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Agricultural Financing in Asian Countries

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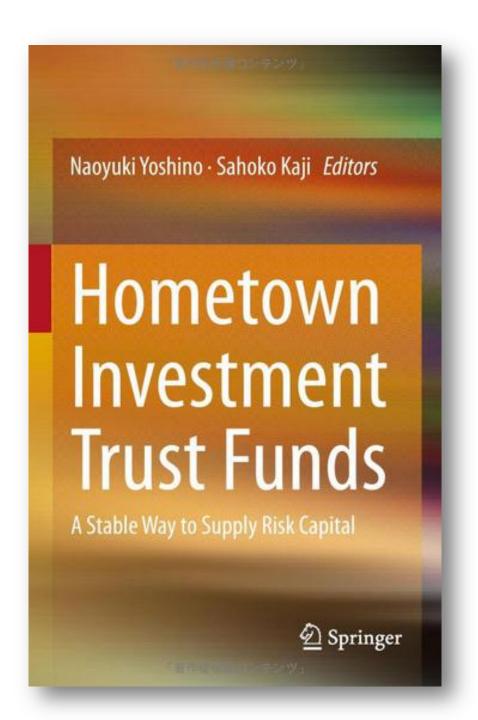
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Home town **Investment Trust Funds**

A Stable Way to Supply Risk **Capital** (i.e. knowledge base companies)

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Examples of Trust Funds by Internet in Japan; E-fund

- 1, Solar Power Panel
- 2, Forest trust fund
- 3, Music trust fund
- 4, Wind Power Generator
- 5, Green Finance
- 6, Agricultural Finance

2011 Tōhoku earthquake and Tsunami





Agricultural Funds





Donation and Investment to community





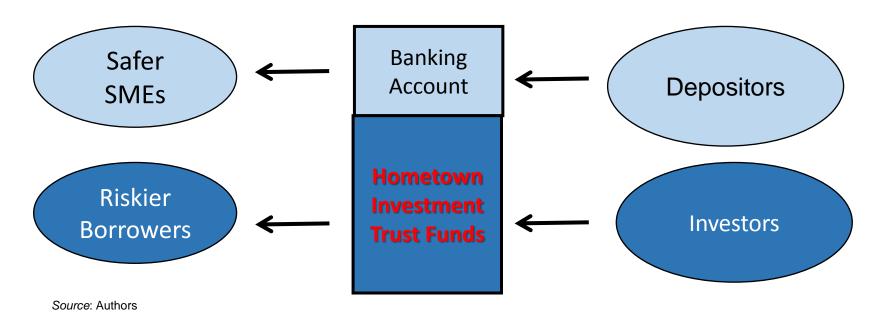




Bank based SME, Agriculture financing to Riskier Borrowers

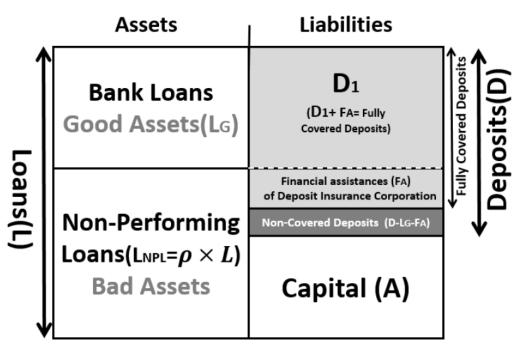
- 1, Bank Loans to relatively safer borrower
- 2, Hometown Investment Trust Funds to Riskier Borrowers

E-Finance, E-Fund



Credit Guarantee -> Reduce Risk of SME loans

Bank's balance sheet



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Investors

- 1. Community Type Infrastructure
- 2. Wind power Generator Funds
- 3. SME Hometown Trust Fund
- 4. Large Projects and Professional Investors
- 5. Pension Funds
- 6. Insurance companies
- 7. Mutual Funds

