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Abstract

This paper examines the current situation pertaining to trade and financial integration in East Asia from various approaches and discusses potential linkages between intra-regional trade and financial integration. This paper also offers policy suggestions based upon its analyses that take full account of the post-global crisis policy landscape. The main conclusions drawn from this study are as follows: (i) the overall degree of intra-regional trade and financial integrations in East Asia still remain insufficient, as the region's financial integration lags far behind its trade integration; (ii) inter-regional links appear stronger than intra-regional links in East Asian economies; and (iii) intra-regional trade and portfolio investment flows in East Asia generally show positive correlations. Developing East Asia would benefit from wider regional mechanisms with the enhancement of intra-regional trade and financial integration. Since East Asia is at a critical turning point, this paper suggests that East Asian countries strive to strengthen the regional mechanisms with smoothly functioning, integrated regional markets while effectively controlling its risks. They should focus especially on enhancing trade policy cooperation, expediting capital market development, effectively managing cross-border portfolio investments, and strengthening regional safety networks. The three major countries in the region—Japan, China, and Korea—should take the lead in facilitating the integration process.

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limitations of export-led growth and dependence on developed Western markets. The global crisis made clear the need to address a range of issues across the region related to finance, such as enhancing financial stability, promoting financial sector development and intra-regional integration, and reforming the international financial architecture from Asia's perspective. In particular, the global crisis revealed the need to further financial integration and cooperation to strengthen the safety-net mechanism and promote financial markets in the region. During the spread of the recent global financial crisis, the CMI—a regional liquidity support mechanism for ASEAN+3 countries—did not significantly assist Asian countries. Financial markets in many Asian countries still remain quite underdeveloped. The global crisis also accentuates the need to reform regional trade policies with an emphasis on intra-regional trade integration, since East Asian economies were affected via trade and investments.

East Asian governments are each making multifaceted efforts to further strengthen regional economic integration and cooperation in the financial and trade sector since the global financial crisis. The recent global crisis acted as the trigger for the further promotion of regionalism, and it is expected that the process will accelerate in the near future.² East Asian countries agree that regional economic integration and cooperation are imperative to rebalance growth and sustain stable development in the region in the post-global crisis era. Considering the current situation and increasing importance of the East Asian economies in the global economy,³ economic integration in the region is an important and challenging issue for the stable economic growth of the region and the world. The integration of national financial markets in particular will help facilitate the mobilization of regional savings for regional investment. The three major economies in the region—Japan, China, and Korea—are expected to play substantial roles in promoting regional economic integration.

² The Asian financial crisis marked the beginning of significant economic and financial regionalism in East Asia. Regarding recent economic regionalism in Asia, Chia (2010b) argues that Asia's regionalism has developed differently from Europe's and has taken on a different structure, even though the media, as well as some official announcements, refer to a "Europe-type" regionalism. In addition, Mahbubani (2010) argues that the Asian integration model can better serve as a model for regionalism in the world because it is pragmatic, just, and workable across messy boundaries and civilizations. He describes the strengths of Asian regionalism as follows: (i) the Asian model is more applicable to the world because it is a multi-civilization model; (ii) Asia has experienced no wars in recent years; and (iii) the Asian cooperation model is pragmatic in the sense that agreements follow actions, unlike in the European Union (EU), where actions follow agreements; thus, the Asian model is more flexible.

³ In terms of purchasing power parity GDP, the collective economic size of the ASEAN+3 countries accounted for about one-quarter of the world economy in 2008.

the requesting member under an IMF program. Linking the CMI to an IMF program and its conditionality was designed to address the concern that the liquidity shortage of a requesting country might be due to fundamental policy problems rather than the mere panic (i.e., herd behavior) of investors or genuine external shocks.¹⁴ Linking the CMI to an IMF program, especially the small IMF de-linked portion, is now regarded as an impediment to countries with liquidity problems in approaching CMI for financial support. In fact, during the present financial crisis, the CMI did not significantly assist Asian countries.¹⁵ The agreement on country contributions, particularly among the Plus-3 countries, was a momentous achievement in that the CMIM is now designed as a U.S. dollar liquidity support and has a more inclusive arrangement.¹⁶

2. Initiatives for Bond Market Development

Since the Asian financial crisis, Asian countries have actively pursued the development of their bond markets¹⁷ in collaboration with each other. The promotion of the bond market development was initiated by governments and central banks in the region through diverse initiatives such as the ABMI and the ABFs.

(A) Asian Bond Markets Initiative: Supply Side

The ABMI was agreed on at the ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers' Meeting in August 2003 in Manila. Since then, ABMI Working Groups, established to address key bond

¹⁴ The basic idea is that the CMI, as a crisis lending facility, should require conditionality. The potential creditors under the CMI, including Japan and China, seem to believe that the region's inability to formulate and enforce effective adjustment programs in times of crisis should require the CMI to be linked to IMF programs (Kawai [2009]).

¹⁵ For example, Korea did not choose to go to its ASEAN+3 peers for liquidity support under the CMI, given the stigma associated with the "IMF crisis" in 1997–98, even though its financial market was hit hard by the external shocks following the collapse of Lehman Brothers in September 2008.

¹⁶ Hong Kong, China (hereafter Hong Kong) was allowed to join the CMIM without becoming a formal member of the ASEAN+3 finance ministers' process.

¹⁷ It is well known that there are two reasons why the development of bond markets has been regarded as one of the most important policy goals in the region since the Asian financial crisis. First, the major cause of the Asian financial crisis was excessive dependence on bank-intermediated financing and foreign short-term financing, which led to currency and maturity mismatch. Second, in Asia, mobilization of the region's accumulated savings and foreign reserves in the region is needed. The development of bond markets in the region is a very effective and efficient means of resolving such problems; reducing the double mismatches in regional financing, and facilitating the mobilization of the accumulated capital in the region.

hoc Working Team.²³ The four Task Forces, the TACT, and the Working Team report to the Steering Group. Through this ABMI working structure, ASEAN+3 policymakers are promoting local-currency bond markets.

In May 2009, the ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers' Meeting agreed to establish a Credit Guarantee and Investment Mechanism (CGIM)²⁴ to promote the development of domestic and regional bond markets by improving companies' access to bond markets. Since then, the ABMI Task Force 1 (TF1), which addresses the issues of promoting issuance of local currency-denominated bonds, has supported the establishment of the mechanism. The main purpose of the CGIM/Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF) is to provide credit guarantees to domestic and cross-border issuers seeking to meet their funding needs in local currencies. The ASEAN+3 countries are also undertaking studies on the possibility of creating a regional clearance and settlement system. The ABMI established the ABMF (Asian Bond Market Forum) in September 2010 to discuss various bond market issues to further develop liquid and smoothly functioning bond markets, and effectively channel the region's abundant savings toward its increasing investment needs.²⁵

the regulatory framework; and (TF4) improving the related infrastructure.

²² The main role of the TACT is to supply the technical assistance to decreasing the disparities in bond market development levels among member countries.

²³ An *ad hoc* Working Team can be set up if necessary to execute a specific Steering Group recommendation.

²⁴ At the Minister of Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting held in November 2009, ASEAN+3 member countries agreed to change the name of the CGIM to the Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF) to give a better indication of the CGIM functions. Its role is to address market failures and fill a gap in the market by enhancing investment grade issuers' access to debt markets, which means that it will offer financial services not currently available in the market, and complement products currently offered by financial institutions (ADB [2009]). The CGIF, as a trust fund of the ADB with initial capital of US\$700 million, will be launched soon..

²⁵ The ABMF will provide ASEAN+3 officials with the viewpoints and recommendations of the regions' bond market experts on issues that will be adopted by Task Force 3 (TF3) of the ABMI. The ABMF will (i) provide in-depth analysis of bond markets in the region and make intra-regional comparisons in order to identify national differences and target the market characteristics required for harmonization and standardization; (ii) explore issues to promote harmonization of bond standards to facilitate cross-border issuance and investment; and (iii) prepare a strategy and road map for the harmonization of regulations and market practices, and integration of bond markets across the region.

the countries in the Asian region have maintained relatively steady levels despite the overall decrease in recent years: the intensity index in Asia decreased from 2.0 in 1985 to 1.7 in 2009, and the intensity index among the ASEAN+3 countries decreased from 1.5 to 1.1 during the same period. This intensity index in Asia in 2009 (1.7) is the same level as that for Europe (1.7). The intensity index among the ASEAN+3 countries (1.1), however, is considerably lower.

Examining the share of the regional contribution to Asia's trade growth, we identify some prominent features (Table IV-6). First, the ASEAN+3 countries have played a major role in expanding intra-regional trade in Asia. For example, the share of the ASEAN+3's contribution to Asia's (ASEAN+3's) trade growth during 1992–2009 is 39.5 (39.0) percent on average. The greater part of the trade growth in ASEAN and all other individual countries in the region has also been attributed to the ASEAN+3. Second, among the ASEAN+3, the Plus-3 countries have contributed much to trade growth in Asia: the share of the Plus-3 countries' contribution to the Asia's (ASEAN+3's) trade growth is 25.4 (25.6) percent on average during 1992–2009. A large part of the Plus-3 countries' trade growth has also been attributed to inter-Plus-3 countries' trade. In contrast, ASEAN has played only a minor role:⁵⁸ the share of ASEAN's contribution to Asia's (ASEAN+3's) trade growth is 14.1 (13.5) percent on average during the same period. In addition, the Plus-3 countries and ASEAN contributed to ASEAN's trade growth 25.7 percent and 26.2 percent, respectively, on average during 1992–2009. However, the contribution of ASEAN to the Plus-3 countries' trade growth has been limited (especially in regard to China's trade growth) over the entire sampled period.

⁵⁸ Abraham and Van Hove (2005) argue that ASEAN has played only a minor role in expanding intra-East Asian trade.

Asian countries correspondingly depend more on inter-regional flows than intra-regional flows in cross-border borrowing and lending. According to BIS statistics,⁶³ for example, total cross-border claims by Japanese banks increased more than three times (206.3 percent) during 1999–2009: claims by Japanese banks on either the United States or European countries increased to more than three times, respectively. However, by contrast, Japanese banks’ cross-border claims on Asia increased only 82.6 percent during the same period (Figure IV-9). Similarly, the U.S. banks’ or European banks’ claims on Asia were much larger, and grew faster than Japanese banks’ claims on Asia: U.S. banks’ and European banks’ foreign claims on Asia increased 1,074 and 527.4 percent, respectively, during 1999–2009 (Figures IV-10 and IV-11).

Foreign banks’ foreign claims on each region, by origin, show a similar pattern. As Figure IV-12 shows, the share of the U.S. and European banks’ foreign claims on Asia in the total claims on Asia by all BIS reporting foreign banks increased from 6.8 and 48.2 percent in 1999 to 19.0 and 52.1 percent in 2009. By contrast, foreign banks’ claims within the European countries were primarily intra-regional: the share of the foreign claims by European banks on Europe in the total claims on Europe accounted for 72.4 percent in 2004 and 72.8 percent in 2009 (Figure IV-14). The share of the European banks’ foreign claims on the United States in the total claims on the United States by all BIS reporting foreign banks also maintained high levels, accounting for 74.5 percent in 2004 and 66.7 percent in 2009 (Figure IV-13).

2. Price-Based Measures

In this section, we examine the financial integration with three sets of price-based measures: correlations of the money and bond market rates, the UIP condition, and co-movement of stock market indices and returns with their causalities among the selected countries in East Asia and the United States. Considering the weight and importance in the Asian and global economy, we primarily explore the development of financial integration among the three major countries in Asia: Japan, China, and Korea.

⁶³ Cross-border bank flow data are BIS-reporting banks only. Bilateral data for reporting banks in Asia are published by BIS for only Japan and Chinese Taipei. However, the time-series data for Chinese Taipei’s banks are not available for the period of analysis.

As seen in Table IV-13, the correlations in stock price indices and stock market returns in the United States, Japan, Korea, and China show mixed patterns on the integration in their stock markets. First, reviewing the correlations of the stock market indices, we see some prominent trends: stock markets in Japan, Korea, and China move more tightly with the U.S. stock market and show positive correlations with each other in the post-crisis period (especially China and Korea). Correlations in stock market returns, on the other hand, do not show prominent trends. China-Japan correlations and China-Korea correlations are low, as opposed to high Korea-Japan correlations, which also increase over time. Correlations in stock price indices in other East Asian countries (Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Chinese Taipei, and Thailand) also show similar dominant trends in the post-crisis period (Table IV-14): their stock markets move more tightly with the U.S. stock market and correlate positively with others simultaneously.

