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Innovation is the development and application of ideas which involved the use of technology. Combined with equitable research and development expenditure, innovation is essential to ensure competitiveness of a country which will lead to sustainable economic growth. Thus, this book analyse the importance of innovation and how it relates to other contributing factors, for example foreign direct investment. In addition to that, this book also provides insight on environmental issues and financial investment which are also important determinants for innovation and foreign direct investment. It is hoped that this book could be a good reference for researchers and students as well as policy makers to understand and formulate relevant policies based on the analysis and findings.



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## **Preface**

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The objective of this book is to provide a platform for researchers and students to publish and share their research findings. The papers in this book deal with innovation, foreign direct investment, export, financial development, gold investment as well as environment in developing countries including transition economies and Asia Pacific countries.

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