Investments in ASEAN: Opportunities & Challenges for you after AEC

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ASEAN: Economic Integration

What to expect?

What is **ASEAN**?

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations

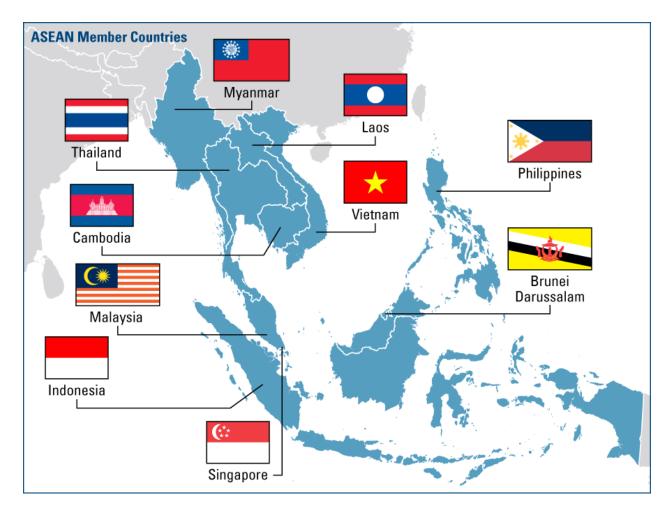
ASEAN Cooperation

Political Cooperation Social Cooperation Economic Cooperation



Introduction

Association of Southeast Asian Nations Established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand



ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) signed by the Founding Fathers of ASEAN (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand)

Additional countries joined as follows: Brunei Darussalam: 7 January 1984 Vietnam: 28 July 1995 Lao PDR and Myanmar: 23 July 1997 Cambodia: 30 April 1999



ASEAN Community 2015: 3 Pillars



Single market and production base Competitive economic region Development Integration into global economy



ASEAN Social-Cultural

Human development Social welfare and protection Social justice and rights Ensuring environmental sustainability Building an ASEAN identity

ASEAN Political-Security Community

Rules-based community of shared norms and values

Cohesive, peaceful, stable, resilient region with shared responsibility for comprehensive security

Dynamic and outward-looking region in an increasingly integrated and interdependent world





Competitive Economic Region

- Competitive policy
- Consumer protection
- Intellectual property rights
- Infrastructure development
- Taxation & e-commerce



Regional integration into the global economy

- Coherent approach towards
 external economic relations
- Enhanced participation in global network



Region of equitable economic development

- SME development
- Enhanced participation in global network



Core Elements for a Single Market & Production Base

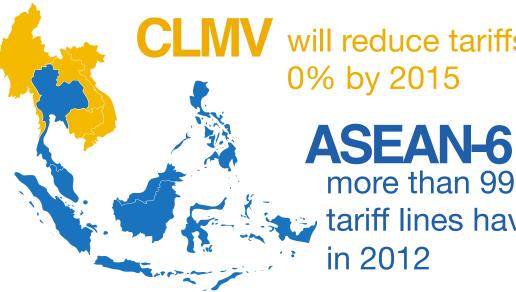
Free flow of goods Free flow of services Free flow of investment Freer flow of capital Free flow of skilled labor

Free Flow of Goods

ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)

ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) for intra-ASEAN trade in goods elimination of tariff barriers elimination of quantity restrictions and non-tariff barriers

ASEAN Rules of Origin ASEAN product



will reduce tariffs to 0% by 2015

in 2012

more than 99% of

tariff lines have 0%

Free Flow of Investment

Intra-ASEAN Investment governed by the: **ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA)**

Objectives

Enhancing ASEAN's competiveness Attracting Foreign direct investment (FDI) Increasing intra-ASEAN investment

Actions

Extend non-discriminatory treatments National treatment to investors Most-favored nation treatment must be respected Reduce and eliminate restrictions to entry Reduce and eliminate other impediments

Free Flow of Skilled Labor

Greater mobility of services to facilitating movement of business persons, skilled labor, and talent.

Greater mobility of qualified service professionals in the region by excepting common standards of some professionals. There are mutual recognition agreements (MRAs) for the following

Medical practitioners **Dental practitioners** Accountancy services Engineering services Nursing services Architectural services Surveying qualifications Tourism professionals

Strengthening ASEAN capital market development and integration

Achieve greater harmonization in standards

Facilitate mutual recognition of agreements

Achieve greater flexibility in language and governance

Enhance withholding tax structure

Establish exchange and debt market linkages

Capital Integration in ASEAN

Can investment and capital can be transferred freely in ASEAN now?

No, not just yet

Why not integrated yet?

Many barriers such as language, procedure, systems, regulations...

What does ASEAN need to do?

