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This special issue of the Journal of Economic Development is a collection of papers have been submitted to the International Conference on Business and Finance (ICBF) 2019, hosted by the Institute of Business Research (IBR), University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on 22-23 August 2019.

The strategic role of the Institute of Business Research, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City is to undertake academic research in a wide range of topics, to develop international collaboration in research and to promote international publication in business and finance. Over the years, IBR has developed and maintained a strong association with several researchers, academic institutions and journals.

The International Conference on Business and Finance (ICBF) is one of the key activities organized annually by the Institute of Business Research, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City. The conference is supported and affiliated by various reputable journals. We are gratified by a large number of submissions to the conference. We thank a large number of presenters who wanted their papers to be considered for the special issue. There were several good papers and unfortunately, we only able to publish a small portion of those submissions.

This special issue is an important milestone to reflect the comprehensive collaboration between the Institute of Business Research (IBR) and Journal of Economic Development and the Economic Research Institute, Chung Ang University.

This special issue is benefited from the quality of the submissions to the International Conference on Business and Finance. We are very impressed by high quality of the papers submitted to the conference and this carries over to the special issue.

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