

Preface

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The progress of economic development and industrialization in East and Southeast Asian Countries has been increasing the economic interdependence among these countries and, at the same time, giving rise to international economic problems such as trade frictions. Consequently, the necessity of global adjustment in industrial structure has been stressed among policy makers and researchers. For the purpose of investigating these international economic issues, an international input-output table provides essential statistical data and serves as a powerful analytical tool.

In consideration of such international economic situations, *International Input-Output Table, Thailand-Japan, 1975* was compiled early in the 1980s, and proved to be an effective analytical tool for the study of the international economic issues in the 1970s. This table, however, does not fit in well with the current economic situation which has been undergoing substantial changes. Therefore, two institutions, the Chulalongkorn University Social Research Institute, Thailand, and the Institute of Developing Economies, Japan, organized a joint project to compile *International Input-Output Table, Thailand-Japan, 1985*, which was started at the beginning of 1987 and completed at the end of March, 1991.

It is our pleasure to publish *International Input-Output Table, Thailand-Japan, 1985*. On this occasion, on behalf of those in charge of the compilation work, we wish to express our sincere thanks to various organizations for their invaluable assistance to our joint project. We sincerely hope that the table will be widely used for the analysis of economic issues between Thailand and Japan.

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