1 Standardize all regulations and procedures

- 2 Remove restrictions to facilitate transactions
- 3 Remove restrictions on foreign direct investment (FDI)

Integration of Monetary & Financial in ASEAN

Four focus areas

Capital Market Development

Financial Services Liberalization

Capital Account Liberalization

ASEAN Currency Cooperation





Integrated Capital Markets

Collaboration of the asean exchanges'

Seven stock exchanges in ASEAN formalized in April 2011 to promote the growth of the ASEAN capital market with the intent of bringing more ASEAN investment opportunities to more people.

Members

Bursa Malaysia, Hanoi Stock Exchange, Hochiminh Stock Exchange, Indonesia Stock Exchange, The Philippine Stock Exchange Inc., Singapore Exchange and The Stock Exchange of Thailand.

ASEAN Exchanges

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Free Flow of Services

ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS)

Services Covered

Business services Financial Professional services Construction Distribution Education Environmental Healthcare Maritime transport Telecommunications Tourism **Others** No restrictions on ASEAN service suppliers

Eliminates restrictions to trade in services among ASEAN countries

Liberalization of services under the Coordinating Committee on Services

Roadmap / Timeline

What will happen from now until

Real A A A A A A A A

31 December

2015

Timeline for Liberalization

Foreign (ASEAN Citizen) ownership limits

SECTORS TARGETS	2008	2010	2013	2015
e-ASEAN, healthcare tourism services	51%	70%		
Logistics		51%	70%	
Construction	51%			70%
Others		51%		70%



Single Market and Production Base				
Core elements	Actions	Model Representation		
1. Goods	 Eliminate TBs, NTBs Simplify ROOs Trade facilitation, customs integration, single window Harmonize standards and regulations 	 Lower tariffs Lower goods non-tariff barriers 		
2. Services	 Remove restrictions on service trade Allow at least 70% equity participation Schedule commitments for Mode 4 Extend MRAs, liberalize financial services 	 Lower service non-tariff barriers Higher FDI flows 		
3. Investment	 Investment protection, facilitation, promotion, liberalization Non-discrimination, national treatment 	Higher FDI flows		

Single Market and Production Base (con'd)				
Core elements	Actions	Model Representation		
4. Capital	 Harmonize regulations Promote cross-border capital raising 			
5. Labor	 Facilitate movement of skilled and professional labor in cross-border trade Enhance movement of students Work toward harmonizing qualifications 	Lower service non-tariff barriers		



Challenges & Opportunities

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Let's Get READY!

- Do you want to be in the market with 600 million people?
- Should you wait for AEC 2015 or get ready now?
- Do you want to help go to get ready to be part of the ASEAN Single Market?

SOME THOUGHTS

- Understand what AEC really is
- Foresee who will come to your territory- new customers, new competitors?
- New game, new rules, new players
- **BUILD** and **EXPAND** your ASEAN Network

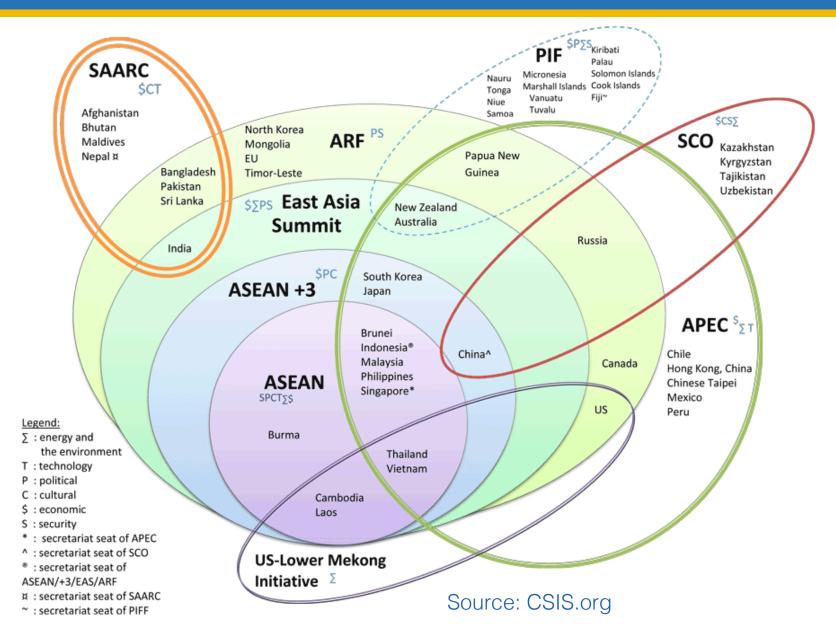
Future Expansion of ASEAN Economic Integration





ASEAN+10 Population 590 million (9% of world population) EAFTA (ASEAN +3) Population 2,068 million (31% of world population) CEPEA (ASEAN +6) Population 3,284 million (50% of world population)

Integration to the Global Economy



Comments & Questions?

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