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Asia and the Pacific is a heterogeneous region comprising many economies, most of which base their economic growth on international trade. The global economic crisis of 2008 has opened some old questions related to limits of export-oriented growth, including in the Asian and Pacific region. In that context, stronger regional integration has been put forward as one of the alternative sources of growth. This volume on *Challenges and opportunities of trade and financial integration in Asia and the Pacific* looks at a selected number of concerns and possible solutions related to enhancing trade and financial integration in Asia and the Pacific. It is hoped that it will provide useful insights for both trade policy makers and researchers as well as for civil society representatives on remaining challenges and unused opportunities in integrating economies of Asia and the Pacific.

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