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From: The Secretary

Subject: IMF Institute - Report on the Course on Techniques of
Economic Analysis (1985-II)

Attached for the information of the Executive Directors is a report on the course on techniques of economic analysis conducted in English by the IMF Institute from January 14 through March 8, 1985.

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Report on the Course on Techniques of Economic Analysis (1985-II)

January 14 - March 8, 1985

Introduction

The course on Techniques of Economic Analysis, conducted in English, was presented over an eight-week period. This course provided an intensive review of analytical concepts and techniques for officials with limited formal training in macroeconomics. Emphasis was placed on the needs of officials involved in the compilation of basic data and the preparation and evaluation of reports on current economic problems.

Selection of participants

The Admissions Committee selected 32 participants from the following countries: Bhutan, Burma, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Romania, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Turkey, Western Samoa, Yemen Arab Republic and Zimbabwe (see Attachment I).

Organization of the course

Attachment II lists the topics presented during the course.

The course was divided into three sections: (a) a presentation of the principal macroeconomic accounts; (b) an exposition of macroeconomic analysis; and (c) a description of the Fund's policies and procedures.

The review of macroeconomic accounts covered the national income and product accounts, the monetary survey, government finance statistics, balance of payments statistics and their interrelations. The discussion of macroeconomic analysis encompassed the determinants of the principal macroeconomic aggregates, and concepts of measurement and quantitative methods such as index numbers, the effective exchange rate and regression analysis. These analytical methods were illustrated by the use of case studies on economic developments in member countries. The sessions on the Fund's policies and procedures served to acquaint the participants with the Fund's evolving role in the world economy.

During the course, participant discussion was encouraged and practical work emphasized. All of the plenary sessions on macroeconomic accounts and analysis were complemented by applied workshops. Participants were assigned to one of three working groups, each led by an Institute staff member. These small groups served as a forum for the

review of issues arising in the lectures, and for the preparation and presentation of workshops. Towards the end of the course, participants were asked to review economic developments in two Fund member countries and to present their analysis in plenary sessions.

During the course 74 sessions were held. These included lectures, workshops, counseling and working group sessions, and a video presentation on the 1984 Fund-Bank Annual Meetings. The sessions were conducted by the staff of the IMF Institute. For most topics, background materials were distributed to the participants several days in advance of the session. The summaries and workshops listed in Attachment III were supplemented, where necessary, by selected published material and other Fund documents.

Social activities

A reception was given at the Fund on January 17 to welcome the participants, and to introduce them to management, members of the Executive Board, and the staff.

Participants were entertained at luncheons hosted by their Executive Directors, and by the area departments responsible for their countries. In addition, the Institute organized a number of weekend outings, including a visit to New York, and several social gatherings at the Concordia.

Certificates of attendance were presented to the participants at a farewell luncheon attended by the Deputy Managing Director on March 8.

IMF Institute
April 1985

List of Participants

Course on Techniques of Economic Analysis in English (1985-II)

NAME	COUNTRY	POSITION AND AFFILIATION
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6. CHURNSIDE, Vincent Alexander	Jamaica	Senior Economist Debt Management Unit Monetary and Foreign Exchange Policy Department Bank of Jamaica
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9. GONZALEZ, Celia Manalastas (Mrs.)	Philippines	Acting Economist A Economic and Quantitative Group Department of Economic Research-Domestic Central Bank of the Philippines

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12. HILMY, Arif	Maldives	Statistics Officer Research and International Organizations Division Maldives Monetary Authority
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14. IONESCU, Apostol	Romania	Senior Economist Foreign Trade Department Ministry of Finance
15. JUBAL, Izzeldin Abdalla Adam	Sudan	Deputy Manager Internal Audit Department Bank of Sudan
16. KAMER, Eli	Israel	Team Supervisor for Defense Budget Ministry of Finance
17. KARIM, Abubakar	Indonesia	Assistant Manager Economic Analysis Section Economic and Statistics Department Bank of Indonesia
18. KAZMI, Khalid Khawar	Pakistan	Assistant Chief Money and Banking Division Credit Planning Section Research Department State Bank of Pakistan

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30. TIKTIK, Ahmet	Turkey	Assistant Expert Long Term Planning Division Economic Planning Department State Planning Organization
31. YIRGU, Alemayehu	Ethiopia	Head, International Economic Studies Division Research and Planning Services Ministry of Finance
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List of Topics

