

Preface

Government innovation has now become a global trend across the world. Since the 80s, countries such as US, UK, Australia and New Zealand have been carrying out public governance reform by transforming the role of the government and achieving more efficiency in public expenditures.

The Asian region is not an exception to this trend. While Korea, Japan, and China have actively pursued government innovation, many southeast Asian countries are now on the way toward public reform processes. However, the patterns and processes in the government innovation are not so uniform with each country having different economic and political development and cultural environments.

Taking these into account, it is timely to conduct comparative studies of Asian countries' efforts on government innovation to address important characteristics, experiences and strategies for better public governance in the Asian region.

As the OECD Asian Centre for Public Governance seeks to play a bridge role between OECD and Asia in the area of public governance, the publication of this book is meaningful for the Centre in its efforts to serve as a resource centre to support OECD's works on public governance with non-OECD Asian countries.

I hope that this book would provide valuable implications and lessons on government innovation and further contribute to the promoting better public governance across and beyond Asia.

Thank you.

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