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Q1:

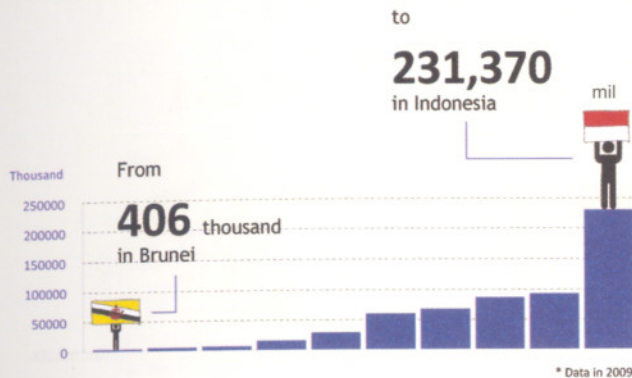
How can cultural diversity be a challenge and opportunity to create a collective regional identity?

Q2:

What are the challenges of an uneven development of members? How could ASEAN deal with them?



Cultural influences from India and China



Vary in population size



Vary in land area



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Q3:

What could be commonalities of ASEAN?

Q4:

How does ASEAN diversity differ from that of the different states in the U.S.?

from

419

USD



Myanmar



to

36,631

USD



Singapore



* Data in 2009

Vary in GDP

9 
religions

9 
political systems

24
languages
(just in Indonesia alone)

More than...



Similarities



Rice and noodle as common dishes



Ramayana, an Indian epic, absorbed into cultures of Southeast Asia and retold through traditional art & craft



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