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Asia's demand for second-generation financial intermediaries and markets needs to be met in order for the region's further development to be sustained. This book provides a compelling, fact-based assessment of current practices, law and regulations in Asia's financial markets, and carefully documents the exciting opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in the region's financial systems.

This book differs in design from typical treatments of financial intermediaries and markets because its focus is on Asia, rather than using a US model (in terms of market configurations or products) as a benchmark, and takes a contemporary and forward-looking view of financial markets.

Examples of practice from Asia are used to illustrate major accepted themes in finance and financial regulation. To the extent that Asia's main economies share characteristics that are distinct – for example, in the relationship between government and the banking sector, or in aspects of corporate governance – the book discusses the consequences for market operation and intermediation.

The book's carefully structured facts and rigorously argued analysis carry important implications both for students in business and law and for professionals new to financial markets in Asia. It will change the approach to teaching Asian financial markets and institutions in universities, as well as providing a valuable resource for professionals working in finance in Asia.

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