

PREFACE

In the last several decades, many countries in the Asia-Pacific region proved their high industrial capacity to sustain a stable economic growth under the continuously changing environment. In particular, after the Plaza Agreement in 1985, the swift appreciation of Japanese yen has driven many Japanese investors to relocate their industrial sites to the neighbouring countries, leading to the drastic change in industrial constellation within the region. The technological change that came about, therefore, has become a major analytical focus of academic researchers and policy planners.

On this account, Institute of Developing Economies and several institutions of collaborating countries launched in 1993 a joint research project on the compilation of *the 1990 Asian International Input-Output Table*. In principle, the table succeeds in style and format its predecessor, *the 1985 Asian International Input-Output Table*, enabling time-series analyses of technological change that took place between 1985 and 1990.

It is our pleasure here to release *the 1990 Asian International Input-Output Table*, to be widely used as a powerful analytical tool serving for the public interest. Also in this occasion, we express our sincere gratitude to the staff of collaborating institutions for their laborious and invaluable cooperation to the completion of the joint project.

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