

# Foreword

In 1990 Institute of Developing Economies (IDE) has celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of its establishment as the only statutory organization in Japan devoted wholly to the research on the developing countries. As a part of the commemorative activities the IDE held an international symposium on "Development Strategies for the Twenty-first Century" from December 10th to 12th of that year. We are hereby publishing the papers and proceedings of the symposium as well as some of the salient points of the discussion.

The objective of the symposium was two fold. One was to look back at the thirty years of the record of development and to consider some of the crucial factors which have helped either to promote or hinder development, that is to analyze the past. The other is complementary to this, and to identify some of the challenges for development planning in the next century, that is to foresee the future. I hope that this two-fold objective of the symposium has been achieved reasonably well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have participated in the symposium, as well as all of those who have come to attend it to show their interest in its objective. I am also grateful to all those who have helped to organize this fairly massive international gathering, which was by no means an easy task. I have no doubt that the publication of this volume will make a contribution to the further discussion on the issues related to development.

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