The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is holding a High-Level Informal Meeting for participants from OECD Member countries and nine Dynamic Non-Member Economies (DNMEs) at Hotel New Otani, Tokyo, on 19th October 1994. The High-Level Meeting is hosted by the Government of Japan to mark the Thirtieth Anniversary of Japan’s accession to the OECD. The nine DNMEs comprise Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. While lessons will be drawn from the experience of OECD’s on-going dialogue with the DNMEs, the emphasis of the meeting will be "forward-looking" -- how can the OECD, given its distinctive features, enhance the capacity of Member countries and the DNMEs effectively to address together their common domestic and international economic problems in the years to come.

The High-Level Meeting is a forum that brings together almost all major actors of the world economy. Participants will firstly consider the strategic objectives on which OECD’s co-operation with DNMEs should be built in the coming years. Against this background, they will then endeavour to chart future orientations for working methods, modalities, dialogue partners and relations with international organisations.

In 1989, the OECD launched an informal dialogue with six Dynamic Asian Economies (DAEs -- Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand), based on a regular series of informal workshops, with participants from the governmental, academic and private sectors, attending in their personal capacity.
In 1993, this dialogue was extended to four Latin American countries that have made considerable progress towards stabilising, liberalising and restructuring their economies -- Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico. (In May 1994, Mexico then became the 25th Member country of OECD.) Participants have explored many topics at the heart of the OECD/DNME economic relationship, particularly in the trade, investment, finance, environment and macroeconomic areas -- all drawing heavily on the OECD multidisciplinary approach.

Journalists are invited to a PRESS CONFERENCE to be held on Wednesday 19th October, at 6.30 p.m., at Hotel New Otani, 4-1 Kioi-Cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan.