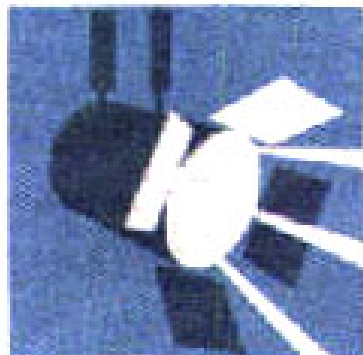


Asia needs to invest more in infrastructure



FINANCE Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam said infrastructure investment is a key way in which Asian economies can reduce the global savings and investment imbalances.

He was speaking at the inaugural World Bank-Singapore Infrastructure Finance Summit yesterday.

He added that investing to remove infrastructural bottlenecks will give the best returns in economic growth in the region. Infrastructure investment will also bring social benefits by making health care, modern sanitation and electricity available to Asia's citizens.