



Discussion [-]

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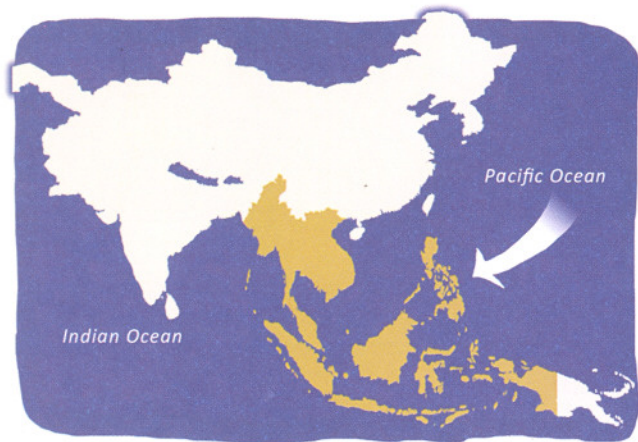
What is the ASEAN Blueprint is planning to achieve? What could ASEAN become in the next 10 years?

Q2:

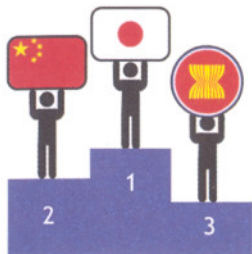
What possible benefits does ASEAN have as a regional grouping?

Q3:

What does the volume of intra-ASEAN trade in comparison with external trade imply?



Geostrategic importance as a gateway to Asia, a linkage between Pacific and Indian Ocean, and a passage for the large share of global trade



- > Rapidly growing GDP (almost 170% increase over the past decade)
- > Collective nominal GDP of 1,800 billion USD (12% of the US, ranked 9th of the world in 2010)

The third-largest economy in Asia, after Japan and China

Australia, **Brunei**, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, **Indonesia**, Japan, South Korea, **Malaysia**, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, **Philippines**, Russia, **Singapore**, Taiwan, **Thailand**, the United States, Vietnam

7 of 21 APEC members



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