

# TECHNOLOGICAL LEAPFROGGING BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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## ABSTRACT

*The possibility of achieving significant economic growth through technological leapfrogging seems exceptionally attractive to developing countries. It appears that the possibility of developing countries adopting advanced technology immediately, rather than proceeding by mastering intermediate technologies in turn, is dependent on the type of product (specific technology) in question, the social condition and environment of the country in question. The ideas and thoughts raised in this paper are considered preliminary, and should be tested in practical projects in developing countries that have a technologically backward setting.*