

PREFACE

Corporate Governance and Finance in East Asia presents the findings of a regional study of corporate governance and finance in selected developing member countries of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The study attempts to identify the weaknesses in corporate governance and finance in countries most affected by the 1997 Asian financial crisis, and recommend policy and reform measures to address the weaknesses. The study covers Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand.

The findings of the study are presented in two volumes. Volume One, *A Consolidated Report*, presents a framework for analyzing corporate governance and finance, summarizes the major findings of the five country studies, and provides key policy recommendations for strengthening corporate governance and improving the efficiency of corporate finance in ADB member countries. Volume Two, *Country Studies*, collects the five country reports. We would like to thank country experts Saud Husnan of Gadsab Mada University, Indonesia; Kwang S. Chung and Yen Kyun Wang of Chung-Ang University, Republic of Korea; Fazilah Abdul Samad of University of Malaya, Malaysia; Cesar G. Saldana of PSR Consulting, Inc., the Philippines; and Piman Limpaphayom of Asian University of Science and Technology, Thailand for their efforts and cooperation in conducting the country studies. Cesar G. Saldana also provided useful inputs to the preparation of the consolidated report.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AGM	Annual general meeting
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
CDRC	Corporate Debt Restructuring Committee
CDRAC	Corporate Debt Restructuring Advisory Committee
CEO	Chief executive officer
CP	Commercial paper
DER	Debt-to-equity ratio
DMC	Developing member country
FSC	Financial Supervisory Commission
GDP	Gross domestic product
IASC	International Accounting Standards Committee
IBRA	Indonesian Bank Restructuring Agency
IDR	Indonesian rupiah
INDRA	Indonesia Debt Restructuring Agency
JSX	Jakarta Stock Exchange
KLSE	Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange
KSE	Korean Stock Exchange
RM	Malaysian ringgit
NPL	Non-performing loan
OECD	Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development
PSE	Philippine Stock Exchange
PLC	Publicly listed company
RETA	Regional technical assistance
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
SET	Stock Exchange of Thailand
SIA	Securities Industry Act
SGM	Special general meeting
UK	United Kingdom
US	United States
USD	US dollar

Note: In this book, “\$” refers to US dollar.