

EXPLANATORY NOTES

For this issue of the *South Asia Economic Report*, the following analytical and geographical groupings apply.

- Developing Asia refers to the 44 developing member countries of the Asian Development Bank.
- Central Asia comprises Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
- East Asia comprises People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Republic of Korea; Mongolia; and Taipei, China.
- South Asia comprises Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.
- Southeast Asia comprises Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam.
- The Pacific comprises Cook Islands, Fiji Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

In the main text, tables and figures containing regional comparisons follow the regional classifications of the Asian Development Bank, World Bank, and others, as indicated.