

Acronyms and Abbreviations

AAMO	Asian Association of Management Organizations
ADB	Asian Development Bank
APCTT	Asia-Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology
APO	Asian Productivity Organization
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
B2B	Business-to-business
B2C	Business-to-households/customers
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DFID	The United Kingdom Department for International Development
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
EPZ	Economic Processing Zone
EU	European Union
FDI	foreign direct investment
GCI	Global Competitiveness Index
GDP	gross domestic product
GNI	gross national income
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences
GTZ	Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit
GVC	global value chain
Ha	hectare
HDI	Human Development Index
ICIMOD	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
ICT	Information and communications technology
ILO	International Labour Organization
ISFTA	Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITC	International Trade Centre, Joint Agency of the World Trade Organization and the United Nations
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
JEITA	Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association
Kg	kilogram

LDC	least developed country
LPI	Logistics Performance Index
MNC	Multinational corporation
MT	metric tonne
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NRs.	Nepalese rupees
OAM	Own account manufacturing
OBM	Own brand manufacturers
ODM	Own design manufacturing
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
R and D	Research and development
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SAFTA	South Asian Free Trade Agreement
SAPTA	South Asian Preferential Tariff Agreement
SCI	Small and cottage industries
SEZ	Special Economic Zone
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SL Rs.	Sri Lanka rupees
SMEs	Small and medium-sized enterprises
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
TID	Trade and Investment Division
Tk	Taka (Bangladeshi currency unit)
TNC	Transnational corporations
TOT	Training of trainers
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference for Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WEF	World Economic Forum
WTO	World Trade Organization