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The current global financial crisis has severely affected economies in the Asia-Pacific region. Overcoming the effects of the economic downturn will require thorough analysis to identify potential areas for growth. Detailed analysis of factors contributing to high productivity is one tool both public and private decision makers can use to reassess economic development indicators.

The *APO Productivity Databook 2009*, the second volume in the series, contains data on labor productivity performance in Asian countries covering the years from 1970 to 2006. This databook provides a wealth of information on the productivity levels and economic development paths of APO member countries in comparison with benchmark economies comprising the EU, People's Republic of China, and USA. The 2009 edition uses the most recent purchasing power parity estimates as revised by the International Comparison Program of the World Bank in 2008. This enables a realistic analysis of economic activity and offers a fresh perspective on regional growth and development and their likely future directions.

Each chapter of this databook details how the data are interpreted. More than 50 pages of tables after the Appendix present data for the convenience of those wishing to carry out their own productivity analyses. Other tables in the main text allow readers to compare productivity indicators across countries and regions. The *APO Productivity Databook 2009* is divided into:

Foreword

1. Introduction

2. Overview

3. Economic Growth of the Asian Countries and Region

4. Decomposition of GDP Growth by Expenditure Category

5. Real Income and Terms of Trade

6. Productivity Performance

7. Industry Performance

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The e-edition of the databook is available on the APO Web site (www.apo-tokyo.org). The APO, the sole international organization promoting productivity improvement in 20 member economies in Asia and the Pacific, will continue research to improve the quality of the data and methodology of productivity analyses in future volumes.

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