

ASEAN Financial Pulse: FDI Surges in Vietnam, Malaysia Inflation Stable, and

ASEAN Finance · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. As of May 2026, what was the total registered foreign direct investment (FDI) in Vietnam, and what was the year-on-year percentage increase?

- A) US\$24.81 billion, a 34.9% increase**
- B) US\$20.5 billion, a 25% increase
- C) US\$28.18 billion, a 40% increase
- D) US\$22.3 billion, a 30% increase

2. What is the projected inflation rate for Malaysia in 2026, according to the Economy Ministry?

- A) Between 1.5% and 2.5%**
- B) Between 2.5% and 3.5%
- C) Between 1.0% and 2.0%
- D) Between 3.0% and 4.0%

3. The Bank of Thailand has revised its 2026 economic growth forecast upwards. What is the new projected GDP growth rate?

- A) 2.0%**
- B) 1.5%
- C) 2.5%
- D) 1.8%

4. According to the World Bank's "Indonesia Economic Prospects, June 2026" report, what was the GDP growth rate for Indonesia in the first quarter of 2026?

- A) 5.6 percent**
- B) 5.1 percent
- C) 4.9 percent
- D) 5.4 percent

5. In Singapore, as of June 2026, what is the highest advertised annual interest rate for a 12-month fixed deposit, and which institution offers it?

- A) 1.60% p.a. from GXS**
- B) 1.50% p.a. from HL Bank
- C) 1.40% p.a. from ICBC
- D) 1.35% p.a. from Bank of China

6. Which sector remained the leading sector for foreign direct investment in Vietnam during the first five months of 2026, attracting the largest share of new capital?

- A) Processing and manufacturing**
- B) Energy
- C) Technology
- D) Wholesale and retail trade

7. According to the Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, Industry and Banking (JSCIB) of Thailand, what is the revised export growth forecast for 2026?

- A) 8-10%**
- B) 5-7%
- C) 10-12%
- D) 6-8%

8. What was Malaysia's inflation rate recorded at, which is noted as being much lower than the global inflation forecast of around 4.3%?

- A) 1.9 per cent**
- B) 1.5 per cent
- C) 2.5 per cent
- D) 2.1 per cent

9. What is the projected 10-year average return for the Singapore Savings Bonds (SBJUN26) as of April 2026?

- A) 2.11% p.a.**
- B) 1.99% p.a.
- C) 2.05% p.a.
- D) 2.14% p.a.

10. Which of the following countries saw its shares experience the biggest daily foreign inflows in nearly six years on June 16, 2026?

- A) Vietnam**
- B) Malaysia
- C) Philippines
- D) Indonesia

11. The International Energy Agency (IEA) report on Southeast Asia highlights that an overreliance on oil and gas transported through which critical strait has exposed the region to significant risks?

- A) Strait of Hormuz**
- B) Strait of Malacca
- C) Sunda Strait
- D) Lombok Strait

12. What was the total value of realized investment in Indonesia during the first quarter of 2026?

A) Rp498.8 trillion (US\$28.18 billion)

B) Rp450 trillion (US\$25 billion)

C) Rp520 trillion (US\$30 billion)

D) Rp480 trillion (US\$27 billion)

13. According to AMRO's assessment on June 16, 2026, how were ASEAN+3 public finances described in the first quarter of 2026, despite emerging signs of stress?

A) Resilient

B) Deteriorating

C) Stagnant

D) Uncertain

14. Which Vietnamese company was recognized for the first time in the 2026 Fortune Southeast Asia 500 ranking, holding the 148th position?

A) Vietnam National Chemical Group (Vinachem)

B) Vingroup

C) Masan Group

D) PetroVietnam

15. What is the projected GDP growth rate for Thailand in 2026, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

A) 1.5%

B) 2.0%

C) 1.8%

D) 1.2%