OECD AND ASIAN PARTICIPANTS TO HOLD INFORMAL WORKSHOP
ON TRADE POLICY DEVELOPMENTS
Seoul, 17th-18th June 1992

Participants from OECD Member countries and "Dynamic Asian Economies" (DAEs) are to hold an informal workshop on "Trade Policy Developments" in Seoul on 17th and 18th June. The Workshop, which is co-hosted by the OECD and the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, will take place at the Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel, Cosmos Room, San 21, Kwangjang-Dong, Sungdong-Ku, Seoul, Telephone: (82-2) 453-0131, Telefax: (82-2) 452-6867.

Since the OECD-DAE dialogue began in 1990, this Workshop will be the third to be devoted to trade and trade policy issues, and the second to take place in Seoul. More than 50 senior officials, academics, and business people will attend the informal workshop in their personal capacity.

Over the decade of the 1980s and now into the 1990s, economic growth in OECD countries and in DAEs has become increasingly dependent upon their mutual exchanges of goods, services, finance, and know-how. And, at the same time, the strong OECD-DAE trade ties increasingly reflect the decisions of governments as well as firms. Trade policymaking today has grown irreversibly beyond the limits of traditional instruments and national boundaries.

The agenda for the two-day meeting addresses the challenges of these developments in international trade and trade policy, and, in some areas, anticipates future developments. Among the main issues to be discussed are: trade relations between OECD countries and DAEs; latest developments in the Uruguay Round; regional and global dimensions of economic integration; and two of the key areas of the OECD’s "Trade Issues of the 1990s", namely, the interrelations between policies concerning trade and competition, and those affecting trade and the environment.

A concluding press conference will be held at 5 pm on 18th June at the Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel.