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The sixth edition of the APO Productivity Databook is now available in e-book (available for downloading free of charge from the APO website) and printed versions. Like preceding editions, it is the result of a collaboration between the Research & Planning Department of the APO Secretariat and Keio Economic Observatory, Keio University, Tokyo.



The APO Productivity Databook 2013 provides a long-term view of comparable data on the economic growth and productivity levels of Asia-Pacific economies in relation to global and regional economies, 1970–2010. Baseline indicators are calculated for 29 Asian economies, representing the 20 APO members and nine nonmembers in Asia. Data from Australia, the EU, Turkey, and the USA are also included in certain analyses. Total factor productivity (TFP) was computed for 16 APO economies, with PR China and the USA as references. The biggest change in the 2013 databook is new TFP computations for Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

It appears from the statistical data and analysis included in the new volume that Asian economies have generally recovered from the recent global financial crisis. However, efforts to become more efficient and productive to remain competitive must continue. Valid productivity measurement is therefore more important than ever. The APO will continue to work with its members and their statistical offices to improve the data quality and coverage presented in the *APO Productivity Databook* series for use by development planners, public and private policy bodies, industries, researchers, and the general public.