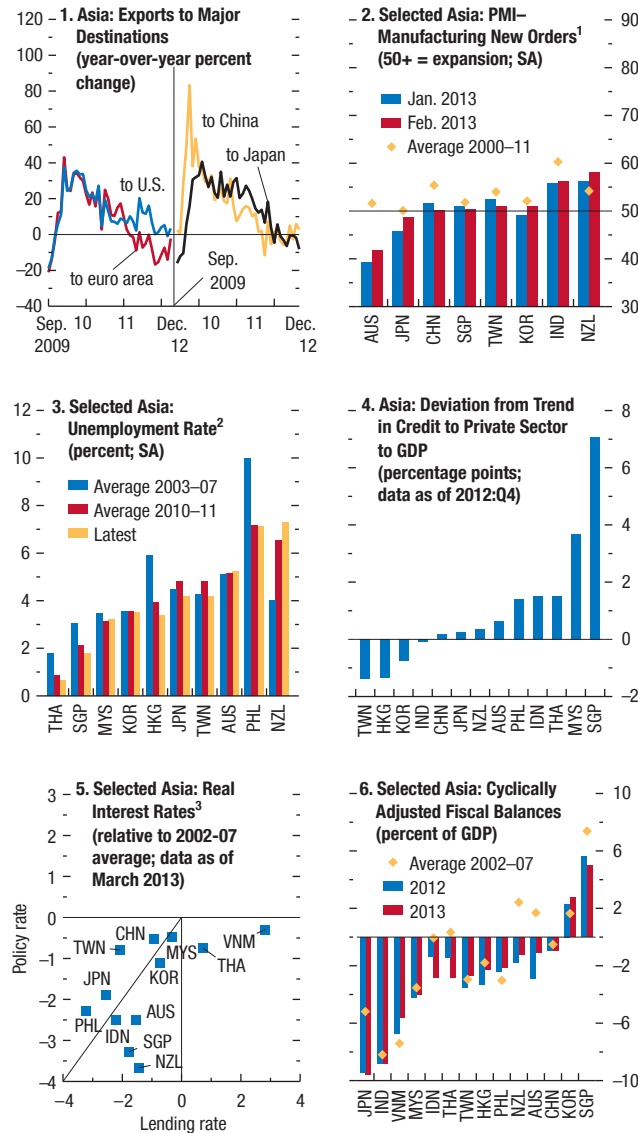


Figure 2.8. Asia: Stabilization, Recovery, and Accommodative Policies

With activity showing signs of stabilization, growth is expected to pick up gradually during 2013, as robust domestic demand is supported by favorable labor market conditions, easy financial conditions, and accommodative macroeconomic policies.



Sources: CEIC Data; Markit/Haver Analytics; and IMF staff estimates.

Note: AUS = Australia; CHN = China; HKG = Hong Kong SAR; IDN = Indonesia; IND = India; JPN = Japan; KOR = Korea; MYS = Malaysia; NZL = New Zealand; PHL = Philippines; SGP = Singapore; THA = Thailand; TWN = Taiwan Province of China; VNM = Vietnam. PMI = Purchasing Managers' Index; SA = seasonally adjusted.

¹A reading above 50 percent indicates expansion; below 50 percent indicates contraction.

²Latest data as of March 2013 for the Philippines; February 2013 for Korea, Taiwan Province of China, and Hong Kong SAR; January 2013 for Japan and Thailand; 2012:Q4 for Singapore and Malaysia; and 2012:Q3 for Australia and New Zealand.

³A position above the 45-degree line indicates a larger lending cut, and below the line indicates a larger policy rate cut.