Economic Integration in Asia: Progress and Challenges

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  • Structural transformation in PRC

• Financial integration and volatility
  • Structural patterns of capital flows to Asia
  • FDI vs. Portfolio and other investment
Progress of regional economic integration
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Asian economies more vulnerable to growth shock from PRC and their own domestic shocks

Share of Asian output variance due to external and local factors (%, x-axis = # of quarters)

Pre-GFC = 2001Q1 to 2008Q1; Post-GFC = 2009Q1 to 2015Q2. Average for sample economies.
Source: ADB calculations.
Correlation between growth in ASEAN+3 exports and US non-oil imports

Note: ASEAN+3 refers to ASEAN including PRC; Hong Kong, China; Japan; and Korea, Rep. of. US non-oil imports computed by subtracting imports of energy-related petroleum products and crude petroleum.
Source: ADB calculation using data from CEIC: (US Census Bureau) and Direction of Trade Statistics, International Monetary Fund (IMF).
Correlation between growth in NIE-3 exports and PRC non-oil imports

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Trade slowdown and PRC factors
Asia’s overall trade growth slows

Trade and GDP Growth (%)

Fall in trade growth due to:

• Sluggish demand recovery in advanced economies.
• Growth moderation in PRC.
• Slower pace of expansion in global and regional value chains.
G-7 share is declining while PRC share rising

Shares in world trade volume
(% of world trade volume)


G-7 = UK, US, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, and Canada.
Note: Trade volume is estimated by using annual trade volume growth rates on 2001 trade values and extending the series in the specified years. 2015 trade estimates using 3-year compounded average growth rate.
Source: ADB calculations using data from World Trade Organization Trade Statistics.
G-7 and PRC contribute around a half of world trade growth

**Contribution to world trade volume growth**
(% of world trade volume growth)

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Source: ADB calculation using data from WTO Trade Statistics.
Significant trade links within and across subregions

Gravity Model Results

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Asia’s Trade Linkage, 2014
(Numbers in parentheses = 2010)

Asian Subregional Trade Linkages, 2014
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Note: Based on trade intensity (or trade bias), which is the ratio of the trading partner’s share to a country/region, and the share of world trade with the same trading partner. It is calculated as \( \frac{T_{ij}}{T_i} \cdot \frac{T_j}{T_w} \), where \( T_{ij} \) is the dollar value of total trade of \( i \) with \( j \); \( T_i \) is the dollar value of total trade of \( i \) with world; \( T_j \) dollar value of total trade of \( j \) with world; and \( T_w \) total world trade.

Source: ADB calculation using data from Direction of Trade Statistics, International Monetary Fund.
Trade Links with the rest of the World—East Asia and Southeast Asia, 2014
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Regional value chains are deepening

Panel Figure a: DVA Exports to Asia (% of Total Intraregional DVA)

Panel Figure b: FVA Exports to Asia (% of Total Intraregional FVA)

Panel Figure c: RDV Exports to Asia (% of Total Intraregional RDV)

Panel Figure d: PDC Exports to Asia (% of Total Intraregional PDC)

DVA = domestic value added, FVA = foreign value added, RDV = returned domestic value added, PDC = pure double counting component.
PRC’s structural transformation presents both challenges and opportunities.

**Top 20 Asian Exporters to the PRC**

(% of country’s total exports, 2014)

- **Mongolia**
- **Turkmenistan**
- **Myanmar**
- **Hong Kong, China**
- **Solomon Islands**
- **Lao PDR**
- **Australia**
- **Korea, Rep. of**
- **Uzbekistan**
- **New Zealand**
- **Japan**
- **Papua New Guinea**
- **Philippines**
- **Kazakhstan**
- **Viet Nam**
- **Singapore**
- **Malaysia**
- **Armenia**
- **Thailand**
- **Indonesia**

**PRC’s imports from Asia ($ billion)**

- **Intermediate Goods**
- **Consumption Goods**

*Source: ADB*
Commodity prices have declined (again) since 2012

Commodity Prices
(nominal monthly, 2010=100)

Real Commodity Prices
(2010=100, annual, based on 2005 US$)

Note: Monthly indexes based on nominal US dollars, 2010=100.
Source: World Bank Commodity Price Data (the Pink Sheet)

Note: Annual indexes, 2010=100, 1960 to present, real 2005 US dollars.
Some countries heavily dependent on commodity exports are hit by “double whammies”

Top Commodity Exporters' Commodity Export Share – 2014
(\% of economy’s total exports)

Note: Includes economies with commodity exports as \% of total exports of more than 30\%. Data based on SITC Rev 3. Commodity items include primary consumption goods (primary food and beverages for household consumption) and selected intermediate goods (primary food and beverages for industry, primary industrial supplies, and primary and processed fuels and lubricants) as defined under Broad Economic Categories.

Source: ADB calculations using data from UN Commodity Trade Database.

ARM=Armenia; AUS=Australia; BEN=Benin; BHS=Bahamas; BRA=Brazil; BRU=Brunei Darussalam; CAF=Central African Rep.; CHL=Chile; GIN=Guinea; MNE=Montenegro; MON=Mongolia; MOZ=Mozambique; MRT=Mauritania; MSR=Montserrat; MWI=Malawi; NER=Niger; PER=Peru; PRY=Paraguay; QAT=Qatar; RWA=Rwanda; SLE=Sierra Leone; TZA=United Rep. of Tanzania; ZWE=Zimbabwe.
Overall trade costs need to be lowered

**Time to Export and Import by Region (2014, days)**

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**Number of Documents to Export and Import in Asia and the Pacific by Subregion (2014)**

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Source: World Development Indicators, World Bank.
Financial integration and volatility
Financial Stress Index—ASEAN+3

Note: Based on principal components analysis. Includes People’s Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Rep. of Korea; Malaysia; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Viet Nam
Source: ADB staff calculation using Bloomberg, Yahoo! Finance and CEIC
Short-term external debt (% of reserves)

Note: Data used for 2010 for PHI is 2012 and 2011 for THA.
Source: ADB calculations using data from International Financial Statistics, IMF; and national sources.
Net International Investment Position (% of GDP)

Note: Based on BPM-6 data (assets less liabilities). Includes foreign direct investment, portfolio investment, other investment, and foreign reserves. 2015 refers to end Q3-2015 for all, except for INO (Q1-2015) and MAL (Q2-2015).
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Change in Foreign Exchange Rate (%)

- 3 months ending 9 Nov 2015 (% change)
- 3 months ending 9 Feb 2016 (% change)

Net capital flows turned negative in 2014 and 2015

Net Capital Flows to Asia ($ billion)

Note: Includes the People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Philippines; and Thailand.
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Asia has become an important source of FDI

Total FDI Flows—Asia ($ billion)

FDI = foreign direct investment, LHS = left-hand scale, RHS = right-hand scale.
Key Messages

• PRC slowdown, financial volatility, and weak commodity prices are key downside risks to the outlook

• PRC business cycle exerts increasingly large influence on Asian business cycles

• Trade growth in Asia slows;
  (a) Cyclical and structural factors
  (b) Regional value chain reached its maturity

• PRC’s structural transformation presents both opportunities & challenges for Asia:

• Renewed financial vulnerabilities underscored by the structural patterns of capital flows to the region:
  • FDI is mostly intra-regional
  • Portfolio and other investments are inter-regional
Spare Slides
Gross Exports Decomposition, 2011

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