

Preface

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In the latter half of the 20th century, the Asia-Pacific region has continually attained high economic growth. Influences of the region on the global economy have been rapidly increased, and some countries in the region, such as the Republic of Korea, have already completed their graduation from the "developing school." Investigating causes of their successful growth has become a subject for academic researchers and policy planners, and input-output analyses have been offering important information to answer their questions concerning transactions of commodities among industries.

On this account, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization and collaborating institutions; State Information Center of China, Badan Pusat Statistik-Statistics Indonesia, The Bank of Korea, Department of Statistics of Malaysia, National Statistics Office of the Philippines, The National University of Singapore, Taiwan Research Institute, and The National Economic and Social Development Board of Thailand, launched in 1998 a joint research project on the compilation of the *Asian International Input-Output Table 1995*. Since the table has the same style and format as the *Asian International Input-Output Tables 1985* and *1990*, it is possible to capture the dynamic changes in the technology, industrial structure, and interdependencies in the Asia-Pacific region.

It is our pleasure here to release the *Asian International Input-Output Table 1995*, to be widely used as a powerful analytical tool, serving the public interest. Also in this occasion, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to collaborating institutions for their laborious and precious cooperation to the completion of the joint project.

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