

Preface

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Since its establishment 27 years ago, the Institute of Developing Economies has been promoting research cooperation among scholars, 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, 224 Visiting Research Fellows have been invited by IDE to stay in Tokyo. Joint research projects with universities and research organizations have been conducted in cooperation with 20 countries on 62 research subjects.

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

IDE is constantly sending 26 staff members 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 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. Presented herewith is the first result of this new project.

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

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