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FOREWORD

The 44th edition of THE FAR EAST AND AUSTRALASIA comprises a comprehensive survey of the countries of East Asia, South-East Asia, Australia and New Zealand and 22 Pacific islands. Part One comprises introductory essays by acknowledged experts providing incisive analysis of regional issues, including the USA’s increasing strategic focus on the Pacific region, the ascendance of the People’s Republic of China as a global power, and an examination of relations on the Korean peninsula. Other topics covered are the significant security challenges confronting East and South-East Asia, and the diverse environmental concerns and human rights issues encountered in the Asia-Pacific region.

Part Two contains an individual chapter on each country, providing authoritative essays on political and economic development, fully revised directory material covering the fields of government and politics, society and media and business and commerce, and the latest economic, financial and demographic statistical data. There is a dedicated section on the Pacific islands, which includes detailed essays on the contemporary politics of the islands, an analysis of current economic trends in the area, an examination of security issues and the specific environmental challenges experienced by the islands, as well as a locally focused bibliography. In addition, each of the Pacific islands is covered by an introductory essay and comprehensive directory and statistical information.

A calendar of the principal political events in the region between October 2011 and September 2012 provides a convenient reference guide to the year’s main developments. Part Three features a comprehensive listing of the international organizations active in the Asia-Pacific area, with extensive coverage of their recent activities. A survey of the region’s major commodities is also provided, as well as a directory of research institutes and extensive bibliographies covering books and periodicals relevant to the region.

The entire content of the print edition of THE FAR EAST AND AUSTRALASIA is available online at www.europaworld.com. This prestigious resource incorporates sophisticated search and browse functions as well as specially commissioned visual and statistical content. An ongoing programme of updates of key areas of information ensures currency of content, and enhances the richness of the coverage.

During the year under review the unexpected death in December 2011 of Kim Jong Il, who had ruled the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea) since his father’s demise in 1994, created potential instability in the region. Efforts to establish his youthful third son, Kim Jong Un, as a credible successor appeared to have succeeded, however, although a further deterioration in relations with the Republic of Korea (South Korea) was apparent in an increase in threats and invective. Another political transition took place in Mongolia, where the general election in June 2012 led to the removal from power of the Mongolian People’s Party, which had long been the dominant political force in the country. There was a resurgence of nationalist sentiment in China and Japan focused on the re-emergence of tensions over the disputed sovereignty of a group of uninhabited islands in the East China Sea, also claimed by Taiwan. In Taiwan popular support for the policy of economic engagement with China was confirmed with the re-election of the incumbent President Ma Ying-jeou. Elsewhere in the region the Myanma President Thein Sein’s reformist agenda provided for the conduct of free and fair parliamentary by-elections in April, at which the opposition National League for Democracy led by the pro-democracy activist Aung San Suu Kyi won a comprehensive victory. Myanmar’s progress towards international acceptance continued with the promotion of reformist ministers in August, while pre-publication press censorship was abolished.

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SOURCES AND DEFINITIONS

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% of GDP GDP levels for OECD countries follow the most recent UN System of National Accounts. For non-OECD countries a value was estimated by utilizing existing UN, IMF and World Bank data.

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Human Development Index (HDI) Source: UNDP, Human Development Report (2011). A summary of human development measured by three basic dimensions: prospects for a long and healthy life, measured by life expectancy at birth; knowledge, measured by a combination of mean years of schooling and expected years of schooling; and standard of living, measured by GNI per head (PPP US $). The index value obtained lies between zero and one. A value above 0.8 indicates very high human development, between 0.7 and 0.8 high human development, between 0.5 and 0.7 medium human development, and below 0.5 low human development. A centralized data source for all three dimensions was not available for all countries. In some cases other data sources were used to calculate a substitute value; however, this was excluded from the ranking. Other countries, including non-UNDP members, were excluded from the HDI altogether. In total, 187 countries were ranked for 2011.
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Other Regional Organizations

MAJOR COMMODITIES OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
Aluminium and Bauxite
Cassava
Coal
Cocoa
Coconut
Coffee
Gold
Groundnut
Maize
Nickel
Oil Palm
Petroleum
Rice
Rubber
Soybeans
Sugar
Tea
Tin
Tobacco
Wheat

