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Preface

The first National Bureau of Economic Research–East Asia Seminar on Economics was held in Seoul, Korea, in June 1990. This volume presents the papers and comments of discussants from that conference, revised for publication.

The seminar was jointly sponsored by the National Bureau of Economic Research and the Korea Development Institute with the support of the Chung-Hwa Institute. The Korea Development Institute was the host institution and provided amazingly efficient arrangements, hospitality, and secretarial support for the conference. A planning committee, consisting of ourselves, Dr. Koo Bon Ho of the Korea Development Institute, and the late Dr. C. M. Hou of Colgate University and Chung-Hua Institute, was responsible for organizing the program. We are grateful to Drs. Hou and Koo and to all three institutions for their support of this endeavor and believe that the outcome of the conference, as represented in these papers, provides evidence of the benefits of cooperation and of the fruitfulness of the approach.

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