East Asian Growth and Japanese Aid Strategy

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Foreword

This book collects my recent essays on economic development with the main question of how developing and transition countries of today should face the powerful force of global integration, and how Japan—and other donor countries and organizations—should assist them. In the last few years, I have been drawn increasingly to the realm of practical policy advice from my original habitat of scholarly research and paper writing. The essays included here are addressed mainly to the leaders responsible for policy making as well as those deeply involved in the question noted above. They were written to move those people into action. Some were originally published in Japanese (chapters 1, 2 and 5) while the others were prepared in close cooperation with the Japanese government for a foreign audience (chapters 3, 4 and 6). In either case, I hope this book will be helpful to readers interested in current Japanese thinking on development and aid.

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