



# Asian Development Outlook 2001

## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

<b>ADO</b>	Asian Development Outlook
<b>ADB</b>	Asian Development Bank
<b>AMC</b>	Asset management company
<b>APEC</b>	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
<b>ASEAN</b>	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
<b>B2B</b>	Business to business
<b>B2C</b>	Business to consumer
<b>DMC</b>	Developing member country
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>FDI</b>	Foreign direct investment
<b>GDP</b>	Gross domestic product
<b>GNP</b>	Gross national product
<b>ICT</b>	Information and communications technology
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund
<b>Lao PDR</b>	Lao People's Democratic Republic
<b>NIE</b>	Newly industrialized economy
<b>NGO</b>	Nongovernment organization
<b>NPL</b>	Nonperforming loan
<b>OECD</b>	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>OPEC</b>	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
<b>PRC</b>	People's Republic of China
<b>R&amp;D</b>	Research and development
<b>SAARC</b>	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
<b>SME</b>	Small and medium-sized enterprise
<b>SOCB</b>	State-owned commercial bank
<b>SOE</b>	State-owned enterprise
<b>TFP</b>	Total factor productivity
<b>UK</b>	United Kingdom
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>US</b>	United States
<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organization



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## DEFINITIONS

The classification of economies in the *Asian Development Outlook 2001*, by major analytic or geographic groupings such as industrial countries, developing countries, Africa, Latin America, Middle East, Europe, and transition economies generally follows the classification adopted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). However, the IMF classification refers to Latin America as developing countries in the western hemisphere.

For purposes of *ADO 2001*, the following apply:

- **Developing Asia** refers to 39 developing member countries (DMCs) of the Asian Development Bank discussed in this *ADO*.
- **Newly industrialized economies (NIEs)** comprise Hong Kong, China; Republic of Korea; Singapore; and Taipei, China.
- **South Asia** comprises Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.
- **Southeast Asia** comprises Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam.
- **Central Asian republics** comprise Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
- **The Pacific** comprises Cook Islands, Fiji Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.
- **G7** comprises Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, and United States.
- Unless otherwise specified, the symbol "\$" and the word "dollar" refer to US dollars. Currency abbreviations are given in Statistical Appendix Table A20.

*ADO 2001* is based on data available up to 1 March 2001.