



Third ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting
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Issues for Discussion

1. Economic and Financial Developments in Asia and Europe
 - (a) Evaluation of the impact of introducing the Euro
 - (b) Economic developments after the Asian financial crisis
2. Exchange Rate Regimes
 - (a) Discussions of the factors relevant to the choice of exchange rate regime
 - (b) Role of the IMF
 - (c) Regional issues
3. Regional Cooperation in Asia and Europe
 - (a) European experiences in regional cooperation and lessons learned
 - i. Cooperation towards market integration (including financial sectors)
 - ii. Cooperation for economic and monetary stability
 - (b) Status and prospects for regional cooperation in Asia
 - i. Possibility of monetary cooperation
 - ii. How to implement economic dialogue in the region
4. Strengthening the international financial system, including follow-up of the Frankfurt Meeting
 - (a) Actions to reduce international vulnerabilities (eg. Codes and Standards, and relations with private creditors)
 - (b) Follow-up of issues discussed in the Frankfurt Meeting
5. Other Matters
 - (a) The ASEM Trust Fund
 - (b) Kobe Research Project
 - (c) Others