

Asia's Diplomatic Calendar: Holidays, Summits, and Cross-Border Relations in 2025

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1. In November 2025, leaders from China and South Korea met in Gyeongju. What was a key topic of discussion related to cultural exchange?

- A) Expansion of cultural exchanges and easing of restrictions on South Korean entertainment**
- B) Joint development of new K-pop music groups
- C) Collaboration on a historical documentary about ancient Korea
- D) Establishing a joint tourism package for both countries

2. Which major Asian summit is scheduled to take place in Gyeongju, South Korea, in November 2025, potentially involving discussions on regional economic and security issues?

- A) APEC Summit**
- B) ASEAN Summit
- C) East Asia Summit
- D) Quad Leaders' Summit

3. The first Red River Festival in November 2025 brought together provinces along the Red River in Vietnam and which Chinese prefecture, marking a new milestone in regional cultural cooperation?

- A) Honghe Prefecture, Yunnan**
- B) Guangzhou Prefecture, Guangdong
- C) Shanghai Prefecture
- D) Chongqing Prefecture

4. Which Asian country's diplomatic efforts in 2025 have been characterized by a focus on cultural diplomacy, leveraging its vibrant K-pop industry and the 'Korean Wave' to connect with global audiences?

- A) South Korea
- B) Japan**
- C) China
- D) Singapore

5. In November 2024, Japan and China's leaders met, with discussions focusing on improving ties. What significant anniversary related to their shared history was noted as potentially influencing the relationship in 2025?

- A) 80th anniversary of the end of World War II**
- B) 100th anniversary of the first diplomatic treaty
- C) 50th anniversary of their economic cooperation agreement
- D) 150th anniversary of cultural exchange

6. During the 2025 China-Pacific Island Countries Foreign Ministers' Meeting, China proposed a six-point plan for building what kind of community between China and the Pacific Island Countries?

A) A community with a shared future

- B) A community of economic interdependence
- C) A community of technological innovation
- D) A community of environmental sustainability

7. Which Southeast Asian nation, known for its vibrant water festival 'Songkran', is also a significant player in cultural diplomacy, often utilizing its festivals to connect with international tourists and foster goodwill?

A) Thailand

- B) Vietnam
- C) Singapore
- D) Malaysia

8. In 2025, China's diplomatic engagements have focused on its neighborhood. Which region saw leaders jointly sign a treaty of permanent good-neighborliness and friendly cooperation?

A) Central Asia

- B) South Asia
- C) Southeast Asia
- D) East Asia

9. Singapore's recognition of the People's Republic of China in 1990 was delayed. Which neighboring country's decision to normalize relations first influenced Singapore's timing?

A) Indonesia

- B) Malaysia
- C) Thailand
- D) Vietnam

10. The 2025 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting is scheduled to be held in which South Korean city?

A) Gyeongju

- B) Seoul
- C) Busan
- D) Incheon

11. Buddhism has been highlighted as a form of cultural diplomacy, particularly between which two Asian nations, fostering understanding and camaraderie through shared religious and cultural practices?

A) Thailand and China

B) Japan and South Korea

C) India and Nepal

D) Vietnam and Cambodia

12. Japan's 'sakura' or cherry blossom season, a major draw for international tourism and cultural exchange, is typically celebrated during which months?

A) March-April

B) June-July

C) September-October

D) December-January