We review the causality in stock market returns between the markets in the United States, Japan, Korea, and China during the same sample periods (Table IV-15). The results display changes in underlying patterns: (i) before the Asian crisis, there are strong causalities that run from the United States to Japan and Korea, whereas no casualties run from the three countries to the United States and between the three countries; and (ii) in the post Asian crisis, there are mutual causalities between the United States and Japan, while there are strong, one-sided causalities that run from the United States to Korea and China; and the linkages between Japan, Korea, and China show a mixed pattern: Korea and Japan have statistically significant mutual causalities, and there are causalities that run from China to Japan and Korea.

3. Institutional and Regulatory Measures

In this section, we examine the evidence on institutional and regulatory measures of financial integration in East Asia. These measures include institutional and regulatory changes in financial systems and financial markets. Effectively designed financial market infrastructure and regulatory frameworks are generally known to increase the benefits while containing the risks of financial integration. Factors pertaining to financial systems in individual countries include diverse areas such as financial institutions, domestic and international financial markets, financial supervision, and payment settlement systems, all of which are closely interlinked. It is very difficult to generalize these expansive areas to examine the degree of financial integration across the countries in the region, because of the diverse state of development of Asian economies. It is possible, however, to narrow them down to two key categories: regulations and barriers that affect cross-border portfolio investments, and those that affect settlement in the financial markets from the viewpoint of common interests in East Asian countries. The consensus that developed among policymakers in the region following the Asian financial crisis to promote financial integration was that financial integration in Asia lagged intra-regional trade integration, and that liquid and well-regulated capital markets were essential for effective allocation of the region's savings and strengthening of the region's resilience to domestic and external shocks.

In this respect, first we review the current cross-border portfolio investment regulations on capital flows in selected countries in East Asia. Regulations on cross-border investments are basically considered as important matters subject to constant policy review in individual countries. In selected countries in the region with developed financial markets such as Hong Kong, Japan, and Singapore, there are no restrictions on both capital inflows into the domestic financial markets and capital outflows by resident and non-resident investors. There are, however, many restrictions and barriers to cross-border portfolio investments in most developing countries in the region—in certain areas such as foreigners' investment in specific domestic financial instruments, residents' investment abroad, and repatriation of capital and profits (Appendix IV-5). In addition, following the recent global crisis, some countries in the region are strengthening controls on capital flows to efficiently reduce the expected negative effects of the capital flows.

we exclude the data in 2008 that showed a sharp flight of capital out of emerging Asia during the spread of the global crisis. With these data limitations, we can make the following observations (Table IV-15).⁸¹

First of all, intra-regional flows of trade and changes in portfolio investments show positive correlations in Asia throughout 2001–07. The average intra-Asia correlation coefficients that represent contemporary and time-lag links between trade flows and changes in portfolio investment in the selected respective Asian countries are significantly positive except for the Philippines and Thailand. Reviewing contemporary correlation coefficients of the respective countries with Asia8, the coefficients in Japan, Malaysia, and Singapore are significantly high. The time-lag correlation coefficients in Japan, Korea, and Malaysia are also very significant, at 0.9. When we include more global data in the portfolio investments, the correlation coefficients generally show a higher level with the exception of Japan. In the case of Japan, the links between trade flows and changes in portfolio investments display low correlations.

Second, when we add the BIS data (the selected BIS reporting banks' gross foreign claims) to the portfolio investments, the trade flows and changes in portfolio investments appear to have a significantly high positive correlation. In Japan, for example, the links of the trade flows and changes in portfolio investments including Japanese banks' foreign claims mostly show very significant positive correlation coefficients.

Third, the results do not show clear signs of causalities between the trade flows and changes in portfolio investments. Considering the lack of time-series data, we limit our time-lag correlation analysis to a one-period lag. The time-lag correlation coefficients of both cases (trade leads Δ finance and Δ finance leads trade) in respective Asian countries show significant positive levels except for Thailand. There are no clear patterns and differences in the series of two time-lag correlation coefficients. Based on these results, it is difficult to decide whether trade flows lead changes in portfolio investments, or vice versa.

⁸¹ We find results similar to those derived by Cowen et al. (2006), with more significant and additional evidence such as the following: (i) there are overall strong positive correlations between trade and changes in portfolio investments in contemporary and time-lag links; (ii) the links between the levels of trade and portfolio investments show high correlation coefficients (Appendix IV-9); and (iii) there are no clear causalities between trade and changes in portfolio investments; however, in some cases we find mutual time-lag correlations.

In some cases, however, we find mutual time-lag correlations between trade flows and changes in portfolio investments.⁸²

V. Assessment of Financial Integration in East Asia and Its Implications

In this chapter, we assess and summarize the degree of financial integration in East Asia based on the results of the analyses in Chapter IV, and review the policy implications and challenges in the post-crisis policy landscape.

A. Summary: The Degree of Trade and Financial Integration in East Asia

Asian countries have in the last decade achieved remarkable progress in economic integration. The degree of integration, however, is still insufficient, with financial integration lagging behind real economy integration. Inter-regional links appear to be stronger than intra-regional links in East Asian countries. Intra-regional trade and portfolio investment flows in Asia generally show positive correlations.

(1) Trade Integration: Intra-regional trade in Asia showed a remarkable increase mainly due to the contributions of the ASEAN+3 (especially the Plus-3 countries), which displayed relatively steady levels of trade interdependence. The overall degree of integration, however, is lower than that of Europe.

- Intra-regional trade share has steadily increased over the past two decades, while intra-regional trade intensities have maintained relatively steady levels despite the overall decrease in recent years. Both measures of trade interdependence in Asia, especially among

⁸² Despite lack of time-series data, we managed to examine the causality between trade flows and portfolio investments. The results of the causality test show that there are no clear causalities in general; however, we find limited evidence as follows: (i) when we examine the causality between variables in Asia8, Japan, Malaysia, and Thailand show causalities that run from changes in portfolio investments to trade flows; and (ii) when we include the global data in the portfolio investments, there are causalities that run from trade flows to changes in portfolio investments, in the case of Japan the Philippines, Korea, and Thailand. Furthermore, in the case of Japan, when we include Japanese banks' foreign claims in the portfolio investments, trade flows and portfolio investments exhibit more significant causalities (Appendix IV-10).

the countries in the ASEAN+3, are lower than those of Europe.

- The ASEAN+3, especially the Plus-3 countries, have played a major role in Asia's trade growth. Intra-ASEAN+3 trade also depended more on the Plus-3 countries than the ASEAN countries.

(2) Financial Integration: Evidence from quantity and price-based measures, and institutional/regulatory measures, suggest that financial integration in Asia remains low, although it increased following the Asian financial crisis.

Quantity-Based Measures:

- Intra-regional portfolio investment in Asia is small, with an imbalance in assets and liabilities: long-term debt assets account for a larger part of total assets, while equity liabilities form the majority of liabilities.
- Asian countries depend more on inter-regional flows than intra-regional flows in cross-border borrowing and lending.

Price-Based Measures:

- Money and bond markets in Japan and Korea have generally moved tightly with the U.S. money and bond market since the Asian financial crisis. Money and bond markets in Japan, Korea, and China have also moved closely with each other in recent years.
- The differentials of the interest rates between domestic and foreign interest rates with expected exchange rate changes (UIDs) in Japan, Korea, China, and the United States show mixed patterns.
- Stock markets in Japan, Korea, and China move more tightly with the U.S. stock market since the Asian financial crisis, and stock markets among the three major Asian nations (especially China and Korea) also show positive correlations. The correlations in stock price indices in other East Asian countries also suggest a tighter interrelationship with the U.S. stock market following the Asian financial crisis.
- Strong causalities run from the U.S. stock market to stock markets in Japan, Korea, and China. However, links among the stock markets in Japan, Korea, and China are not as clear.

Institutional and Regulatory Measures:

- Evidence from institutional and regulatory measures focused on financial market infrastructure and regulatory frameworks suggests that financial integration in East Asia is low, despite continuing efforts to promote such integration since the Asian financial crisis.

(3) Intra-Regional Trade and Finance Linkages: Evidence with limited data shows an overall positive correlation between intra-regional trade and portfolio investment flows.

- The average intra-Asia correlation coefficients that represent contemporary and time-lag links between trade flows and changes in portfolio investment during 2001–07 in the selected Asian countries are significantly positive overall.
- The results do not show clear signs of causalities between the trade flows and changes in portfolio investments due to limitations of the data.

B. Policy Landscape and Challenges in East Asia

1. Policy Landscape Following the Global Financial and Economic Crisis

The Asian financial crisis marked an important turning point in the role of finance in most Asian economies.⁸³ It also marked the beginning of significant economic and financial regionalism in East Asia. During the decade following the Asian financial crisis, Asian economies continued to focus on export-led growth, but combined it with gradual financial liberalization, regional cooperation on issues of common concern, and accumulation of defensive foreign exchange reserves.

The global financial and economic crisis that commenced in 2007 marked another important turning point in the financial and economic development in Asia. Regional consensus has shifted in the wake of the global crisis: toward economic rebalancing away from the dominant focus on exports to developed markets such as the United States and Europe, and toward a more balanced economic structure supported by domestic and regional financial development. The global financial and economic crisis has highlighted

⁸³ The major role of the finance shifted, given the failure of the Asian growth model developed in the context of the Japanese-inspired model of the developmental state and at the same time a rejection of rapid financial liberalization (Arner and Schou-Zibell [2010]).

three major vulnerabilities: weaknesses in financial regulation and supervision; limitations of export-led growth and dependence on Western markets; and weakness in the reserve accumulation model. The global crisis highlights the urgent need to address a wide range of financial issues specific to the region, which can be narrowed down to three key areas:⁸⁴ enhancing financial stability; promoting financial sector development; and reforming the international financial architecture. Following the global crisis, the Group of 20 (G20) addressed these areas with a range of specific issues⁸⁵ regarding financial and economic weaknesses,⁸⁶ on the global and regional level. Developing countries in Asia face much more urgent issues beyond multifaceted weaknesses highlighted by the global crisis.

For Asia, the key lesson of the recent crisis has been the need to further develop and rebalance domestic economies, broaden trade and investment sources and destinations, and enhance domestic and regional financial systems. Among the issues currently being addressed, the issue of financial sector development to support growth and address global imbalances⁸⁷ is particularly important in Asia, if the current situation of the financial sector in the region is taken into account. Arner and Schou-Zibell (2010) point out that one aspect of finance that the global financial crisis has not changed is the fact that finance remains

⁸⁴ First, regarding financial stability, the crisis holds important lessons and presents significant opportunities for enhancing financial regulation in the region; moreover, Asian approaches to financial liberalization, prudential regulation, and financial innovation are likely to be closely considered around the world. Second, regarding financial sector development, the Asian financial system, despite having developed significantly since the Asian financial crisis, retains considerable scope for development: beyond the post-crisis issues, a necessity in the context of effectively allocating regional financial surpluses to support domestic and regional development and economic rebalancing; Third, in addition to domestic reform, the crisis provides an opportunity to enhance the international financial architecture, not only to improve its efficacy but also to enhance the role of empowered Asian economies in global fora and institutions, such as the IMF, Group of 20 (G20), and Financial Stability Board (FSB). At the same time, weaknesses in the international financial architecture suggest the need for Asian regional alternatives to address liquidity, liberalization, regulation, and exchange rate volatility (Arner and Schou-Zibell [2010]).

⁸⁵ There are “four pillars” of the G20 financial reform process: Enhancing Financial Regulation and Financial Infrastructure; Supporting Effective Macroprudential and Microprudential Supervision; Addressing Systemically Important Financial Institutions and Financial Institution Resolution; and Strengthening International and Regional Financial Assessment and Peer Review (Arner and Schou-Zibell [2010]).

⁸⁶ Arner and Schou-Zibell (2010) pointed out that the global crisis has highlighted three major types of weakness: weakness in financial regulation; limits of export-led growth and dependence on Western markets; and weakness in the reserves accumulation model. They also identified seven aspects of financial regulatory design needed to address systemic risk: (i) a robust financial infrastructure, especially payment and settlement systems; (ii) well-managed financial institutions with effective corporate governance and risk management systems; (iii) disclosure requirements sufficient to support market discipline; (iv) regulatory systems designed to reinforce risk management and market discipline, as well as setting and monitoring potential risks across all financial institutions; (v) a lender of last resort to provide liquidity to financial institutions on an appropriate basis; (vi) mechanisms for resolving problem institutions; and (vii) mechanisms to protect financial services consumers, such as deposit insurance.

⁸⁷ Adams et al. (2010) indicated that developing Asia remains at the core of global payment imbalances. They argue that regional rebalancing will depend critically on the adoption of deeper and more comprehensive structural reforms and further trade liberalization that will promote domestic spending-thus reducing Asia’s high dependence on extra regional demand.

central to growth and development, albeit with potentially high periodic costs. In this context, there is a clear need to focus efforts on financial sector development. East Asian countries are accordingly making continuous efforts to develop their financial sectors with a focus on establishing resilient national financial systems and developing financial market infrastructures including regulatory frameworks, particularly smoothly functioning capital markets and effective settlement systems in the region. East Asian authorities are also trying to develop a regional financial architecture that can complement and strengthen the current international financial architecture for crisis prevention, management, and resolution.

