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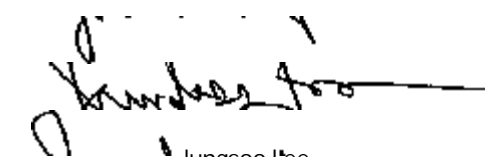
## FOREWORD

The Key Indicators of Developing Asian and Pacific Countries 1999 (Key Indicators) is the 30<sup>th</sup> in a series of annual statistical publication of the Asian Development Bank. It provides historical and current economic, financial and social statistics on the Bank's 38 developing member countries (DMCs).

The Key Indicators contains two parts: (1) the regional tables, where selected social, economic and financial indicators are compared across DMCs and (2) the country tables, where 1981 – 1998 annual population, economic and financial statistics of each DMC are presented. Documentation of sources used for the country tables is provided at the end of Part 2. The country tables will also be available in the Bank's website (<http://www.adb.org>) under the economic and social statistics topic. Users may also access the website through the EDSD Homepage: <http://internotes.asiandevbank.org/notes/edr0006p>.

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Bhutan	–	Central Statistical Organization Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan
Cambodia	–	National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Planning; National Bank of Cambodia
China, People's Republic of	–	State Statistical Bureau People's Bank of China
Cook Islands	–	Statistics Office
Fiji Islands, Republic of	–	Bureau of Statistics
Hong Kong, China	–	Census and Statistics Department
India	–	Central Statistical Organization, Department of Statistics, Ministry of Planning and Program Implementation Reserve Bank of India
Indonesia	–	Central Bureau of Statistics Bank Indonesia
Kazakhstan	–	State Committee on Statistics and Analysis
Kiribati	–	Statistics Office, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
Korea, Republic of	–	National Statistical Office Bank of Korea
Kyrgyz Republic	–	National Statistical Committee of Kyrgyz Republic National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic
Lao People's Democratic Republic	–	National Statistical Centre Bank of the Lao PDR
Malaysia	–	Department of Statistics Ministry of Finance Bank Negara Malaysia

Maldives	–	Ministry of Planning, Human Resources and Environment Maldives Monetary Authority	Thailand	–	National Accounts Division, National Economic and Social Development Board National Statistics Office Bank of Thailand
Marshall Islands	–	Office of Planning and Statistics	Tonga	–	Statistics Department Ministry of Finance National Reserve Bank of Tonga
Micronesia, Federated States of	–	Office of Planning and Statistics	Tuvalu	–	Statistics Section, Foreign Affairs and Planning Division Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning
Mongolia	–	State Statistical Office Mongol Bank	Uzbekistan	–	State Committee on Forecasting and Statistics Department for Coordination of External Economic Activity
Myanmar	–	Central Statistical Organization Foreign Economic Relations Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development	Vanuatu	–	Statistics Office Central Bank of Vanuatu
Nauru	–	Bureau of Statistics	Viet Nam, Socialist Republic of	–	General Statistical Office State Bank of Viet Nam
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## INTRODUCTORY NOTES

### Concepts, Definitions and Estimation Methodology

The data series are compiled from two major sources, namely, the developing member countries (DMCs) of ADB and international statistics agencies. The data obtained from the DMCs are comparable to the extent that the individual countries follow the standard statistical concepts, definitions and estimation methods recommended by the United Nations and other applicable international agencies. However, countries invariably develop and apply their own concepts, definitions and estimation methodology to suit their individual conditions and these may not necessarily conform with the recommended international standards. Hence, although attempts are made to present the data in comparable and uniform format, they are subject to variations in the statistical methods used by individual countries. These variations are shown in the footnotes of the country tables.

### General Guidelines

The cut-off date for the data to be included in this issue was 25 May 1999.

