

# Preface

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Since the time the first edition of *Designing and Implementing Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific* was co-published by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in 2009, noticeable trade facilitation reforms have been designed and implemented at both domestic and regional levels. Substantial progress in trade facilitation has been observed in many countries in Asia and the Pacific. At the same time, various challenges for further advancing trade facilitation still lie ahead.

The two institutions realized that the updating of the book is necessary to keep pace with latest development in trade facilitation. The revised book includes not only the updated statistical figures and data but also updated information on actual trade facilitation policies and practices. The most recent research on trade facilitation is also included.

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