

# Asia's Economic Pulse: Key Trends This Week - Growth, Inflation, and Market

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**1. According to AMRO's June 2026 interim update, what is the projected growth rate for the ASEAN+3 region in 2026?**

- A) 3.8 percent
- B) 4.0 percent**
- C) 4.3 percent
- D) 4.5 percent

**2. What factor is contributing to a projected rise in inflation for the ASEAN+3 region, as mentioned in the June 2026 AMRO update?**

- A) Increased consumer spending
- B) Stronger export demand
- C) Prolonged disruptions from the Middle East conflict**
- D) A surge in tourism

**3. In the first quarter of 2026, South Korea's real GDP growth rate was the second fastest among major economies, primarily driven by a boom in which sector?**

- A) Automotive
- B) Semiconductors**
- C) Petrochemicals
- D) Textiles

**4. What is the projected potential growth rate for South Korea to fall below in the coming year, according to OECD data released in June 2026?**

- A) 2.0%
- B) 1.8%
- C) 1.5%**
- D) 1.2%

**5. India's economy is projected to remain the world's fastest-growing major economy. What is the World Bank's projected GDP growth for India in fiscal year 2026-27?**

- A) 6.0%
- B) 6.6%**
- C) 7.0%
- D) 7.7%

**6. According to recent reports in June 2026, China's economic indicators show worsening trends, with stagnant consumption and falling investment. What was the year-over-year retail sales growth in China for April?**

- A) 0.0%
- B) 0.2%**
- C) 1.0%
- D) 2.0%

**7. Japan's business sentiment has soured for the first time in four quarters. What is the main reason cited for this decline in a June 2026 government survey?**

- A) A decline in exports
- B) Rising domestic interest rates
- C) The impact of the Middle East conflict**
- D) A downturn in the tourism sector

**8. As of June 11, 2026, Hong Kong's main stock market index, the HK50, experienced a daily decline. What was the percentage drop from the previous session?**

- A) 0.56%
- B) 1.06%**
- C) 1.50%
- D) 2.10%

**9. In May 2026, China's producer price index (PPI) saw a significant year-on-year increase. What was the percentage rise?**

- A) 1.2%
- B) 2.5%
- C) 3.9%**
- D) 5.1%

**10. South Korea's semiconductor export revenue has surged despite a decline in export volume by weight. Which type of high-value chips is a key driver of this trend?**

- A) DDR4
- B) NAND Flash
- C) HBM (High Bandwidth Memory)**
- D) DRAM