

# FOREWORD

This Directory of National Institutions for Educational Statistics and Management Information in Asia and the Pacific provides information on government institutions and agencies concerned with education data collection, compilation and dissemination in the Asia-Pacific region.

The objective of the Directory is to provide contact information and a brief analysis of capacity, activities and output of those institutions and agencies. It is intended to strengthen and promote the exchange of information, good practices and experiences as well as to increase co-operation in training and research among these institutions. It will also contribute to national capacities in the field of education statistics and management information available in countries in the region that share similar experiences.

Information contained in this Directory is based on the responses obtained from national agencies through a survey undertaken by UNESCO's Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education. A comprehensive questionnaire was distributed to agencies in Member States through the UNESCO National Commissions and Field Office network. Thirty seven agencies in 27 countries in Asia and the Pacific that responded to the questionnaire are included in this directory.

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I hope you find the Directory useful thus making worthwhile the contributions and support provided by all institutions and agencies described in the following pages.

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