

## PREFACE

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) has published the *Directory of Trade Promotion/Development Organizations of Developing Countries and Areas in Asia and the Pacific* every two years since 1983, in cooperation with the national focal points of the Regional Trade and Investment Information Network (TISNET). However, beginning with the seventh edition, the title of the *Directory* was changed to *Directory of Trade and Investment-related Organizations of Developing Countries and Areas in Asia and the Pacific*, reflecting the expansion of its coverage.

Since 2004, the information contained in the *Directory* has been published in a user-friendly and searchable online database, to assure easy updating and accuracy of information. The *Database of Trade and Investment-related Organizations of Developing Countries and Areas in Asia and the Pacific* is accessible on the ESCAP website: [www.unescap.org/tid/tradedirectory/search.asp](http://www.unescap.org/tid/tradedirectory/search.asp).

This PDF-version of the *Directory* is a collection of information that was contained in the *Database* as of 31 December 2008.

The information on over 300 organizations included in the *Database* as well as in this document was collected from questionnaires, reports, searches on the Internet and other sources. Organizations that did not respond on time to the questionnaire, or concerning which no information was collected through other means, are marked with an asterisk. The organizations are listed by country in alphabetical order, in the following categories:

- Chamber of commerce, trade associations
- Commodity boards, marketing, and State trading organizations
- Export marketing boards
- Export processing zones
- Government agency
- Industrial promotion
- Intergovernmental organization
- Investment authorities, investment promotion organizations
- Productivity centres, design centres
- Shippers' councils, port authorities, national shipping corporations
- Standards, testing and inspection bodies
- Trade and investment financing organizations, credit guarantee and insurance organizations, banks
- Trade facilitation bodies
- Trade fair and exhibition authorities
- Trade promotion organizations, ministries of trade/industry/commerce
- Training/research institutions, organizations with training functions
- Others

An alphabetical index of the organizations and a classified index in the above-mentioned categories are included.

The main objective of this *Directory* is to provide, in one volume, information about organizations which are crucial to trade and investment development in the region. It is hoped that, as in the past, the *Directory* will continue to be one of the information sources for promoting cooperation among developing countries in the region.

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