

Foreword

This book reports on work done by IIASA-ECS in recent years, in particular the group's contribution to the 'Collaboration Project for the Economic Planning Agency Japan (EPA)'. During this project, also known as the 'Millennium Project', an international group of researchers worked in two areas, aging and environmental issues. IIASA-ECS contributed to the environment area by presenting and analysing long-term energy–economy–environment scenarios in general and sustainable development scenarios in particular. We are very grateful to the Japanese government for the sponsorship of this work. In particular, we thank Dr Hiromi Kato of the Economic and Social Research Institute, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan. We also thank our colleagues from the other collaborating groups, in particular Professor Carlo Carraro of the University of Venice, Professor Frank Convery of University College, Dublin, and Christian Egenhofer from CEPS, Brussels for helpful comments and suggestions.

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