2. Policy Challenges in East Asia

As we examined, trade and financial integrations in the region remain insufficient. The region's financial integration lags far behind its trade integration, and intra-regional links in both sectors are relatively weaker than inter-regional links. These factors suggest that regional policymakers need to further strengthen economic ties to obtain the full benefits of increased regional integration. Evidence of positive correlation between trade and finance strongly suggest the need for increased trade and financial sector development in the region. Many challenges still lie ahead for both trade and financial integration in East Asia. Continuous strenuous efforts, especially in the financial sector, must be made to further trade and financial development and integration in the region at the multilateral and bilateral level. Here we identify the policy challenges that lie ahead for financial development and intra-regional integration in East Asia for both trade and finance.

(A) Trade Policy Cooperation in East Asia

East Asian economies have depended heavily on trade. The export-led model that spearheaded economic growth in this region also made it more vulnerable to the spread of the global economic crisis. It has been widely argued that the global economic crisis affected the East Asian economies through the trade channel rather than financial contagion.⁸⁸ a sharp fall in external demand from the United States and Europe caused a plunge in exports and economic growth for all countries in East Asia. The region remains heavily dependent on export markets in the United States and Europe through both direct

⁸⁸ See Chia (2010a, b).

exports to these destinations and indirect exports via the export of parts and components to other East Asian countries, in particular China, which are then assembled and exported as final goods to the United States and Europe. As we reviewed in Chapter IV, overall intra-regional trade integration in East Asia is still comparatively lower than that of Europe.

In this respect, the authorities in East Asia need to change their trade and development policies. East Asian countries should first redirect the basis of growth from exports sent to the United States and Europe to regional and domestic demand and cooperate in building a large integrated, dynamic regional market. Coherent regional trade policy and regional investment support are imperative to developing this integrated regional market. It is important for the ASEAN+3 to promote region-wide FTAs in order to increase intra-regional trade and demand. The recent proliferation of FTAs between the ASEAN+3 countries has so far had a scant effect on stimulating intra-regional trade. An integrated regional market could be realized by expediting the progress of the ASEAN Economic Community and taking further steps to promote FTAs among East Asia's largest economies: China, Japan, and Korea. While the potential benefits of such a market are evident and numerous,⁸⁹ there are also many challenges and difficulties in reaching a regional consensus for FTAs. Authorities in the region should work persistently to enhance expected benefits such as conducting feasibility studies to move closer to the ultimate goal of establishing region-wide FTAs.⁹⁰

The authorities in the region also need to pay attention to the links between intra-regional trade and financial sector development and integration. Based on the results of the analysis in Chapter IV, the increase in intra-regional trade could contribute toward financial sector development and integration in the region, considering the expected positive correlations between intra-regional trade and financial flows. In the long run, trade policy and integration should be considered together with financial sector development.⁹¹

⁸⁹ Plummer (2010) estimates the benefits that ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) could increase national income by 5.3 percent through elimination of non-tariff barriers (NTBs), lower trade costs, and anticipated increase in FDI. Additional likely benefits (e.g., via free movements of skilled labor, standardization/harmonization, best practices, and greater macro stability) will significantly increase potential gains.

⁹⁰ The FTAs in the region ultimately will depend on a political-economic decision based on a cost-benefit analysis of liberalization, facilitation, and cooperation in a region-wide FTA.

⁹¹ Eichengreen (2010) argues that emerging markets must think about gradually transitioning away from a tried and true growth model that has emphasized saving at the expense of consumption, slowed financial development, and successfully promoted export-led growth but at the same time contributed to global imbalances.

(B) Financial Development and Integration in East Asia

To achieve effective financial development and integration in East Asia, the authorities in the region need to prioritize policies with a long-term focus on the following: further development of capital markets with resilient financial systems to support stable growth and address global imbalances; effective management of cross-border portfolio investments; and strengthening of regional safety nets.

(1) Expediting Capital Market Development

Policymakers in the region are very much aware of the need to develop and integrate domestic and regional capital markets, especially bond markets. The recent global financial and economic crisis has made clear once again the need for developed, smoothly functioning bond markets in Asia for effective resource mobilization within the region and global rebalancing. As we reviewed in Chapter II, bond market development has been initiated by governments and central banks in Asia, but still remains insufficient.⁹² A number of constraints are impeding further development of liquid and deep Asian bond markets. To overcome them, the authorities in the region need to further expedite the process of the initiatives, and prepare a detailed blueprint and concrete action plan for Asian bond markets development at the national and regional level.

As many studies suggest, bond market development needs to focus on the introduction of efficient market infrastructure and regulatory frameworks,⁹³ including expansion of other market fundamentals such as increased demand for and supply of bonds, and on development of benchmark yield curves to reduce barriers and promote integration.⁹⁴ A well-developed financial market infrastructure could reap the benefits and contain the risks of financial integration. The considerations related to domestic bond market development also apply to the development of a regional bond market, even though the development sequence of domestic and regional bond markets is controversial.⁹⁵ In the long run, bond

⁹² Most developing Asian financial systems are still bank-centric, and often concentrated in a small number of financial institutions (Appendix V-1).

⁹³ Lee (2008) indicates that underdeveloped financial infrastructure is one of the major reasons of relative lack of financial integration in Asia.

⁹⁴ The ABMI Group of Experts, ADB (2010c) argues that gaining and retaining cross-border investors' confidence is critical to reduce the barriers, and a combination of regulatory and private sector is required.

⁹⁵ With regard to the development sequence, it is generally considered desirable to develop a country's domestic bond market first, then open it to foreign investors, and then finally introduce integrated on-shore markets or an integrated offshore regional market. For those countries with relatively developed local

markets in individual countries need to move increasingly toward more harmonized markets and establish regional standards⁹⁶ for efficient resource mobilization in the region, along with the growth of national bond markets, the harmonization of domestic markets in East Asia, and their eventual integration into a large and active regional bond market, all of which can yield numerous economic benefits.⁹⁷ Meanwhile, considering the high cross-border bond transaction costs in the region as reviewed in Chapter IV, and the very large amount of resources and time needed to develop domestic bond markets in respective individual countries, it is recommended that the authorities consider establishing Asian common (offshore) bond markets as soon as possible in some countries in the region with developed bond markets.

Cross-border payment and settlement systems in Asia should be developed further, and international links of their systems should also be promoted for effective efficient resource mobilization; from the standpoint of financial sector development to support growth, the development of effective, robust payment and settlement systems are essential to make financial resources available in individual economies and across the region, and to support the use of savings within the region and rebalance financial resources toward regional development (Arner and Schou-Zibell [2010]). To develop efficient payment settlement systems in the region, the authorities in the ASEAN+3 need to promote policy coordination among the countries in establishing ICSD-type settlement arrangement in Asia.

currency bond markets, however, it is recommended that they also promote development of the cross-border or Asian common bond markets simultaneously, considering that the global and Asian regional financial markets are becoming increasingly integrated, and that the regional bond market should be developed as an integrated part of the global capital market. At the regional level, it is recommended that Asian countries should move toward a single Asian international (offshore) bond market, just like the Eurobond market, as an ultimate goal of Asian bond market development from the long-term perspective. This international bond market will enable Asian issuers to raise funds under a common bond issuance platform at low cost and will offer Asian investors more opportunities to freely access Asian currency-denominated bonds (Jang and Hyun [2009]). For additional reference, see “Strategy for Development of Bond Markets in Asia” (Appendix V-2).

⁹⁶ For details, see “Asian Bond Standards as a Common Platform” (Appendix V-3).

⁹⁷ Regarding this point, the ABMI Group of Experts, ADB (2010d) posits the expected benefits of harmonization of bond standards in the ASEAN+3 as the following: (i) the harmonization of segmented markets into a large and more homogeneous market will lead to efficiency gains through the realization of economies scales; (ii) bond market investors can benefit from the harmonization of Asian bond markets through reduced investment costs for individual domestic market research; (iii) harmonization would provide a superior investment frontier for both regional and global investors, bringing diversity into the market and broadening the scope of risk diversification, given that countries in the region remain at different stages of economic development and possess a range of growth potential; (iv) East Asia as a whole can better establish and utilize capital market infrastructure, including trading platforms, clearing and settlement functions, price discovery, and credit rating systems; and (v) the creation of an integrated regional bond market in East Asia can help alleviate global imbalances by better matching East Asia’s vast savings with investment opportunities with the region.

(2) Effective Management of Cross-Border Portfolio Investments

As we reviewed, there are evident restrictions and barriers to cross-border portfolio investments in most of the developing countries in East Asia—in certain areas such as foreigners’ investment in specific domestic financial instruments and repatriation of capital and profits, and residents’ investment abroad. Prior to the recent global financial and economic crisis, economists and policymakers generally suggested further relaxing restrictions on cross-border investments to enhance financial integration, maintaining appropriate prudential safeguards. Following the recent global crisis, however, many countries in the region are trying to strengthen capital controls to reduce anticipated negative effects with large-scale capital flows despite their positive effects.⁹⁸ Policymakers in selected countries are taking into account both dimensions of capital flows, costs, and benefits of the capital inflows and outflows, under the recent situation in which net capital inflows have rebounded.⁹⁹

In this respect, with regard to capital flows, regulations on cross-border investments are an important issue for continual policy review in individual countries. This is because the states of the economies vary widely across countries in the region, and their capacities to cope with the accompanying liberalization risks differ.¹⁰⁰ Eichengreen (2010) points out the common argument that countries with a relatively large financial system and whose markets are open to foreign investors, such as Korea, felt the recent crisis first and most acutely.¹⁰¹ From this point of view, regulatory frameworks for domestic markets and their supervision need to be strengthened in these countries to reduce the negative effects of capital flows, especially sudden stops or reversals in capital flows. This, however, does not mean that less open or closed systems are generally better in developing countries.

⁹⁸ There are two dimensions to capital flows: (i) positive effects such as encouragement of economic growth, promotion of capital allocation efficiency, risk diversification, and development of financial markets; and (ii) negative effects such as exchange rate overshooting, increased leverage and credit booms, asset bubbles, pushing up of inflation expectations, financial instability, and sudden reversal and economic slowdown (Choi [2010]).

⁹⁹ With regard to rebounding capital inflows, Strauss-Kahn (2010) indicates that the challenges will be to absorb these flows effectively and avoid the build-up of vulnerabilities. He also indicates that any policy response must be pragmatic, and capital controls sometimes also play a role, but should not be used to avoid needed adjustment.

¹⁰⁰ Pasadilla (2008) argues that relaxation of capital flows should be a matter for constant policy review in East Asia. Kawai (2009) indicates an important lesson to draw from the global financial crisis: at the national level, a country clearly needs to establish the capacity to prevent a financial crisis: this requires prudent macroeconomic policy and effective financial regulation and supervision.

¹⁰¹ Countries with better-developed financial systems had tended to have more short-term external debt, which made for a more serious crisis.

To minimize the negative effects of the capital flows effectively in developing countries, timely policy responses for capital flows management are needed for the short term. It is important for the medium and longer term to focus on fundamental solutions such as strengthening the macroeconomic fundamentals to reduce external vulnerabilities,¹⁰² establishing a financial safety net, and coordinating current structural imbalances in accordance with the development stages of countries' financial markets. In the long run, developing countries in East Asia need to move in the direction of further financial openness for financial development and economic growth. As Obstfeld (2008) shrewdly points out, opening the financial account does appear to raise the frequency and severity of financial and economic crises. The challenge is to embrace the inevitable transition to global markets—which is only a matter of time—and find effective ways to minimize its negative effects.¹⁰³

(3) Strengthening Regional Safety Networks

The Asian financial crisis heightened calls for the establishment of a liquidity support mechanism, a safety network in East Asia, and reform of the international financial architecture to better cope with future crises. The recent global financial and economic crisis further highlights the importance of strengthening the regional safety networks and reforming the international financial architecture to promote crisis prevention, management, and resolution at both the global and regional level.

The CMI/CMIM—the regional liquidity support mechanism promoted by the ASEAN+3—has shown remarkable progress during the last two years. This regional safety network should be further strengthened in order to play a significant role in supporting liquidity among member countries in case of financial crises. To effectively address this issue, it is necessary to increase the size of the fund for sufficient liquidity support, and make the CMIM more flexible and functional to enhance its practical application. Increase of the IMF de-linked portion should be considered to eliminate the “stigma effect”

¹⁰² This includes such policies as encouraging domestic demand, improving the competitiveness of the service sector, maintaining adequate reserves, reducing maturity mismatch, and so on.