Sixteen countries have varying fiscal years not corresponding to the calendar year. Whenever the statistical series, e.g. national accounts or government finance, are compiled by fiscal year, these are presented under single year captions corresponding to the period in which most of the fiscal year falls, as follows:

Country	Fiscal Year	Year Caption
Afghanistan	21 March 1998 to 20 March 1999	1998
Cook Islands (before 1990)	1 April 1989 to 31 March 1990	1989
Cook Islands (after 1990)	1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997	1997
Hong Kong, China India Indonesia Myanmar Singapore	1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999	1998
Bangladesh Bhutan Pakistan Samoa Taipei, China Tonga	1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998	1998
Nepal	16 July 1997 to 15 July 1998	1998
Lao PDR Marshall Islands Micronesia, Fed. States of	1 October 1997 to 30 September 1998	1998

### Key Symbols

...	Data not available at cut-off date
–	Magnitude equals zero
0 or 0.0	Magnitude is less than half of unit employed
*	Provisional/Preliminary/Estimates/Budget figures
I	Marked break in series

### Measurement Units

bbl	barrel
bn	billion
c	cent
cu m	cubic meter
ha	hectare
kg	kilogram
kgoe	kilogram of equivalent
km	kilometer
kWh	kilowatt-hour
lb	pound
m	meter
mn	million
m t	metric ton
pc	piece
sq m	square meter
'000	thousand
toe	ton of equivalent

### Abbreviations and Acronyms

ADB	Asian Development Bank
cif	cost, insurance and freight
DAC	Development Assistance Committee
DMC	Developing Member Country of the ADB
ERBOP	Economic Review and Bank Operations
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
fc	factor cost
fob	free on board
GDI	Gross Domestic Investment
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GDS	Gross Domestic Saving
GNP	Gross National Product
IEA	International Energy Agency
ILO	International Labour Office
IMF	International Monetary Fund
LDC	Least Developed Country
LT	long term
mp	market prices
NCDS	National Centre for Development Studies
NMP	Net Material Product
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
SDRs	Special Drawing Rights
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification

UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	UN Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	UN Development Programme
UNEP	UN Environment Programme
UNESCO	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
WB	World Bank
WRI	World Resources Institute

### Publications

ADB, ESCAP,	GIDAPC APF SIAP SYAP	Gender Indicators of Developing Asian and Pacific Countries Asia-Pacific in Figures Statistical Indicators for Asia and the Pacific Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific
FAO, ILO, IMF,	PY YLS BOPS DOTS GFS IFS	Production Yearbook Yearbook of Labor Statistics Balance of Payments Statistics Direction of Trade Statistics Government Finance Statistics International Financial Statistics
NCDS, OECD,	SPESD EDS FEDDC FSM GDFFAR	South Pacific Economic and Social Database External Debt Statistics Financing and External Debt of Developing Countries Financial Statistics Monthly Geographical Distribution of Financial Flows to Aid Recipients
UN,	CSISW  ESY MBS SY WES WISTAT WPP	Compendium of Statistics and Indicators on the Situation of Women  Energy Statistics Yearbook Monthly Bulletin of Statistics Statistical Yearbook Yearbook of World Energy Statistics Women's Indicators and Statistics Database World Population Prospects
UNCTAD, UNDP, UNESCO,	HITDS HDR SY WER	Handbook of International Trade and Development Statistics Human Development Report Statistical Yearbook World Education Report
WB,	GDF PPMC SID WDR WDR WT	Global Development Finance Price Prospects for Major Commodities Social Indicators of Development World Development Report World Debt Tables World Tables

### Notes

1. Data on GDP estimates converted through purchasing power parities (PPP) under the International Comparison Program (ICP) coordinated by the United Nations are not shown in this publication, mainly because of the lack of continuous series and more current data for many of the Bank's developing member countries.

2. Data on Direction of Trade contained in country tables are based on data shown in the Direction of Trade Statistics (DOTS) yearbooks and tapes of the IMF, which in turn are reported by the respective countries. However, such data may not be fully consistent with those reported by their trading partners.

3. Data on Germany in the Direction of Trade refer to those of the former Federal Republic of Germany through June 1990. As from July 1990, data cover the area of united Germany.