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The Third World KLEMS Conference will be hosted by the Research Institute of Economy, Trade & Industry (<http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/events/14051901/info.html>) and will take place in Tokyo, Japan, on May 19-20, 2014. The objective of the Conference is to discuss recent progress in the development and applications of KLEMS data sets. These data are widely used in research on economic growth and structural change and in international comparisons based on purchasing power parities. The conference will give special attention to KLEMS research in Asia, focusing on recent developments in China, India, Japan, Korea, and other Asian countries. Expenses for travel and accommodation for the Conference will be covered by each of the participants.

The First World KLEMS Conference was held at Harvard on August 19-20, 2010, and resulted in the formation of a World KLEMS Initiative, involving more than forty countries around the world. Regional organizations in Asia and Latin America have now joined the European Union (EU) in supporting research on KLEMS data sets. The original EU KLEMS study was completed on June 30, 2008, and provided industry-level data on the sources of growth for 25 of the 27 EU member countries. Two volumes have been published on the results:

Marcel P. Timmer, Robert Inklaar, Mary O'Mahony, and Bart van Ark,
ECONOMIC GROWTH IN EUROPE: A Comparative Industry Perspective,
Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Matilde Mas and Robert Stehrer, eds., *INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTIVITY IN EUROPE: Growth and Crisis*, Cheltenham, UK, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2012.

Updated data are available at: <http://www.euklems.net/>

LA-KLEMS, the Latin American affiliate of the World-KLEMS Initiative, was launched in December 2009 with a conference at ECLAC, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in Santiago, Chile. LA-KLEMS is coordinated by ECLAC and includes seven research organizations in four leading Latin American countries – Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Mexico. More information about LA-KLEMS is available on the project website:

<http://www.cepal.org/cgi-bin/getprod.asp?xml=/la-klems/noticias/paginas/4/40294/P40294.xml&xsl=/la-klems/tpl-i/p18fst.xsl&base=/la-klems/tpl-i/top-bottom.xsl>

Asia-KLEMS was launched in December 2010 and the first Asia KLEMS Conference was held at the Asian Development Bank Institute in Tokyo in July 2011. The second Asia KLEMS Conference took place on August 22-23, 2013, at the Bank of Korea in Seoul. The Asia-KLEMS Committee includes representatives of major Asian countries, including China, India, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. Additional information is available from the Asia-KLEMS website:

http://asiaklems.net/1_1.html

To submit a proposal for the Third World KLEMS Conference, please send an abstract by December 31 in the standard form used by economic journals by e-mail to:

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If possible, authors should include a link to an article-length version of the paper. Priority will be given to papers on the development and/or application of KLEMS data sets. Authors of papers chosen for inclusion in the program will be notified by February 15, 2015.

Further announcements and details about the agenda for the Third World KLEMS Conference will be posted on the World KLEMS website:

<http://www.worldklems.net/index.htm>

and the RIETI website:

<http://www.rieti.go.jp/en/events/14051901/info.html>

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