¹⁰³ Obstfeld (2008) indicates that developing countries continue to move in the direction of further financial openness: a plausible explanation is that financial development is a concomitant of successful economic growth, and a growing financial sector in an economy open to trade cannot long be insulated from cross-border financial flows. He also suggests the policy framework in which financial globalization is most likely to prove beneficial for developing countries.

associated with the IMF,¹⁰⁴ while moral hazard must also be considered. Together with strengthening the current regional liquidity support mechanism, the authorities in East Asia need to establish various financial safety networks such as currency swap arrangements among the countries in the region to cope with future crises. Reviewing the experience of Korea¹⁰⁵ during the spread of the global financial and economic crisis, we recognize the necessity of a smoothly functioning safety net to minimize the costs generated by the crises. In addition, new facilities such as the AMRO and CGIF should be established as scheduled and robustly managed to achieve optimal functioning. The AMRO must function not only as a subsidiary of the CMIM but also as a leading institution of regional financial architecture, to act as an effective surveillance mechanism in the region (Kim and Yang [2010]). Member countries should strengthen information channels among themselves to enhance the AMRO's effectiveness and minimize the costs resulting from information asymmetries.

In the meantime, East Asian countries need to consider redesigning the Asian financial architecture to better promote macroeconomic and financial stability and further effective economic integration in the region for the longer term. A smoothly functioning regional financial architecture could complement and strengthen the current international financial architecture currently represented by the IMF and the World Bank.

(C) Leading Roles of the Three Major Countries

Based on the discussions above, the paper suggests that the three major countries in the region—Japan, China, and Korea—play a more active and leading role in furthering intra-regional trade and financial integration to realize various benefits of economic integration in the region.

On the trade side, as we reviewed in Chapter IV, the three countries have mainly contributed to trade growth in East Asia, including their mutual trade, although the intra-

¹⁰⁴ The IMF de-linked portion may be increased above the limit of 20 percent after the surveillance mechanism becomes fully effective (Kawai [2009]).

¹⁰⁵ The Bank of Korea arranged a bilateral currency swap line with the U.S. Federal Reserve, which was very effective in heading off currency speculation. The Bank of Korea also arranged bilateral local-currency swap lines with the BOJ and the People's Bank of China (PBOC); Even though their size was small (US\$3 billion equivalent with the BOJ and US\$4 billion equivalent with the PBOC) and the yuan was non-convertible, these swap arrangements were also helpful.

regional trade intensity of the three countries remains comparatively low with Europe and ASEAN. The three countries need to take further steps to facilitate the proliferation of FTAs in the region. Until now, the FTAs between Japan, China, and Korea have made no progress.¹⁰⁶ There are huge potential benefits to be gained, however, through FTAs among the three countries.¹⁰⁷

On the financial side, as East Asia's largest economies, the three countries also need to further promote financial development and integration in the region: develop and link the capital markets, and strengthen the safety nets in the region. Through the integration of the developed financial markets in China, Japan, and Korea, their affluent resources could be mobilized within the region, contributing to its overall financial stability and long-term economic growth. It is suggested that with the further development of the domestic bond markets including corporate bond markets, a regional bond market should be developed. The three countries are expected to play a leading role in creating an integrated regional bond market with liquidity and depth that could complement or serve as an alternative to the advanced financial markets. The three countries, as the main contributors, are also expected to strengthen the regional safety nets to better address the needs of financial and economic stability in the crisis-ridden region.

In the meantime, it is necessary to strengthen the existing dialogue mechanisms for cooperation between China, Japan, and Korea. It would be prudent over the longer term to establish an economic cooperation entity to deal with the crucial, complex issues involving the three countries. The three countries also need to undertake comprehensive and intensive studies such as joint research and conferences on the costs and benefits of intra-regional trade, as well as financial development and integration in East Asia, including that of the three countries.

¹⁰⁶ Lee (2010) indicates that non-economic factors such as historical legacies, national rivalries and lack of community spirit seem to be more serious lingering issues to be dealt with for achieving FTAs between the three countries. He also indicates that among these obstacles, there is a reason to believe that impediments to a Japan-Korea-China FTA are relatively easier to overcome – In addition to the increasing economic interdependency among the three countries, there are many issues the three countries should cooperate on at sub-regional, regional and global levels. The growing needs for closer cooperation is likely to prevail over remaining non-economic impediments. Especially, if the leaders of the three countries acknowledge that the remaining obstacles could be mitigated through closer economic ties, FTAs between the three countries may be realized sooner than many people expect.

¹⁰⁷ Chia (2010a) indicates that considering the high concentration of intra-regional trade among the three countries and the complementarities of their industrial structure and geographic proximity, there is a high probability of an emerging trade agreement—barring political constraint. He also indicates that Japan and Korea could take advantage of the huge market and low-priced natural and human resources of China, while China could benefit from the transfer of technology and FDI from Japan and Korea.

VI. Concluding Remarks

This study assesses the current situation of trade and financial integration in East Asia and their potential association, and discusses their policy implications based on the results, considering the policy landscape following the global financial and economic crisis. The overall degree of intra-regional trade and financial integration in East Asia remains insufficient, with financial integration lagging far behind trade integration. The recent global financial and economic crisis that originated in the United States has made clear the need to change East Asia's trade and development policies and facilitate intra-regional trade and financial integration to rebalance domestic economies and maintain stable growth in the region.

Development in East Asia would benefit from wider regional mechanisms with the enhancement of intra-regional trade and financial development and integration. At this crucial turning point in East Asia, the paper suggests that East Asian countries work dynamically to increase the various benefits of the regional mechanisms with smoothly functioning, integrated regional markets. Their efforts should focus on enhancing trade policy cooperation, expediting capital market development, effectively managing cross-border portfolio investments, and strengthening regional safety networks. China, Japan, and Korea should lead this process of regional integration and cooperation.

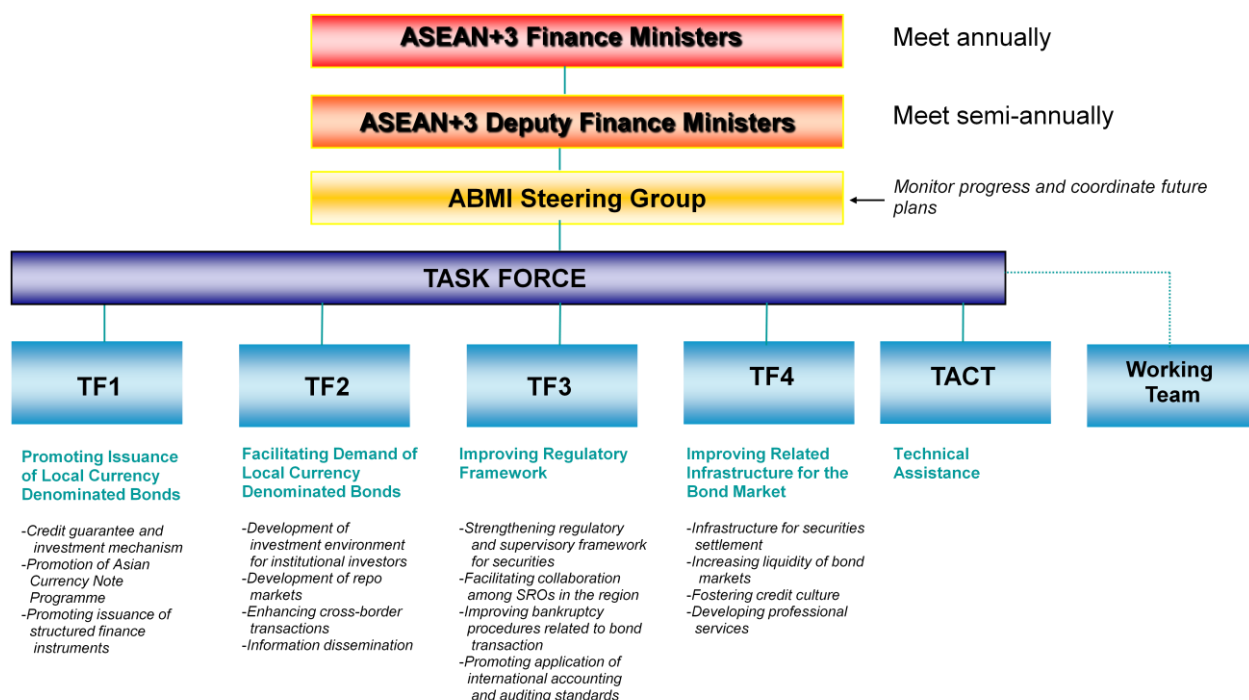
There are some challenges and limitations to furthering regional economic integration, especially in the financial sector, due to the differing states of the economies across East Asia. However, the transition to trade and financial integration in the region is inevitable, and eventually will be beneficial; it is only a question of time and the pace of change from a medium- and long-term perspective. This is because trade openness and integration are closely related to the degree of financial integration, and the major costs of financial integration stem primarily from domestic financial market imperfections and institutional weakness, not financial openness. The recent global financial and economic crisis has also supplied the trigger for furthering regionalism in East Asia.

From this point of view, it is suggested that East Asian countries strengthen regional cooperation to facilitate intra-regional trade and financial integration and reap the accompanying benefits. It is also suggested that the major countries in the region (Japan, China, and Korea) play a leading role in facilitating the integration process. Through regional economic integration and coordination, East Asian countries will be able to

achieve sustained and balanced growth at the regional and national level. Economic integration in East Asia could also play a complementary role in global-level initiatives.

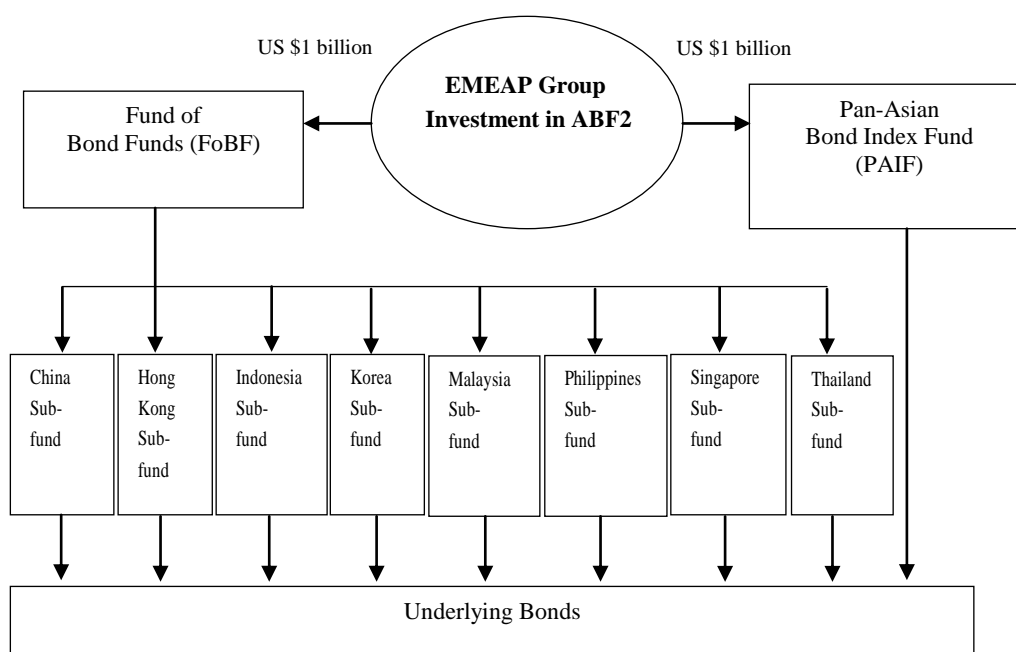
In closing, this paper mentions the limitations of this study and suggests salient issues for further study. Given the very limited quantity-based financial data available, it is difficult to assess the degree of financial integration at a regional level and identify the links between intra-regional trade and financial integration. As more comprehensive data become available for analysis, more significant and clear policy implications on financial integration can be deduced. Further studies on regional economic integration should pay particular attention to the following issues: (i) the links between the trade and financial flows at the bilateral, regional, and global level with various available data, and their implications; (ii) the role of the financial sector in promoting economic growth in the region; (iii) regional economic integration and macroeconomic policies in the region and their coordination, in particular, intra-regional capital market development including the regional offshore bond market and monetary policies in the individual countries and the region; and (iv) trade and financial integration between the major three countries (Japan, China, and Korea) in the region, and their roles in furthering intra-regional economic integration.

