Introducing Nomura Foundation

Nomura Foundation is pleased to offer this publication on capital markets in Asia, sharing the perspectives of scholars and practitioners from throughout the region.

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The foundation’s programs focus on four areas: Social Sciences, Foreign Student Scholarships, Arts and Culture, and World Economy. The Social Sciences program provides grants for academic research in economics, law, politics, and other social sciences, particularly research involving international and interdisciplinary approaches. Our Foreign Student Scholarship Program provides two-year scholarships to foreign students working toward advanced degrees in the social sciences or humanities at leading Japanese universities.

The Arts and Culture program provides grants to up-and-coming talent, international cultural exchanges, exhibitions, performances, and other individual and group artistic endeavors. The foundation supports the Nomura Art Prize, which aims to promote the fine arts in Japan and support young artists by collecting and preserving their works, and the work of Dunhuang Academy to preserve the Silk Road frescoes in the Mogao Caves of western China.

The World Economy program carries on the work of the former Tokyo Club Foundation for Global Studies in funding research, conferences, and publications on the global macro economy and capital market development.
Since 2010 the World Economy Program has organized conferences on the global macro economy in partnership with the Brookings Institution (U.S.), Chatham House (UK), the Development Research Center of the State Council (China), Nomura Securities, Nomura Institute of Capital Markets Research and other organisations. Issues addressed included “Demographic Change, Economic Growth, and Fiscal Sustainability” and “Productivity, Technology, and Growth.” Together with the Development Research Center of the State Council, China Center for International Knowledge on Development and Nomura Institute of Capital Markets Research the foundation has organised conferences bringing together experts from China and Japan to discuss capital market development in China and the lessons from Japan’s experience. These conferences have covered such topics as “The Role of Capital Markets Encouraging ‘from Savings to Investment’” and “Capital Markets and Development through Innovation.” (A complete list of conference titles and programs can be found on the foundation’s website http://www.nomurafoundation.or.jp/en/.)

In order to inform the general public, the foundation’s website archives the research papers and presentations prepared for its World Economy conferences. In addition, Nomura Foundation has provided financial backing for a number of print publications including several conference volumes published by the Brookings Institution, Capital Markets in India published by Sage, Inc., the quarterly Japanese-language journal Chinese Capital Markets Research, and the semi-annual Nomura Journal of Asian Capital Markets. All the contents of Chinese Capital Markets Research and Nomura Journal of Asian Capital Markets can be found on the foundation’s website.

With the publication of Nomura Journal of Asian Capital Markets the foundation continues its support of research on capital market development and extends its scope beyond China, India, and Japan to cover the emerging economies of Asia.