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ABBREVIATIONS

Acad. Academician; Academy
ACP African, Caribbean and Pacific (States)
ACT Australian Capital Territory
ad Anno Domini
ADB Asian Development Bank
Adm. Admiral
Admin. Administration, Administrative, Administrator
APTA ASEAN Free Trade Area
AG Aktiengesellschaft (limited company)
a.i. ad interim
AIDS acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
Alt. Alternate
AM Amplitude Modulation
ANZUS Australia, New Zealand and the United States
Apdo Apartado (Post Box)
APEC Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
approx. approximately
Apt Apartment
AR Autonomous Region
ARF ASEAN Regional Forum
ARV advanced retroviral
ASEAN Association of South East Asian Nations
Asscn Association
Assoc. Associate
Asst Assistant
ATM automated teller machine
Aug. August
auth. authorized
Av. Avenida (Avenue)
c/o care of
bc Before Christ
Bd Board
b/d barrels per day
Bhd Berhad (public limited company)
BIS Bank for International Settlements
Bldg(s) Building(s)
Blk Block
Bld Blvd
BQT build-operate-transfer
BP Bolte Postale (Post Box)
br.(s) branch(es)
Brig. Brigadier
BSE bovine spongiform encephalopathy
Btu British thermal unit
C Centigrade
c. circa
cap. capital
Capt. Captain
CCP Chinese Communist Party
Cdre Commodore
Cen. Central
CEO Chief Executive Officer
cf. confer (compare)
CFC chlorofluorocarbon
CFP Communaute française du Pacifique
Chair. Chairman/Chairwoman
CIA (US) Central Intelligence Agency
Cie Compagnie
c.i.f. cost, insurance and freight
C-in-C Commander-in-Chief
circ. circulation
CIS Commonwealth of Independent States
Cm centimetre(s)
CMAG Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group on the Harare Declaration
CMEA Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (COMECON)
cnr corner
c/o care of
Co Company
Col Colonel
Comm. Commission
Commr Commissioner
Conf. Conference
Confed. Confederation
COO Chief Operating Officer
Corpns Corporation
CP Case Postale, Caixa Postal (Post Box)
CPO Central Post Office
CPOB Central Post Office Box
cres. crescent
Cttee Committee
cu cubic
cwt hundredweight
Dec. December
Dem. Democratic
Dep. Deputy
dep. deposit(s)
Dept Department
D evt Development
Dir Director
Div. Division
DNA deoxyribonucleic acid
DPRK Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
Dr Doctor
Dr. Drive
Dra Doutora (Doctor)
DRAM dynamic random access memory
drs Doctorandus (Netherlands doctor’s degree)
DVD digital versatile disc
dwt dead weight tons
E East, Eastern
EAEC East Asia Economic Caucus
EAGA East ASEAN Growth Area
EC European Community
ECF Extended Credit Facility
Econ. Economic
ECU European Currency Unit(s)
Ed.(s) Editor(s)
Edif. Edifı´ cio (Building)
edn edition
e.g. exempli gratia (for example)
Eng. Engineer; Engineering
EPZ Export Processing Zone
ESCAP Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESPO Eastern Siberia–Pacific Ocean
est. established; estimate, estimated
e.t.c. etcetera
EU European Union
excl. excluding
Exec. Executive
exhibn(s) exhibition(s)
Ext. Extension
F Floor
f. founded
FAO Food and Agriculture Organization
FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation
FDI foreign direct investment
Feb. February
Fed. Federal, Federation
Feds Federations
Flt Flight
FM Frequency Modulation
fmr(ly) formerly
f.o.b. free on board
Fr Father
Fri. Friday
ft foot (feet)
FTA free trade agreement/area
g gram(s)
gall(s) gallon(s)
GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP gross domestic product
GEF Global Environment Facility
Gen. General
GMO genetically modified organism(s)
GNI gross national income
GNP gross national product
Gov. Governor
Govt Government
GPO General Post Office
GPOB General Post Office Box
grt gross registered tons
GSM Global System for Mobile Communications
GSP gross state product
GWh gigawatt hour(s)
ha hectare(s)
HD high-definition
HDI Human Development Index
HDTV high-definition television
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Note: Telephone and fax numbers using the Inmarsat ocean region code 870 are listed in full. No country or area code is required, but it is necessary to precede the number with the international access code of the country from which the call is made.
EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE DIRECTORY SECTION

The Directory section of each chapter is arranged under the following headings, where they apply:

THE CONSTITUTION
THE GOVERNMENT
   HEAD OF STATE
   CABINET/COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
   MINISTRIES
LEGISLATURE
ELECTION COMMISSION
STATE GOVERNMENTS
POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION
JUDICIAL SYSTEM
RELIGION
THE PRESS
PUBLISHERS
BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS
   TELECOMMUNICATIONS
   RADIO
   TELEVISION
FINANCE
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   STATE BANKS
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