

PREFACE

After the Asian currency crisis in 1997, it was found that there were two new characteristics in the Asian economy. One is the strong dependency of industries among regions, for instance, the influence of Thailand's economic shock prevailed over the regions through trade and industrial relations. The second is that the different performances brought by the economic crisis have been observed because of differences of the social and economic systems in each country and region.

Based on these findings, Institute of Developing Economies (IDE), JETRO and its collaborating institutions in Asia: namely, State Information Center (SIC) 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 2001 a joint research project on the compilation of the Asian International Input-Output Table 2000. IDE also conducted a project of building Multi-regional Input-Output Model for China 2000 with SIC of China at the same time.

It is our pleasure here to release the Trade Matrix of Asia-Pacific Region 2000 as the middle result of main project, to capture the preliminary space structure over the region from the viewpoint of trade statistics. It is hoped that it will be widely used as a powerful analytical tool, serving the public interest. 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 Trade Matrix of Asia-Pacific Region 2000 .

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