

# ASEAN Digital Diplomacy: Navigating Cross-Border Tech, Trade, and Evolving

Digital Diplomacy · Practice Test · 18 Questions

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**1. Which landmark agreement, finalized in negotiations in May 2026, aims to harmonize digital trade rules and accelerate ASEAN's transformation into a leading digital economy?**

- A) ASEAN Digital Integration Framework (DIF)
- B) ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA)
- C) ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2020
- D) Bandar Seri Begawan Roadmap

**2. What is a primary goal of the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) concerning micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs)?**

- A) To restrict their cross-border operations
- B) To encourage their expansion across borders and integration into regional value chains
- C) To promote localized operations only
- D) To limit their access to digital markets

**3. Which two Southeast Asian nations recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoU) to enhance cooperation in cybersecurity, digital inclusion, e-governance, and emerging technologies?**

- A) Thailand and Singapore
- B) Malaysia and Indonesia
- C) Philippines and Vietnam
- D) Indonesia and Malaysia

**4. In 2023, what percentage of venture capital deals in ASEAN were related to the digital economy, exceeding the global average?**

- A) 50%
- B) 71%
- C) 60%
- D) 30%

**5. Which initiative, launched in 2020, aims to facilitate the growth of regional e-commerce and digital economy through an annual event open to businesses in the region?**

- A) ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN)
- B) ASEAN Online Sale Day (AOSD)
- C) ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025
- D) ASEAN Framework on Personal Data Protection

**6. What is the projected value of ASEAN's digital economy by 2030, according to current growth trends and potential DEFA impact?**

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

**7. Which framework agreement, adopted in 2016, aims to strengthen the protection of personal data within ASEAN member states?**

- A) ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA)
- B) ASEAN Agreement on Electronic Commerce
- C) ASEAN Framework on Personal Data Protection (PDP)
- D) ASEAN Digital Integration Framework and its Action Plan (DIFAP)

**8. As of early 2024, which two ASEAN countries are identified as prime beneficiaries of the growing data center investment due to their location advantage and available land/power?**

- A) Singapore and Thailand
- B) Malaysia and Indonesia
- C) Vietnam and the Philippines
- D) Brunei and Cambodia

**9. Which agreement, initiated in September 2023, is considered the world's first region-wide digital economy agreement aimed at harmonizing digital trade rules?**

- A) ASEAN Agreement on Electronic Commerce
- B) ASEAN Digital Integration Framework (DIF)
- C) ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA)
- D) Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC)

**10. Which two Southeast Asian nations have linked their real-time payment systems (PayNow and PromptPay), being the first in the world to do so?**

- A) Malaysia and Indonesia
- B) Philippines and Vietnam
- C) Singapore and Thailand
- D) Vietnam and Thailand

**11. What is the projected market size for Vietnam's e-commerce sector by 2030, positioning it as the second-largest in Southeast Asia?**

- A) US\$25 billion
- B) US\$63 billion
- C) US\$100 billion
- D) US\$40 billion

**12. Which ASEAN initiative, launched in 2021, aims to accelerate digital initiatives and deepen regional integration and connectivity during the second half of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint?**

- A) ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA)
- B) ASEAN Digital Connectivity Framework
- C) Bandar Seri Begawan Roadmap: An ASEAN Digital Transformation Agenda
- D) ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2020

**13. Which countries are collaborating on a Digital Connectivity and Cybersecurity Partnership (DCCP) with initiatives like Cross-Border Privacy Rules Socialization?**

- A) China and ASEAN
- B) Japan and ASEAN
- C) USA and ASEAN
- D) European Union and ASEAN

**14. The ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) negotiations began in which year?**

- A) 2021
- B) 2022
- C) 2023
- D) 2024

**15. Which of the following is a key focus area for the digital transformation agreement signed between the Philippines and Vietnam?**

- A) Renewable energy infrastructure
- B) Agricultural technology exchange
- C) Digital inclusion, e-government, and emerging technologies
- D) Maritime security and resource management

**16. What is the projected growth of ASEAN's digital economy by 2030 if DEFA is effectively implemented, according to some projections?**

- A) It is expected to remain around US\$1 trillion.
- B) It is expected to double to US\$2 trillion.
- C) It is expected to grow to US\$5 trillion.
- D) It is expected to decrease by 10%.

**17. Which Southeast Asian country is chairing the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) negotiations, with an expected conclusion this year (2025)?**

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

**18. In the context of digital diplomacy in ASEAN, which platforms does ASEAN primarily utilize as a state actor to conduct its digital diplomacy efforts?**

- A) Only Twitter and Facebook
- B) Official website and social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram)
- C) Only official government blogs
- D) YouTube and LinkedIn exclusively