Appendix II-3: Organizational Structure of ABMI



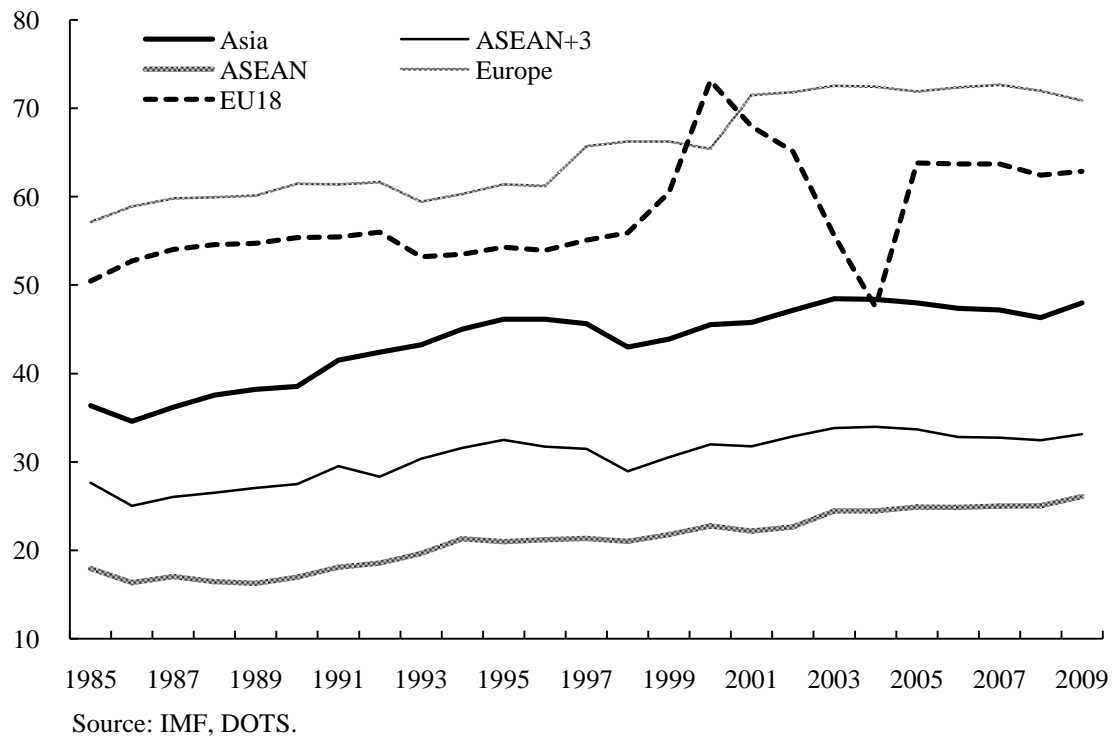
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Figure II-4: ABF-2 Framework

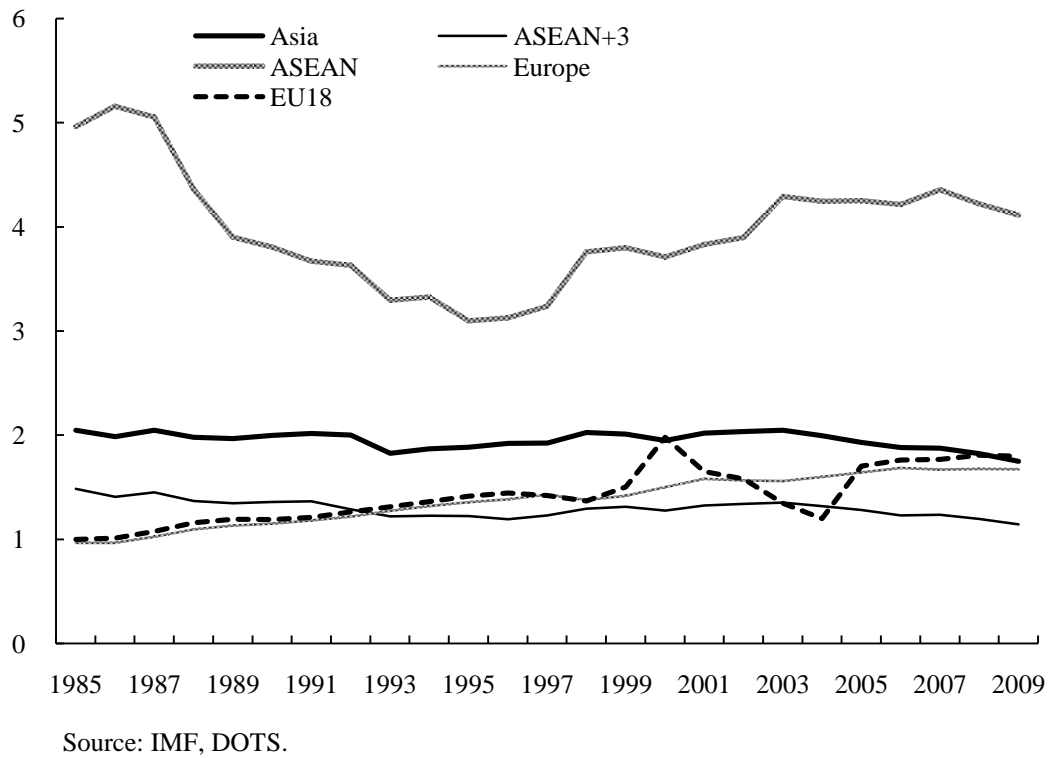


Source: EMEAP, *Review of the Asian Bond Fund 2 Initiative* (June 2006).

Appendix IV-1: Intra-regional Trade Shares (Percent)

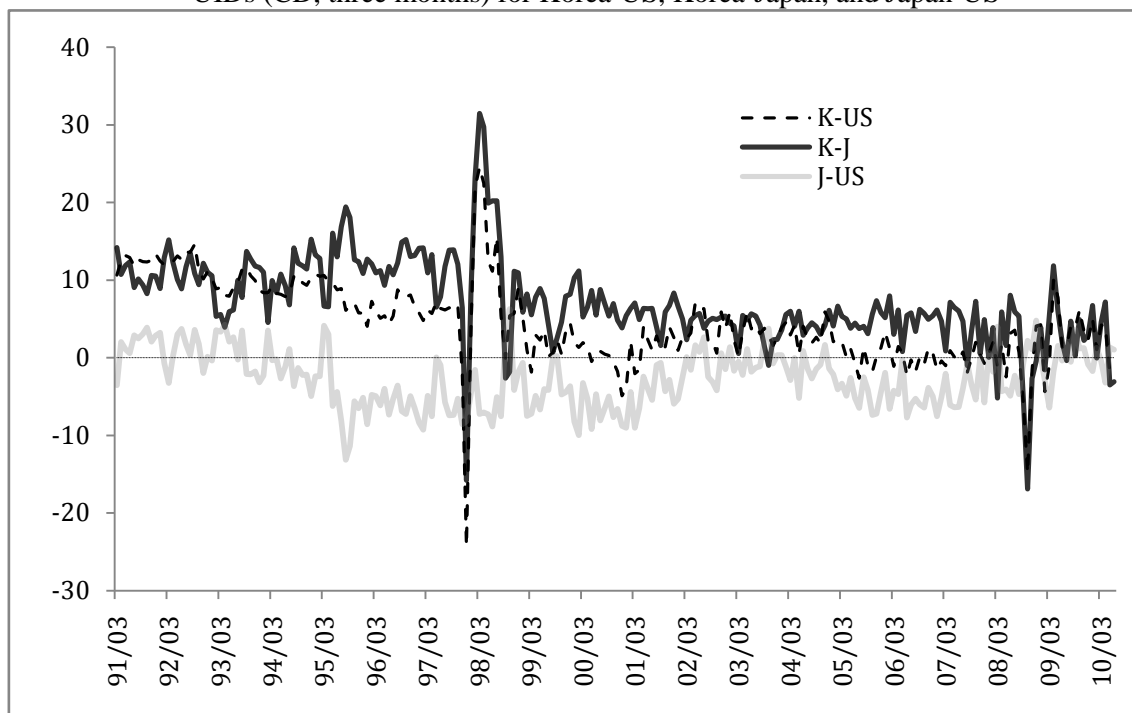


Appendix IV-2: Intra-regional Trade Intensities



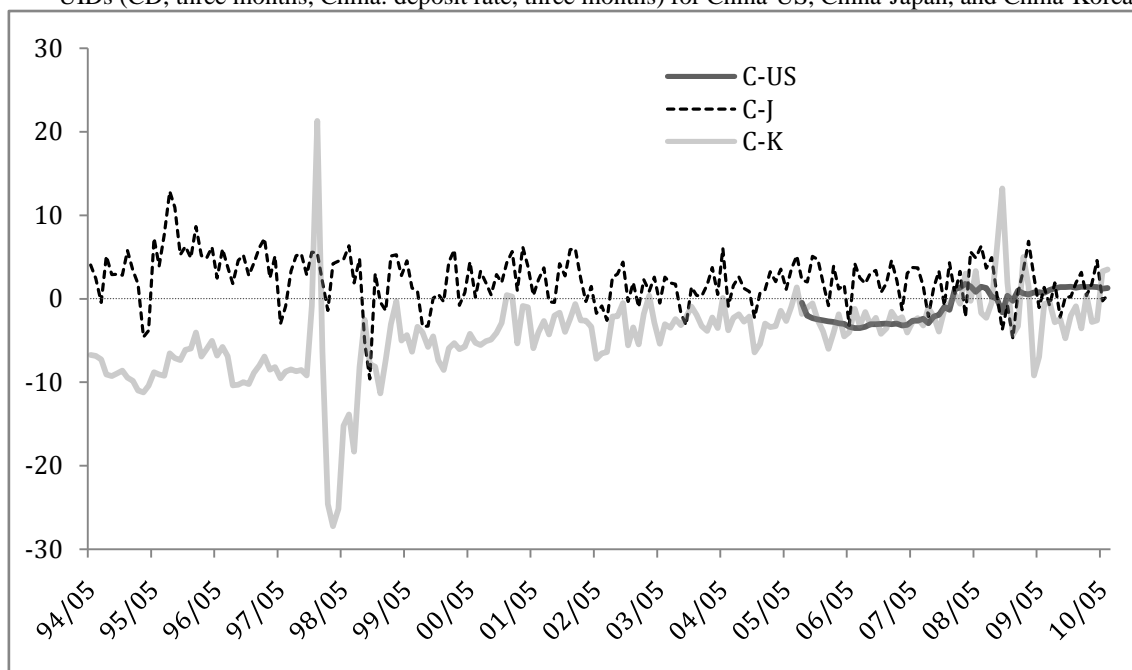
Appendix IV-3: UIP Differentials in the Money Markets

UIDs (CD, three months) for Korea-US, Korea-Japan, and Japan-US



Source: Bloomberg.

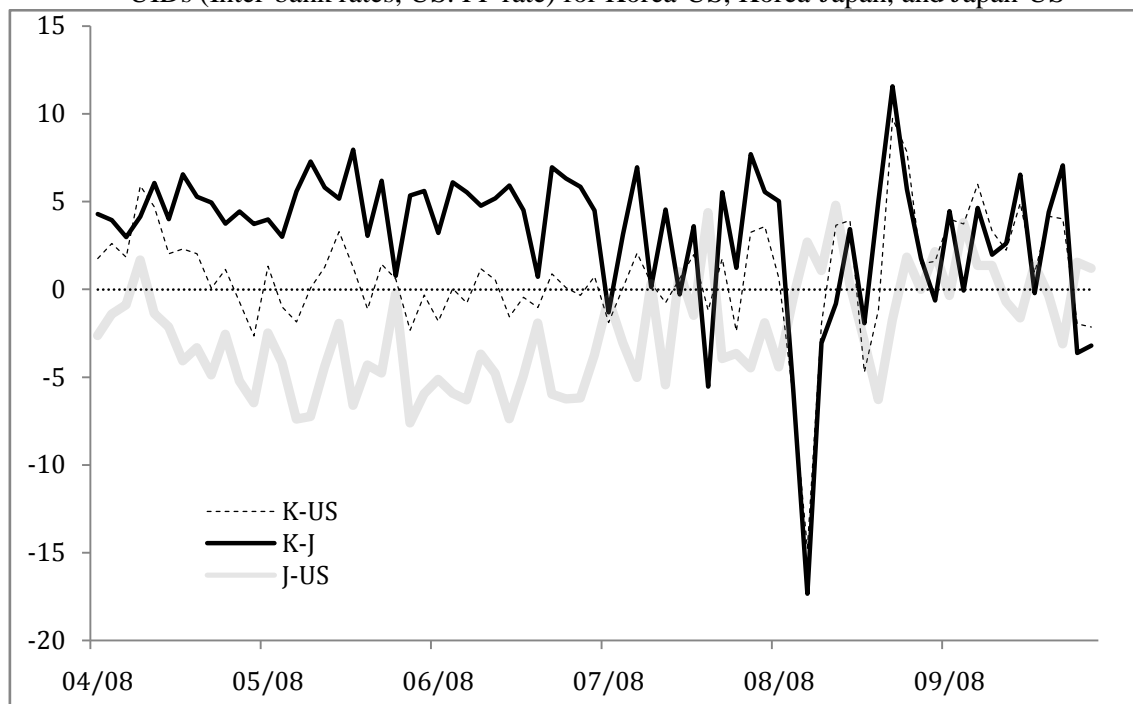
UIDs (CD, three months, China: deposit rate, three months) for China-US, China-Japan, and China-Korea



