

About This Book

This book was born out of our desire to link two very different strands of development thought, the one in the East and the other in the West, for synergistic cooperation in development assistance. In undertaking this project, we, the Japanese researchers, found ideal partners in the aid circle of the United Kingdom where government, academia, and civil society worked together to generate policy activism. The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo cooperated closely with the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) in London to produce this volume. However, bilateral discussion quickly spilled over to other countries. We were delighted to also invite experts with development experiences in Malaysia, Zambia, Tunisia and Uganda to contribute to this volume.

This book hopes to be both provocative and persuasive. It is published in 2008, the year in which Japan hosts the G8 Summit and the Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV), as well as the year in which the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is restructured to assume greater functions as aid agency. This book is offered as an intellectual input to these events. We are also confident, however, that it contains ideas that are useful far beyond 2008. The principles advanced here should be applicable to all donors, NGOs and business enterprises engaged in the task of development.

Chapter 1 presents the basic ideas of this volume. Chapters 2 and 3 review the Eastern and Western ways. Chapters 4 to 6 discuss recent shifts in development vision and introduce growth-enhancing governance, a concept that may bridge the gap between the East and the West. Chapters 7 to 10 go into concrete details of particular countries and give examples of how the East approaches industrial policy problems. We did not impose uniformity in style or terminology on our diverse authors, which range from renowned academicians to experienced practitioners. The reader will surely see that, collectively and ultimately, all chapters speak in one voice despite different backgrounds from which they arise.

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