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On 31 January 2003, the APO released the *APO Asia-Pacific Productivity Data and Analysis 2002*. This is the second volume in a landmark series the APO launched in 2001 to provide policymakers, corporate leaders, and all other stakeholders in its member countries with a set of vital, fundamental, and authoritative economic and productivity information to assist them in their strategic thinking, policy formulation, and plans of action.

This book is divided broadly into three parts. Part One is a set of analysis reports of the data of each of the 17 participating APO member countries prepared by specially appointed national experts who also assembled the data. Part Two is a collection of 71 economic and productivity indicators of the participating countries, each of which gives a 10-year time-series data set arranged into the following eight categories: Productivity; National Economy; Green Productivity; People; Management and Innovation; Trade and Investment; Infrastructure; and Information Technology. Part Three is a list of the data sources for each indicator used by the national experts and arranged by country.

The information provided in the publication is useful for the participating countries to: 1) compare results achieved in the productivity drive with their own planned targets and with those of other countries; 2) check progress made in various economic and productivity endeavors; 3) identify areas where measures for improving productivity are needed; and 4) formulate policies for achieving sustained socio-economic development and a more effective productivity movement.

In this 2002 edition, a description of both the conceptual framework and structural format of the study was included. Other improvements compared with the earlier edition are:

- a. The number of indicators for which data were collected was substantially expanded from 42 to 71, and the number of categories was increased from six to eight. For the first time, data on the following subsectors are included under Labor Productivity Growth Rate and Share of GDP: mining and quarrying; manufacturing; electricity; construction; trade, restaurant, and hotel; financial and real estate; and community and social services.
- b. In the analysis reports, as an added value, the national experts have provided policy suggestions for the consideration of their respective policymakers, corporate leaders, and all other stakeholders.
- c. The number of participating countries was increased with the addition of Sri Lanka.

Among the major characteristics of the first edition that were retained are: 1) the data collected are confined to those of the participating countries and of four benchmark countries—major developed countries outside the APO membership—which are included for more complete comparative study and evaluation by the participating countries; and 2) no ranking is made of the participating countries. The data are for each country to make its own assessment of its performance as measured against those of other countries.

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