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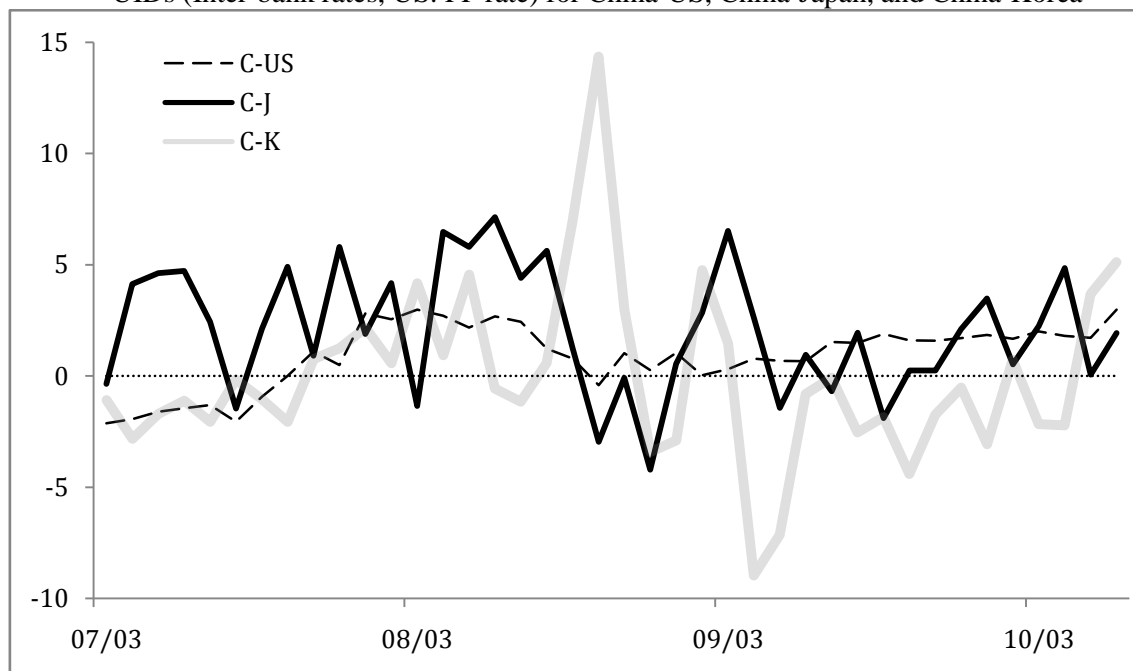
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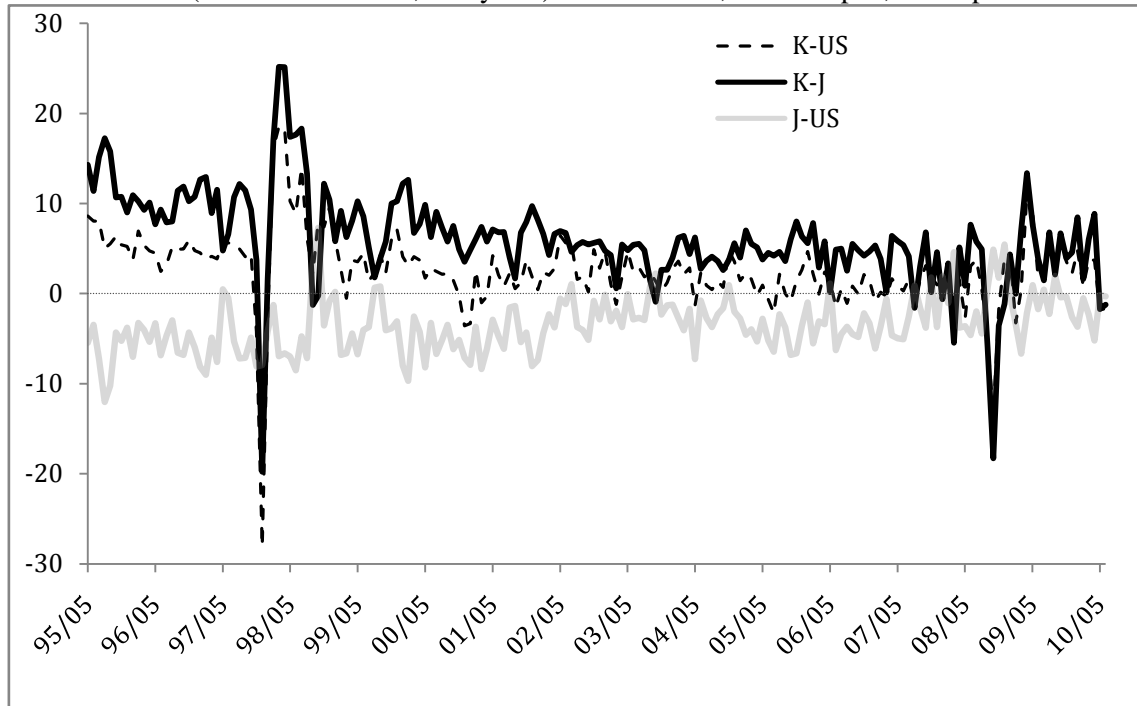
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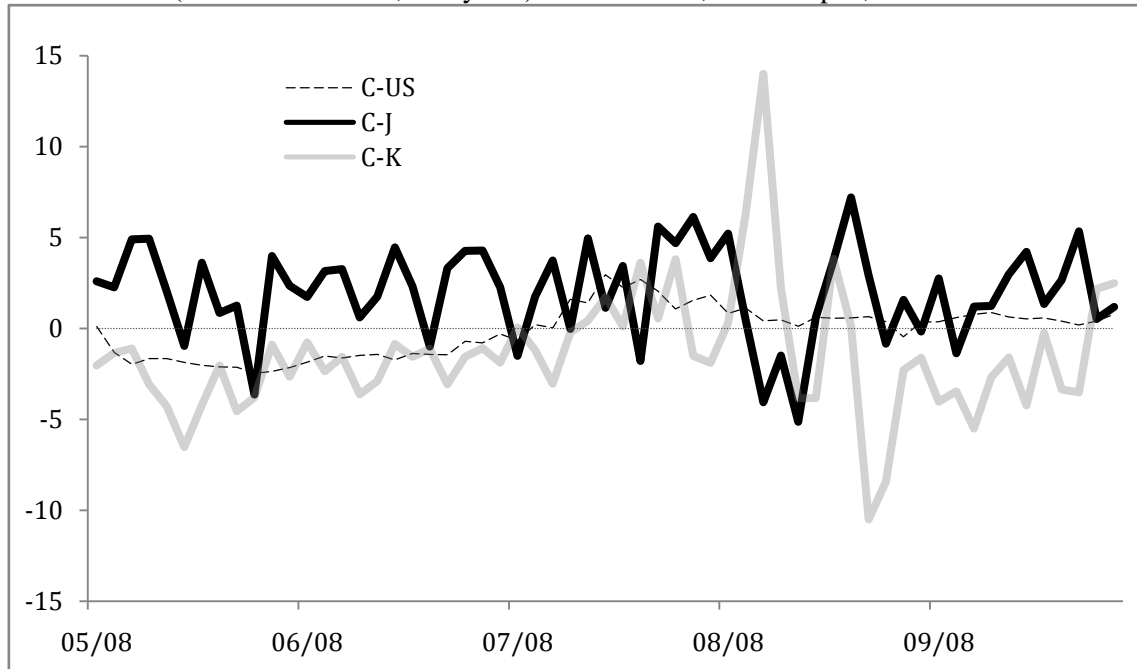
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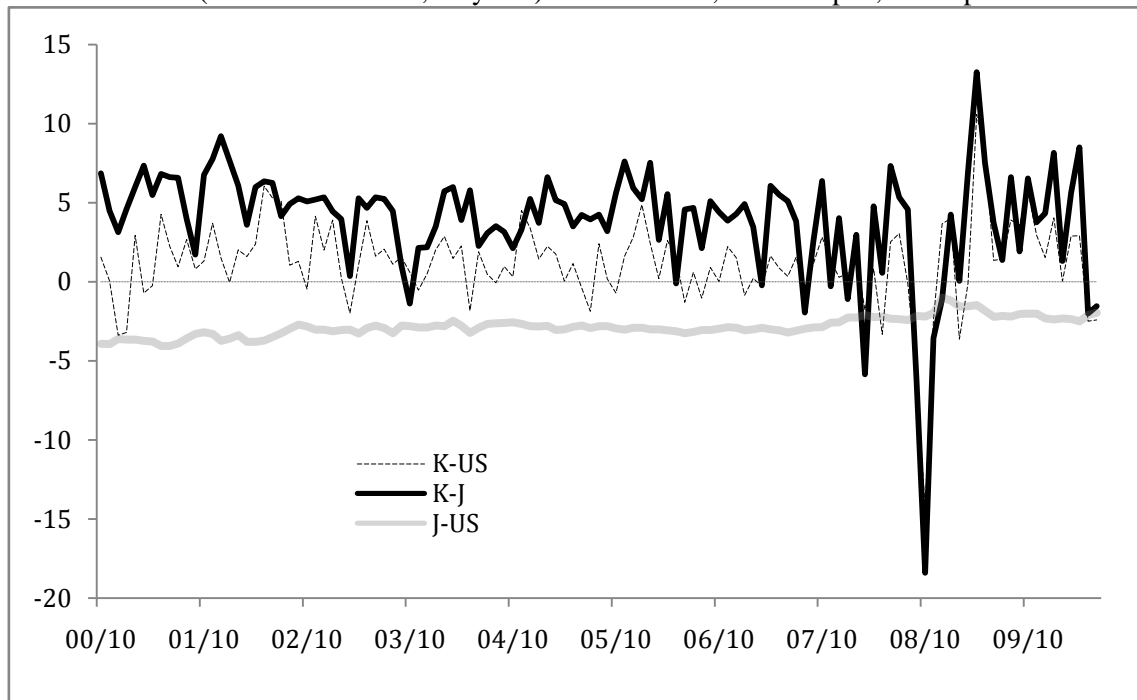
UID (Government bond, five years) for China-US, China-Japan, and China-Korea



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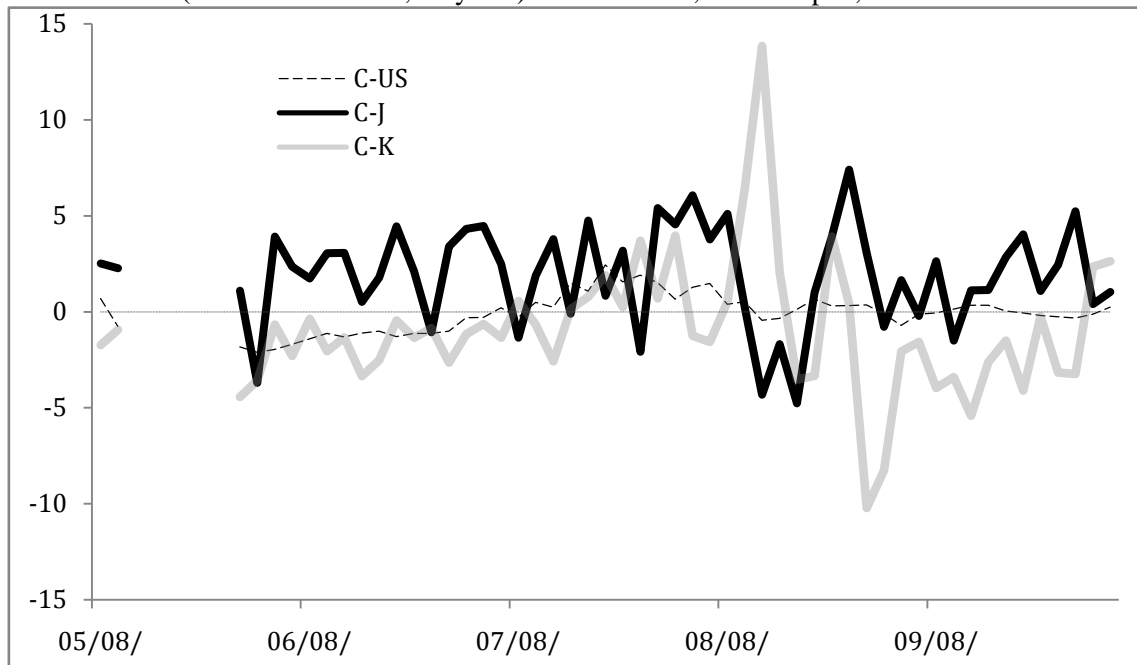
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UID (Government bond, 10 years) for Korea-US, Korea-Japan, and Japan-US



Source: Bloomberg.

