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The awareness of the dynamic development of innovation processes in the Asia-Pacific region is the main incentive for this publication. The authors of the research papers submitted to the fifth international scientific conference *Innovation as a factor in the development of the Asia Pacific region: Economy – industry – company*, organised by the Asia Pacific Research Centre of Wrocław University of Economics and held under the patronage of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education pose a number of questions addressing and analysing the sources of innovation in Asian economies and companies operation in the Asia-Pacific region.

This monograph is an attempt at analysing the sources of innovative approach in various sectors of Asia-Pacific economies. The first part of this monograph, "International trade as a factor of innovation in Asian economies", analyses the sources of innovation in assorted segments of the region's international trade. Part two, "Foreign direct investment as a source of innovation in Asian economies", examines the relations between various FDI solutions and directions of capital flow and the innovative character of the economy sectors in the region under study. The third part, "Innovativeness of networks in Eastern Asia", presents networking structures of the companies operating in the Asia-Pacific region, as factors determining innovation and development both on the level of individual companies and whole countries. The last part of the monograph, "Innovativeness of Asian financial markets", presents a wide selection of studies on pro-innovative institutions of Asian financial markets.

As editors of this latest installment of our ongoing series of monographs devoted to studies on the economic processes observed in the Asia-Pacific region, we sincerely hope that this publication will be of great value to those who want to explore and analyse the sources of the innovation of Asia-Pacific economies. We also believe that this monograph will further the understanding of this fascinating and contrasting region of the globe.