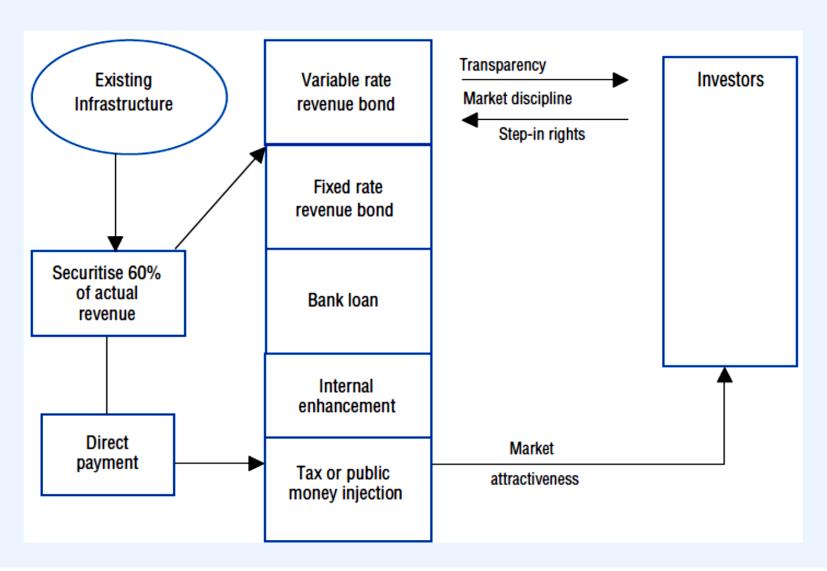
Separate Accounts of SME financing

- 1, Traditional Bank finance
 Private banks
- 2, SME fund, Regional mutual funds, E-Finance
 Sell these mutual funds through
 banks' branch offices
- 3, Separating two accounts
 - (i) Banking accounts (Guarantee by FDIC)
 - (ii) SME funds, Regional mutual fund

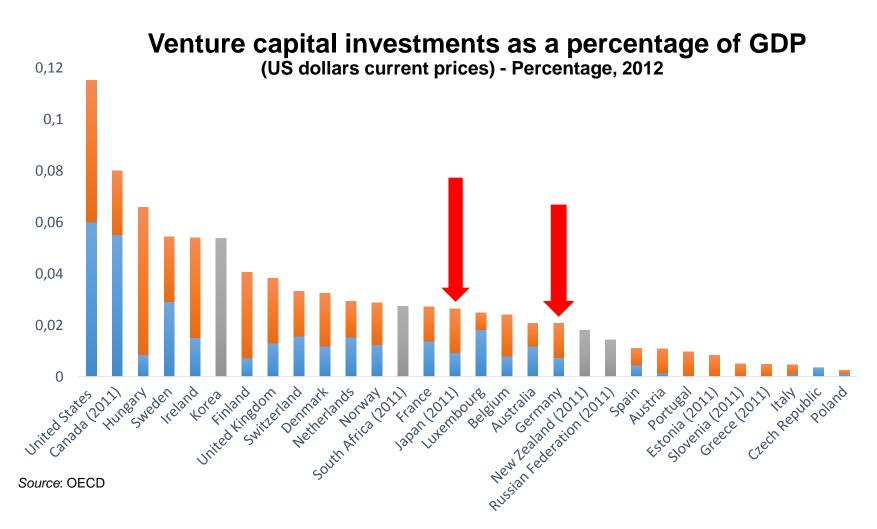
(non-guarantee)

Box 2. Proposal for the development of a revenue bond scheme

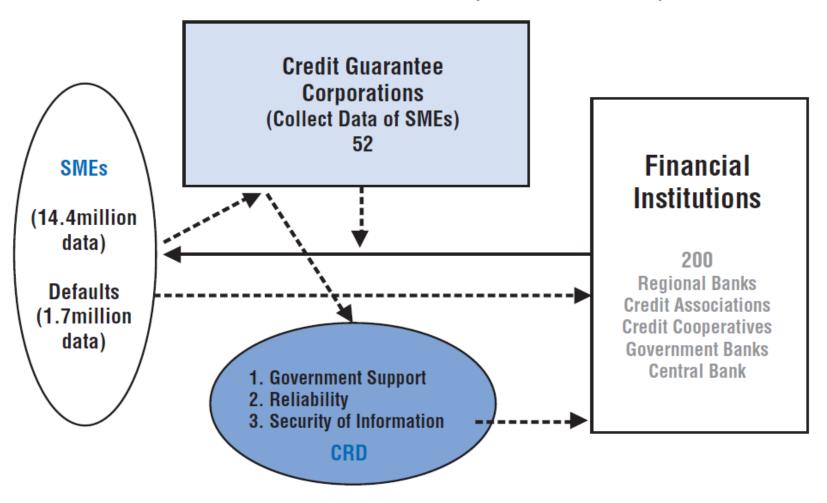
Revenue Bond Scheme in Asia



SMEs and venture businesses who will provide long term funds?