UID (Government bond, 10 years) for China-US, China-Japan, and China-Korea



Note: Data for the period starting from October 2005 to March 2006 are not available.

Source: Bloomberg.

Appendix IV-5: Cross-Border Investment Regulation in Selected Countries in East Asia

	Capital inflow			Capital outflow	
	Money market instruments	Bond market instruments	Equity market instruments	Resident investors	Nonresident investors
Cambodia	•Nonresidents are free to purchase money market securities.	•Nonresidents are free to purchase debt securities.	•Nonresidents are free to purchase equity securities.	•No restrictions apply on residents investing abroad.	•Foreign investors are required to open a bank account to repatriate capital and profits.
China	•Nonresidents are not allowed to invest in money market instruments.	•Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors (QFIIs) are allowed to invest in listed bonds subject to quotas.	•QFIIs are allowed to invest in A-shares subject to quotas. No single QFII may hold more than 10 percent of a listed company.	•Qualified Domestic Institutional Investors (QDIIIs) are allowed to buy and hold offshore securities subject to certain quotas.	•Closed-end QFIIs must keep their investment in China for three years; principal may be remitted in installments of not more than 20 percent of their total investment at one-month (or longer) intervals. •Other QFIIs are required to keep their investments in China for one year; principal may be remitted in installments of not more than 20 percent of their total investment at intervals of three months or longer. •Repatriation of foreign exchange requires the approval.
Hong Kong	•There are no specific restrictions on portfolio investments, and foreign investors may place funds directly in money market instruments.	•Nonresidents are free to purchase debt instruments.	•Nonresidents are free to purchase equity securities. Investment in banks require Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) approval.	•Residents are generally free to invest abroad. Overseas investment by institutional investors (e.g., insurance companies, banks) must be within certain limits and may require HKMA approval.	•No restrictions on repatriation of capital and profits.
Indonesia	•Foreign investors are allowed to purchase money market instruments locally.	•Foreign investors are allowed to purchase debt securities without limit.	•Foreign investors are allowed to purchase shares without limit with the exception of shares in finance company joint ventures. Nonresidents may not purchase more than 10 percent of an investment fund.	•Resident banks are not allowed to invest in Indonesian rupiah-denominated securities issued by nonresidents. Mutual funds are not allowed to invest abroad. Insurance and reinsurance companies are not allowed to invest abroad except for private placement in insurance business overseas.	•No restrictions apply to repatriation of capital, remittance of dividends, profits, royalties, and fees. All payments must meet all reporting requirements.
Japan	•Foreign investors are allowed to purchase money market instruments locally.	•Nonresidents are free to purchase debt securities.	•Nonresidents are free to purchase equity securities.	•Residents can invest abroad, but they are required to provide a simple <i>ex post facto</i> report to the Ministry of Finance.	•No restrictions on repatriation of capital, profits, dividends, interest, royalties, and fees.
Korea	•Domestic money markets are open to nonresidents subject to registration, with exemptions given if they reside or work in Korea for more than six months.	•Domestic bond markets are open to nonresidents subject to registration, with exemptions given if they reside or work in Korea for more than six months.	•Domestic equity markets are open to nonresidents subject to registration, with exemptions given if they reside or work in Korea for more than six months. Investment in banks by nonresidents exceeding 10 percent of stocks requires regulatory approval.	•Residents can purchase foreign bonds subject to regulatory declaration. Regulatory approval is required for purchase of Korean won-denominated non-marketable bonds or short-term securities abroad.	•No restrictions on repatriation of capital or profits. All remittances abroad must be in foreign currency other than restricted currencies.

Appendix IV-5 (Continued): Cross-Border Investment Regulation in Selected Countries in East Asia

	Capital inflow			Capital outflow	
	Money market instruments	Bond market instruments	Equity market instruments	Resident investors	Nonresident investors
Lao PDR	•Nonresidents are allowed to purchase money market instruments.	•Nonresidents are free to purchase debt securities.	•No restriction on nonresident investment in equity securities.	•Resident investors are allowed to invest abroad, subject to regulatory approval.	•No restrictions on repatriation of capital and profits. Nonresident investors are required to open an account with a commercial bank.
Malaysia	•Nonresidents are allowed to purchase money market instruments without any restrictions.	•Nonresidents are allowed to purchase bond market instruments without any restrictions.	•Nonresidents are allowed to purchase equity instruments without any restrictions.	•Resident with domestic borrowing may invest abroad subject to certain limits. Unit trust management companies, Insurers and Islamic (<i>takaful</i>) insurance operators' investment abroad are subject to limits.	•Nonresidents are free to repatriate funds from investment of Malaysian ringgit assets of profits/dividends arising from investments.
Philippines	•No restrictions on the purchase of money market instruments. Regulatory registration is required only if the foreign exchange needed to service the capital repatriation of dividend, profits, and earnings is sourced from the local banks.	•No restrictions on the purchase of bonds. Regulatory registration is required only if the foreign exchange needed to service the capital repatriation of dividend, profits, and earnings is sourced from the local banks.	•Foreign investors are allowed to participate in the local stock market. Regulatory registration is required only if the foreign exchange needed to service the capital repatriation of dividend, profits, and earnings is sourced from the local banks.	•A resident investment abroad in excess of US\$6 million a year requires prior regulatory approval. Registration is required if foreign exchange used for investments will be purchased from the domestic banking system. For smaller investments, an investor must submit to the foreign exchange selling bank the supporting documents to show the nature and place of investments.	•Repatriation of capital gains, profit or dividends is allowed without regulatory approval, as long as proof of registration of the original investment is available or its registration document is presented. Regulatory approval and registrations are required if the foreign exchange needed for repatriation is sourced from the domestic banking system.
Singapore	•Nonresidents are allowed to purchase money market instruments without any restrictions.	•Nonresidents are allowed to purchase bond market instruments without any restrictions.	•Nonresidents are free to purchase equity instruments without any restrictions.	•No restrictions on investments by residents abroad.	•No restrictions on repatriation of capital and profits. Singapore dollar proceeds must be converted to foreign currency before remittance abroad. Nonresidents can issue equity shares of bonds with proceeds to be used offshore, converted to foreign currency before remittance abroad.
Thailand	•No restrictions	• No restrictions	•Investments in equities by foreign participants are subject to some restrictions.	•Investment abroad by individual and institutional investors are subject to some restrictions.	•Subject to some restrictions, such as requirement of documentation for repatriation of portfolio investments.
Vietnam	•Nonresidents are allowed to purchase money market instruments locally.	• No restrictions on foreign investors holding bonds.	• Foreign investors are allowed to hold up to 49 percent of a company's current shares.	•Residents are not allowed to invest in shares and bonds abroad. Institutional investors are allowed to invest in securities locally issued by nonresidents but not allowed to invest in those held abroad.	• Foreign investors are required to open a Vietnamese dong-denominated securities trading account and a securities custody account with a foreign custody agent. Repatriation of capital is allowed a year after the securities trading account was opened.

Source: ADB, Asian Bonds Online, National Authorities.

Appendix IV-6 (Continued): Barriers to Cross-Border Investment and Settlement in ASEAN+3 Bond Markets

	Philippines		Singapore		Thailand		Vietnam	
	Market assessment	Overall barrier assessment	Market assessment	Overall barrier assessment	Market assessment	Overall barrier assessment	Market assessment	Overall barrier assessment
Quotas	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	LOW	OK
Investor registration	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	LOW	LOW
Foreign exchange controls: conversion	LOW	LOW	OK	OK	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW
Foreign exchange controls: repatriation of funds	LOW	HIGH	OK	OK	LOW	LOW	LOW	HIGH
Cash controls: credit balances	LOW	OK	OK	OK	HIGH	HIGH	OK	OK
Cash controls: overdrafts	LOW	HIGH	OK	OK	LOW	LOW	HIGH	HIGH
Taxes	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	OK	LOW	LOW	HIGH	HIGH
Omnibus accounts	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Regulatory framework	-	LOW	-	OK	-	HIGH	-	LOW
Message formats	LOW	LOW	OK	OK	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW
Securities numbering	LOW	LOW	OK	OK	OK	LOW	HIGH	HIGH
Settlement cycle	OK	OK	LOW	OK	OK	OK	LOW	LOW
Matching	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	LOW	LOW
Dematerialization	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	OK	OK
High barriers	1	3	-	-	1	2	3	4
Low barriers	7	5	3	1	6	7	7	6
Total barriers	8	8	3	1	7	9	10	10

Source: Author's summary based on the ABMI Group of Experts Report, ADB (2010c).

Assessment Area

- Foreign investor quota: The existence of limits on the amount of investment that a nonresident investor (or nonresident investor as a whole) may make into a local market
- Foreign investor registration: The registration process that is sometimes needed for a nonresident investor to access the market for the first time
- Currency exchange controls: Restrictions or procedural rules on the convertibility of the local currency
- Cash controls : credit balances: Restrictions on nonresidents holding credit balances in local currency or short term investments in money market instruments
- Cash controls: overdrafts: Restrictions or prohibitions on nonresidents borrowing in local currency
- Tax: Withholding taxes imposed on nonresident investors, whether in connection with income or capital gains
- Omnibus accounts: Restrictions on the use of omnibus accounts for nonresident investors
- Messaging standards: The use of (or rather, non-use) of international standards for securities messaging in a local market
- Securities numbering: The use of (or rather, non-use) of international standards for securities numbering in a local market
- Settlement cycle: The number of days between trade date and settlement date
- Trade and settlement matching: The matching of trade details between counterparties
- Physical certificates: many bonds today are in dematerialized form, held in book-entry at the local securities depository or central bank system, or (in the case of most international bonds) on the books of the ICSDs
- Regulatory framework: The perceived risk of sudden changes in regulations that adversely affect nonresidents, and, in the worst case, may prevent them from exiting markets without substantial penalty

Barrier Assessments

- HIGH: The current situation in this area is likely to have a significant impact on the attractiveness or accessibility of this market, which therefore may defer some foreign investors from this market; it does not necessarily indicate that foreign investment is prevented, but indicates that the barrier is regarded by foreign investors as a serious issue when evaluating investment in that market.
- LOW: The current situation in this area is likely to add to costs or operational difficulties, which is not likely to prevent foreign investment in this market but may make it relatively less attractive than other markets; it does not mean that the barrier is unimportant, but indicates that the barrier is likely to be less serious in that market than a barrier assessed as HIGH.
- OK: There is no significant barrier in that area to cross-border bond investment; it does not mean that a market functions perfectly in that area and that no further improvement is needed.

Appendix IV-7: Summary of Bond Settlement Systems in Selected Countries in East Asia

	Settlement organizations for government bonds	Settlement organizations for unlisted corporate bonds	Settlement organizations for bonds traded on a stock exchange (government and corporate bonds)	Link between organizations	International links used for settlement
China	China Government Securities Depository Trust & Clearing Co. Ltd. (CDC)	China Government Securities Depository Trust & Clearing Co. Ltd. (CDC)	China Securities Depository and Clearing Co. (CSDCC)	CSDCC performs settlement of stock exchange transactions. However, CDC maintains the master record for government and corporate debt (other than convertible bonds listed on an exchange) and therefore CSDCC records are sub-accounts of CDC records.	CDC has one-way links with HK CMU. CDC participants can settle CMU eligible securities and use the CMU links with other international organizations.
Hong Kong	Central Money Market Unit (CMU) of the HKMA	CMU. Direct counter-party settlement is also possible.	Central Clearing and Settlement System (CCASS), which is wholly owned by the Hong Kong Exchange (HKEx)	CCASS accounts with the CMU to facilitate participants' settlement of debt securities	CMU has two-way links with Euroclear, Clearstream, Austraclear (Australia), AustraclearNZ (New Zealand), and KSD, one-way, outward links with Austraclear (Australia), and one-way, inward links with CDC.
Indonesia	Scripless Settlement System (SSS) owned and operated by the Bank Indonesia	Directly between the counterparties by re-registration at the nominated transfer agent	Indonesia Central Securities Depository (KSEI)	KSEI is one of 10 sub-registries in the scripless securities settlement system. The other sub-registries are private-sector banks.	
Japan	Bank of Japan Financial Network System (BOJ-NET)	Japan Securities Depository Center (JASDEC)	JASDEC, BOJ-NET	BOJ-NET and JASDEC's System have their own network	JASDEC has bilateral links with Central Depository (Pte) Ltd.
Korea	Korea Securities Depository (KSD) operated by the Korea Stock Exchange (KRX), through Bank of Korea Financial Network (BOK-Wire)	KSD operated by KRX, through Bank of Korea Financial Network (BOK-Wire)	KSD operated by KRX, through Bank of Korea Financial Network (BOK-Wire)	The same organization (KSD) is used for both types of bonds, through Bank of Korea Financial Network (BOK-Wire).	KSD has two-way links with CMU.

