

ASEAN's Digital Diplomacy Breakthroughs: From AI Ethics to Cross-Border Trade

Digital Diplomacy · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What is the primary goal of the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA), launched in September 2023?

- A) To ban all cross-border data flows within ASEAN.
- B) To unite ASEAN nations in fostering digital cooperation and boost the regional digital economy.**
- C) To establish a single digital currency for all ASEAN member states.
- D) To centralize all internet infrastructure under one governing body.

2. Which of the following is a key area covered by the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA)?

- A) Space exploration policies
- B) Digital trade, e-commerce, and data governance**
- C) Agricultural subsidies
- D) Maritime boundary disputes

3. In what year did ASEAN member states officially announce the development of their own ASEAN guide on AI Governance and Ethics?

- A) 2023**
- B) 2025
- C) 2022
- D) 2024

4. What is a notable aspect of the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) regarding import duties on digital transmissions?

- A) It imposes new tariffs on digital goods.
- B) It bans import duties on cross-border digital transmissions.**
- C) It allows individual member states to set their own digital import duties.
- D) It defers the decision on import duties to a later date.

5. The ASEAN Regional Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) was established to enhance cooperation in which critical area?

- A) Disaster management
- B) Financial regulation
- C) Cybersecurity incident response**
- D) Public health emergencies

6. As of early 2024, which country was leading the development of the ASEAN Guide on AI Governance and Ethics?

- A) Thailand
- B) Indonesia
- C) Malaysia
- D) Singapore**

7. The ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) negotiations were substantially concluded during which Malaysian chairmanship event?

- A) The ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur**
- B) The ASEAN Economic Community Council meeting
- C) The ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting
- D) The ASEAN Leaders' Retreat

8. What is the projected value of the ASEAN digital economy by 2030, as per the DEFA's aims?

- A) US\$500 billion
- B) US\$1 trillion
- C) US\$2 trillion**
- D) US\$1.5 trillion

9. How are diplomats and government officials in ASEAN increasingly using social media, according to recent trends?

- A) Solely for broadcasting official statements.
- B) To demystify international negotiations and engage with the public, especially youth.**
- C) To primarily share personal opinions and non-work-related content.
- D) To conduct private diplomatic negotiations offline.

10. The ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025 (ADM 2025) aims to position ASEAN as a leading digitally connected community and economic bloc, powered by secure and transformative digital services, technologies, and ecosystems. When was this masterplan officially adopted?

- A) 2020
- B) 2021**
- C) 2022
- D) 2019