private profitability and facilitated the rise of multi-national oligopoly according inferior status to the domestic industries in the host countries. Most of the issues have been examined on the basis of empirical data drawn from China, India and Bangladesh.