Appendix IV-7 (Continued): Summary of Bond Settlement Systems in Selected Countries in East Asia

	Settlement organizations for government bonds	Settlement organizations for unlisted corporate bonds	Settlement organizations for bonds traded on a stock exchange (government and corporate bonds)	Link between organizations	International links used for settlement
Malaysia	Scripless Securities Trading System (SSTS). This is part of the Real-time Electronic Transfer of Funds and Securities (RENTAS) system owned and operated by Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM).	All unlisted corporate bonds are held by Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) as custodian agent through RENTAS and are settled by fund exchanges.	All listed corporate bonds under Bursa Malaysia Berhad are settled through the Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn Bhd.	BNM through RENTAS	Scripless securities including Malaysian government securities can be settled internationally via major custodian banks International Central Securities Depositories (ICSD) such as Euroclear and Clearstream.
Philippines	Registry of Scripless Securities (RoSS) or Philippines Depository & Trust Corporation (PDTC)		The Philippines Securities Settlement Corp. (PSSC) is responsible for matching, clearing, and settlement, with Philippines Depository & Trust Corporation (PDTC) handling depository and custodianship of fixed-income securities and derivatives.	PDTC holds an account in RoSS for government securities being held by PDTC as a custodian or trust entity.	
Singapore	Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) Electronic Payment System – delivery versus payment (MEPS-SGS) operated by the MAS	Debt Securities Clearing and Settlement System (DCSS) operated by the Stock Exchange of Singapore (SGX)	Debt Securities Clearing and Settlement System (DCSS) operated by the Stock Exchange of Singapore (SGX)	A real-time DVP arrangement is achieved through a live leased line linkage between DCSS and MEPS.	Central Depository (Pte) Ltd. has bilateral links with Japan Securities Depository Center (JASDEC) and unilateral links with Clearstream, DTCC (US) and Shenzhen Securities Registrar Ltd.
Thailand	The Bond Registry System and the book-entry system at the Bank of Thailand (BOT), government bonds in the book entry system are settled through BAHTNET	Counterparties make their own direct settlement arrangements.	The Thailand Securities Depository Co., Ltd. (TSD), a subsidiary of the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET), facilitates the book-entry system for the dealers to settle listed corporate bonds.		
Vietnam	There is no settlement matching system. Existing issues must be deposited into the Viet Nam Securities Depository (VSD).	There is no settlement matching system. Existing issues must be deposited into the Viet Nam Securities Depository (VSD).	There is no settlement matching system. Existing issues must be deposited into the Viet Nam Securities Depository (VSD).		

Sources: ADB, Asian Bonds Online, ABMI Expert Group Report (2010b), National Authorities.

Appendix IV-10: Causality Test of Intra-regional Trade and Finance in Selected Countries

(2002~07 and 2002~08 with Asia8)				
Null hypothesis	Obs.	Lag	F-statistic	Prob.
•Trade flows in Japan do not Granger-cause changes in Japan's portfolio investment assets and liabilities in Asia8	5	1	1.6768	0.3247
•Changes in Japan's portfolio investment assets and liabilities in Asia8 do not Granger-cause trade flows in Japan	5	1	20.6123	0.0452
•Trade flows in Japan do not Granger-cause changes in Japan's portfolio investment assets and liabilities in Asia8	6	1	1.4145	0.3199
•Changes in Japan's portfolio investment assets and liabilities in Asia8 do not Granger-cause trade flows in Japan	6	1	25.3137	0.0153
•Trade flows in Malaysia do not Granger-cause changes in Malaysia's portfolio investment assets and liabilities in Asia8	6	1	1.5347	0.5177
•Changes in Malaysia's portfolio investment assets and liabilities in Asia8 do not Granger-cause trade flows in Malaysia	6	1	6.9897	0.0774
•Trade flows in Thailand do not Granger-cause changes in Thailand's portfolio investment assets and liabilities in Asia8	6	1	1.7573	0.2769
•Changes in Thailand's portfolio investment assets and liabilities in Asia8 do not Granger-cause trade flows in Thailand	6	1	6.3890	0.0856
•Trade flows in Japan do not Granger-cause changes in Japan's portfolio investment assets and liabilities (including Japanese banks' foreign claims) in Asia8	6	1	0.3420	0.5997
•Changes in Japan's portfolio investment assets and liabilities (including Japanese banks' foreign claims) in Asia8 do not Granger-cause trade flows in Japan	6	1	5.7344	0.0963

(2002~07 and 2002~08 with the world)				
Null hypothesis	Obs.	Lag	F-statistic	Prob.
•Trade flows in Korea do not Granger-cause changes in Korea's portfolio investment assets and liabilities in the world	5	1	55.2614	0.0176
•Changes in Korea's portfolio investment assets and liabilities in the world do not Granger-cause trade flows in Korea	5	1	0.3162	0.6305
•Trade flows in Japan do not Granger-cause changes in Japan's portfolio investment assets and liabilities (including Japanese banks' foreign claims) in the world	5	1	44.8406	0.0216
•Changes in Japan's portfolio investment assets and liabilities (including Japanese banks' foreign claims) in the world do not Granger-cause trade flows in Japan	5	1	0.7851	0.4691
•Trade flows in Japan do not Granger-cause changes in portfolio investment assets and liabilities in the world	6	1	12.4630	0.0386
•Changes in portfolio investment assets and liabilities in the world do not Granger-cause trade flows in Japan	6	1	0.1849	0.6962
•Trade flows in Philippines do not Granger-cause changes in Philippines' portfolio investment assets and liabilities in the world	6	1	3.2282	0.1702
•Changes in Philippines' portfolio investment assets and liabilities in the world do not Granger-cause trade flows in Philippines	6	1	8.6822	0.0602
•Trade flows in Japan do not Granger-cause changes in Japan's portfolio investment assets and liabilities (including Japanese banks' foreign claims) in the world	6	1	5.2441	0.1050
•Changes in Japan's portfolio investment assets and liabilities (including Japanese banks foreign claims) in the world do not Granger-cause trade flows in Japan	6	1	6.3034	0.6201

Appendix V-1: Size and Composition of Financial Systems in Selected Asian Economies
(As a percentage of GDP)

	Financial Sector Assets ¹				Stock Market Capitalization ²		Total Bonds Outstanding ³	
	Deposit-taking Financial Institutions		Non-Bank Financial Institutions					
	2000	2009	2000	2009	2000	2009	2000	2009
China, People's Rep. of	157.2	200.6	5.1	5.8	48.9	82.7	16.9	52.3
Hong Kong, China	505.5	651.7	188.3	459.0	368.3	1,093.9	35.8	68.4
India ⁴	64.5	103.5	15.6	29.0	69.9	205.2	24.6	48.8
Indonesia	63.6	34.7	8.7	11.4	16.2	39.8	31.9	18.2
Korea, Rep. of	130.5	158.6	41.9	67.3	27.8	100.3	66.6	122.7
Malaysia	154.2	211.5	41.4	99.9	120.6	149.5	73.3	96.5
Philippines	99.2	83.1	23.9	20.0	33.3	53.6	27.6	39.2
Singapore	646.3	643.7	76.6	83.9	167.3	271.7	48.0	84.7
Taipei, China	256.0	295.6	29.4	92.2	75.9	173.5	37.7	57.5
Thailand	132.3	146.6	10.7	41.1	23.8	67.1	25.3	67.0
Average⁵	221.0	253.0	44.2	92.0	95.2	223.7	38.8	65.5
Median	143.2	179.6	26.6	54.2	59.4	124.9	33.8	62.2
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eurozone	230.9	315.6	157.8	214.5	79.6	56.5	87.9	114.4
Japan	510.8	541.8	274.7	291.3	67.6	69.7	97.4	189.6
United States	79.6	107.9	279.3	314.1	152.1	105.8	138.0	175.8

— = data not available.

1. Financial asset data for Indonesia as of end-2001 and end-2008.

2. Figures are computed using US dollar values of stock market capitalization and gross domestic product; except for China, People's Rep. of and India computed using local currency unit.

3. Data covers domestic debt securities. Figures for the United States exclude non-marketable government securities.

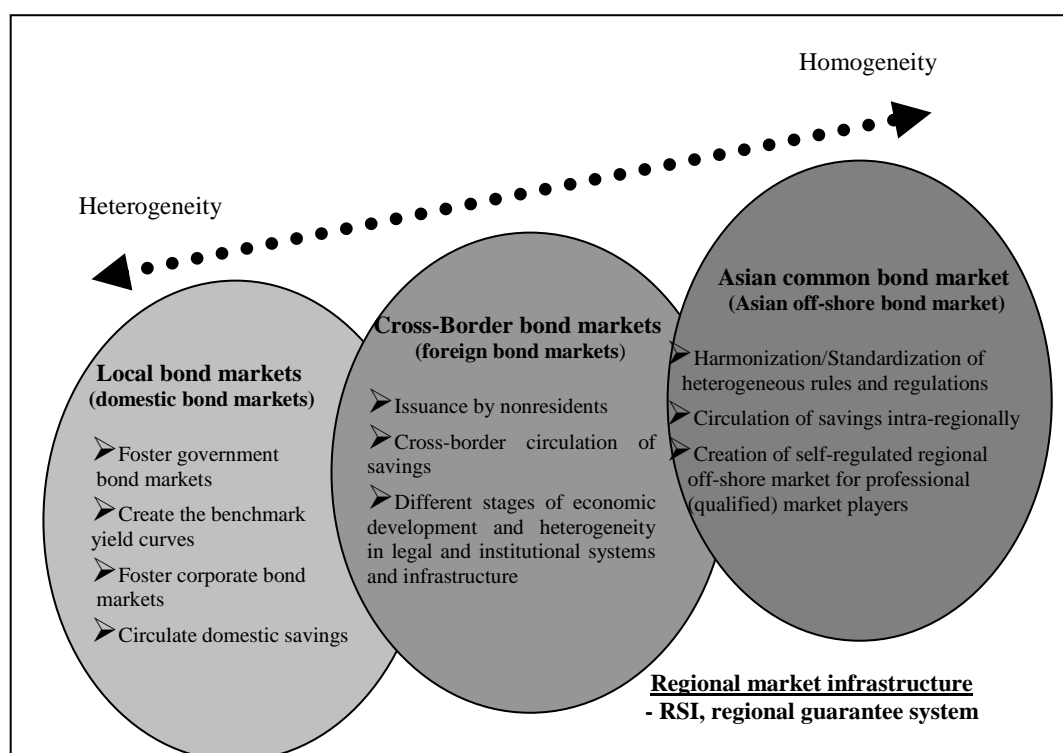
4. Financial sector assets data for India refers to the end of fiscal year.

5. Simple average.

Source: OREI staff calculations using data from national sources, CEIC, AsianBondsOnline, Bank for International Settlements, *World Economic Outlook Database*, International Monetary Fund, and World Federation of Exchanges.

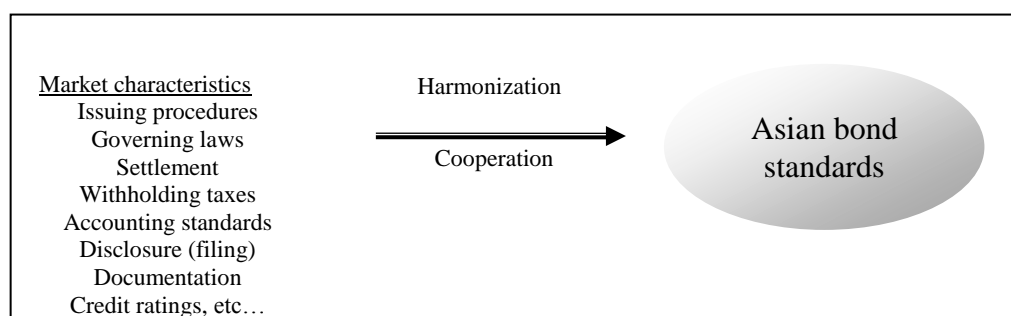
Source: Arner and Park (2010)

Appendix V-2: Strategy for Development of Bond Markets in Asia



Source: Jang and Hyun (2009)

Appendix V-3: Asian Bond Standards as a Common Platform



Source: Jang and Hyun (2009)

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