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Abstract While many Asian leaders would agree that incessant demographic pressures impare the prospects of poor countries in achieving economic development, some feel it is either beneficial for development or largely irrelevant. This paper attempts to answer eight questions related to the difference that lower fertility would make to various aspects of national development. It suggests that the conventional indicators of economic progress usually will improve faster when population growth slows.

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