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*"The impacts of climate change are likely to be of serious consequence for Asia, and therefore, not only is Asia's response to this challenge important within a global context, but also of direct relevance to protection of the environment. Asia has to find a path of development, which distinctly reflects this concern for achieving economic progress while dealing with the need to stabilise the earth's climate. The White Paper would, therefore, be of great value to decision makers in the region, [ ... ] providing an integrated view of Asia's development with due regard to the global challenges of climate change and depletion of natural resources."*

**Dr. R.K. Pachauri, Chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and Director-General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**

*"As the centre of economic power continues to shift to Asia, the continent will play a critical role in the development of global strategies to address the challenges of climate change. This seminal White Paper does an excellent job of showing how development and climate change policies can be integrated in the region. IGES is to be commended for bringing its excellent research capacity to bear on this subject."*

**Mr. David Runnalls, President, International Institute for Sustainable Development**

*"This publication is very timely, as intensive negotiations on the post-2012 climate regime process are about to start. Developing countries in Asia have largely been less proactive in addressing climate change so far. As a growth centre of the world economy, however, Asia will soon become the biggest emitter of greenhouse gases. In this context, the White Paper makes various recommendations on how Asia should contribute to the global climate change objectives, cautioning against pursuing unsustainable carbon-intensive development paths and stressing the need for addressing the issue within the overarching context of Asia's sustainable development priorities. I strongly support the conclusion of the report."*

**Mr. Nobutoshi Akao, Secretary General, ASEAN - Japan Centre**

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