

Preface

Since its establishment in 1960, the Institute of Developing Economics has been promoting research with scholars and experts at universities and research institutions in developing countries, in the field of social science studies, primarily in the field of economics.

This cooperation is based on the spirit of "Mutual Cooperation," and involves inviting visiting research fellows to Tokyo, sending Institute staff members to different research institutions in the developing countries, and organizing joint research projects.

To further develop international research cooperation, in 1987 the Institute initiated a program whereby the Institute's staff members, stationed in some of the ASEAN countries, formed teams of scholars and experts in the respective countries to study economic development and related issues. In 1987, Thailand and the Philippines were included in this program, and was followed by Indonesia in 1988. Presented herewith are the results of the second research team in Thailand.

The Institute deeply appreciates the cooperation of the members of the research project and hopes wholeheartedly that this report will contribute to the further advancement of mutual understanding and cooperation between ASEAN countries and Japan.

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