Course on Techniques of Economic Analysis (1985-II)

I. Macroeconomic Accounts

1. National Income and Product Accounts (lecture and workshop)
2. Monetary Survey (lecture and workshop)
3. Government Finance Statistics (lecture and workshop)
4. Balance of Payments Statistics (lecture and workshop)
5. Interrelations Among Macroeconomic Accounts (lecture and workshop)

II. Macroeconomic Analysis

A. Behavior of Principal Macroeconomic Aggregates

1. Output and Expenditure (2 lectures and 1 workshop)
2. Prices (lecture and workshop)
3. Money, Credit and Interest Rates (2 lectures and 1 workshop)
4. The Budget and Government Financing (2 lectures and 1 workshop)
5. Trade, Capital Flows and Exchange Rate (2 lectures and 1 workshop)
6. External Debt (lecture and workshop)

B. Concepts of Measurement and Quantitative Methods

1. Ratios, Marginal Propensities and Elasticities (lecture and workshop)
2. Macroeconomic Models
 - a. Income-Expenditure Models (lecture and workshop)
 - b. Monetary Models (lecture and workshop)
3. Index Numbers (lecture and workshop)
4. Regression Analysis
 - a. The Least-Squares Method (2 lectures and 1 workshop)
 - b. Interpreting Regression Results (lecture and workshop)
5. Terms of Trade and Effective Exchange Rate (lecture and workshop)

C. Analysis of Economic Developments (5 workshops and 2 participants' presentations)

III. Fund's Policies and Procedures

1. Organizational Aspects of the Fund
2. The Fund's Code of Conduct
3. Origins and Uses of Fund Resources
4. International Liquidity and Special Drawing Rights
5. The 1984 Fund-Bank Annual Meetings
6. Recent Evolution of the International Monetary Fund

List of Documents

Course on Techniques of Economic Analysis in English (1985-II)

Summaries

Section I

INST/85-II/I-1	National Income and Product Accounts
INST/85-II/I-2	Monetary Survey
INST/85-II/I-3	Government Finance Statistics
INST/85-II/I-4	Balance of Payments Statistics
INST/85-II/I-5	Interrelations Among Macroeconomic Accounts

Section II

INST/85-II/II-A-1	Output and Expenditure
INST/85-II/II-A-1W	Workshop on Output and Expenditure
INST/85-II/II-A-2	Determinants of Prices and Inflation
INST/85-II/II-A-2W	Workshop on Prices
INST/85-II/II-A-3	Money, Credit and Interest Rates
INST/85-II/II-A-3W	Workshop on Money, Credit and Interest Rates
INST/85-II/II-A-4	The Budget and Government Financing
INST/85-II/II-A-4W	Workshop on The Budget and Government Financing
INST/85-II/II-A-5	Trade, Capital Flows and Exchange Rate
INST/85-II/II-A-5W	Workshop on Trade, Capital Flows and Exchange Rate
INST/85-II/II-A-6	External Debt
INST/85-II/II-A-6W	Workshop on External Debt
INST/85-II/II-B-1	Ratios, Marginal Propensities and Elasticities
INST/85-II/II-B-2(a)	Income-Expenditure Models
INST/85-II/II-B-2(b)	Monetary Models
INST/85-II/II-B-3	Index Numbers
INST/85-II/II-B-4(a)	The Least-Squares Method
INST/85-II/II-B-4(a)W	Workshop on The Least-Squares Method
INST/85-II/II-B-4(b)	Interpreting Regression Results
INST/85-II/II-B-4(b)W	Workshop on Interpreting Regression Results
INST/85-II/II-B-5	Terms of Trade and Effective Exchange Rate
INST/85-II/II-CW	Workshop on Analysis of Economic Developments (Outline)

Section III

INST/85-II/III-1	Organizational Aspects of the Fund
INST/85-II/III-2	The Fund's Code of Conduct
INST/85-II/III-3	Origins and Uses of Fund Resources (Outline)
Supplement	Financial Facilities of the Fund
INST/85-II/III-4	Special Drawing Rights
INST/85-II/III-6	Recent Evolution of the International Monetary Fund

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