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Main issues



• Norway in Asia - a few observations





- Modernising the large public
- Need for higher growth in non-petroleum industries in order to reduce dependency of the oil sector
- The state ownership in the Norwegian economy should be further reduced





A Sound Business Environment

- A sound macro-economic policy
- Reduction of taxes and charges
- Good communication systems and infrastructure
- International co-operation and benchmarking
- Simplifying rules and regulations

Supporting growth and innovation

Evaluate and reorganise support for research & innovation, business development and internationalisation

A Reduced State Ownership

- Reorganise and streamline State ownership
- Clarify strategy and action



Asia - a diverse region...



Multilateral issues

- WTO
- EFTA

Bilateral contact

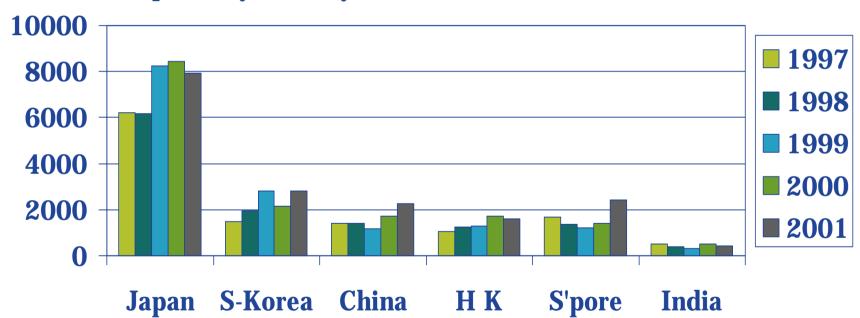
- Export promotion
- R&D
- Innovation and technology

Diversity of opportunities



...general growth, different patterns...

Exports by country, trad. commodities Mill NOK.





... diversity of opportunities



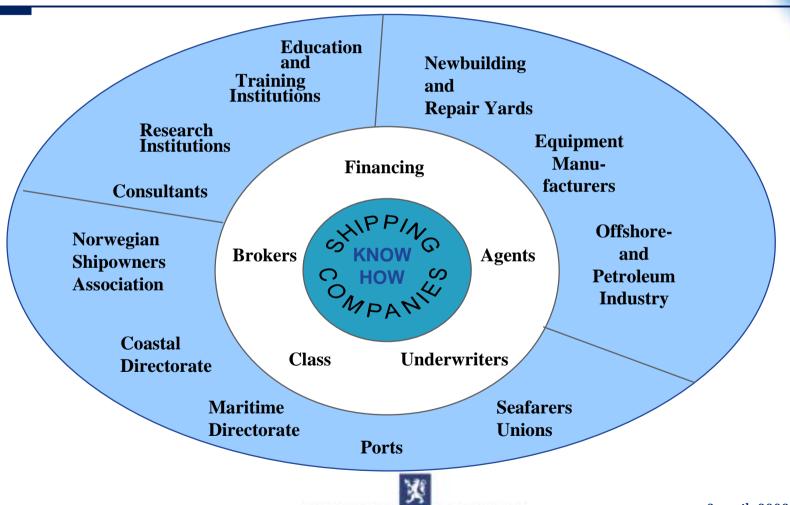
"Knowledge-based economies"

"In the forefront of innovation and technology"

→ Shared knowledge is multiplied knowledge



Norway's maritime cluster - the important elements



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