SME Database (CRD Database)



Trade diversification into Agricultural Products Beneficial

- Greater product differentiation, both horizontally (number of products) and vertically (quality of products), would increase trade ties with major economic centers at the higher end of economic development and expand Central Asia's market destinations
- Central Asia also needs to increase production and exports in its area of comparative advantage, taking into account the fixed costs and increasing returns in such core sectors as oil, gas, and mineral extraction, as well as manufacturing sectors that require high capital intensity and entry barriers

Enhancing FDI Flows and Technology Transfers into the Agricultural Sector

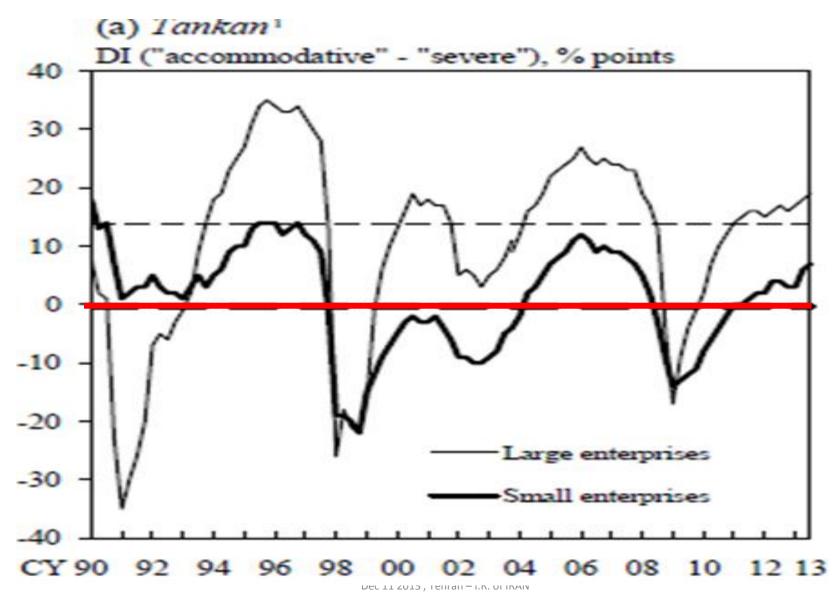
- Energy-rich countries with favorable regimes for foreign investments have attracted substantial FDI and are one of the top investment destinations in Asia and the world
- Main motives for FDI to come to Central Asia are to seek natural resources and new markets in non-tradable sectors (e.g., real estate development and retail)
- Many Central Asian countries have substantial national savings, so their motive in attracting FDI is primarily to benefit from investors' technologies and expertise.
- FDI has enabled the expansion of extraction industries and non-tradable services, and export growth, all of which are a major source of government revenue
- However, technology transfer has been limited so far
- Agricultural sector receive relatively smaller investment than other sectors
- Central Asia's participation in global value chains is mostly limited to supplies of natural resources and, in Uzbekistan, the automobile sector
- With agricultural sector, the employment impacts of FDI should be more significant

Access to Credit by SMEs Challenging

Country	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Tajikistan	Uzbekistan
# of firms surveyed	544	505	360	366
Proportion (%) of output:				
Domestic sales	98.2	92.0	95.6	96.1
Indirect exports	0.8	2.2	0.6	1.9
Direct exports	1.0	5.7	3.6	2.0
Main reason for not applying for new loans or lines of credit (%):				
No need for a loan - establishment has sufficient capital	61.7	50.6	60.6	51.5
Application procedures for loans or line of credit are complex	4.3	11.6	5.3	16.0
Interest rates are not favorable	25.4	23.2	20.4	11.6
Collateral requirements for loans or line of credit are unattainable	2.0	7.9	6.2	6.7
Size of loan and maturity are insufficient	0.9	3.1	4.9	5.6
Did not think it would be approved		1.2	0.9	1.1

- A majority of firms producing for domestic sales.
- More access to credit for small and medium size (SMEs) firms can encourage new firms to export and join production networks.

SMEs are difficult to borrow money from Banks



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