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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 reflected in the footnotes of the country tables.

### General Guidelines

The cut-off date for the data to be included in this issue was 21 July 2000.

Seventeen 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 1999 to 20 March 2000	1999
Cook Islands (before 1990)	1 April 1989 to 31 March 1990	1989
Cook Islands (after 1990)	1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999	1999
Hong Kong, China	1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000	1999
India		
Indonesia		
Myanmar		
Singapore		
Bangladesh	1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999	1999
Bhutan		
Pakistan		
Samoa		
Taipei, China		
Tonga		
Nepal	16 July 1998 to 15 July 1999	1999
Lao PDR	1 October 1998 to 30 September 1999	1999
Marshall Islands		
Micronesia, Fed. States of		

## Key Symbols

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

## Measurement Units

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bbbl	barrel
bn	billion
c	cent
cu m	cubic meter
ha	hectare
kg	kilogram
kgoe	kilogram of oil equivalent
kl	kiloliter
km	kilometer
kWh	kilowatt-hour
lb	pound
m	meter
mn	million
mt	metric ton
pc	piece
sq m	square meter
'000	thousand
toe	ton of oil equivalent

## Abbreviations and Acronyms

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ADB	Asian Development Bank
AIDAB	Australian International Development Assistance Bureau
CER	Country Economic Report
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

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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

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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	South Pacific Economic and Social Database External Debt Statistics Financing and External Debt of Developing Countries Financial Statistics Monthly
UN,	GDFAR CSISW DY ESY MBS SY WES WISTAT WPP	Geographical Distribution of Financial Flows to Aid Recipients Compendium of Statistics and Indicators on the Situation of Women Demographic Yearbook 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 WDI WDR WDT WT	Global Development Finance Price Prospects for Major Commodities Social Indicators of Development World Development Indicators World Development Report World Debt Tables World Tables

## Notes

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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 most country tables are based on data shown in the Direction of Trade Statistics (DOTS) yearbooks and CD-ROMs 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. From July 1990 onward, data cover the area of united Germany.