

Preface

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Since its establishment 27 years ago, the Institute of Developing Economies has been promoting various research cooperation with scholars and experts, universities and research organizations in developing countries in the field of social science studies centered on Economics, based on the spirit of "Mutual Cooperation".

For example, Visiting Research Fellows who have been invited to stay in Tokyo by IDE counts to 224. Joint research projects with universities and research organizations have been conducted with 20 countries on 62 research subjects.

Currently being conducted vigorously is joint research with several Asian government organizations and research institutes on "International Input-Output Table Project" and project on "Short-Term Economic Prediction in Asia".

IDE is constantly sending 26 staff abroad for two years to conduct studies on various topics concerning developing countries. As further development of international cooperation in research, IDE started during the Fiscal Year 1987, new joint research projects in which scholars and researchers from ASEAN countries and IDE staff stationed in those countries jointly conduct research on economic development and related issues.

In 1987, we covered the Philippines and Thailand in this new program of joint research. In 1988, we expect to include Indonesia.

Presenting herewith is the first result of this new project.

The Institute of Developing Economies deeply appreciates for the cooperation of scholars and researchers who kindly participates for the new project and also hope wholeheartedly that this report could contribute to further advancement of "Mutual Understanding" and "Mutual Cooperation" between ASEAN countries and Japan.

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