

ASEAN Diplomacy & Border Disputes: Test Your Southeast Asia Relations Knowledge

Southeast Asia Diplomacy · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which Southeast Asian nation formally acceded to ASEAN as its 11th member in October 2025?

- A) Myanmar
- B) Timor-Leste**
- C) Laos
- D) Cambodia

2. In May 2026, the Philippines hosted the first of the year's ASEAN Summits. Which country's internal conflict was a significant issue discussed during the summit?

- A) Thailand
- B) Myanmar**
- C) Vietnam
- D) Indonesia

3. Which two Southeast Asian countries signed maritime boundary delimitation treaties in June 2023, resolving long-standing claims in the Strait of Malacca and the Sulawesi Sea?

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

4. In July 2024, Singapore and which other Southeast Asian nation signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance defense cooperation, coinciding with the 55th anniversary of their diplomatic relations?

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

5. Cambodia and Laos celebrated the 70th anniversary of their diplomatic relations in June 2026. What kind of strategic partnership do they share?

- A) Economic Partnership
- B) Comprehensive and Long-Lasting Strategic Partnership**
- C) Security Cooperation Agreement
- D) Cultural Exchange Alliance

6. As of June 2026, which two Southeast Asian countries are engaged in diplomatic actions and monitoring concerning a floating structure in the disputed Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea?

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

7. In May 2026, Cambodia and Laos reaffirmed their commitment to combating transnational crime, including drug trafficking and what other significant type of online scam operations?

- A) Phishing scams
- B) Investment scams
- C) Online dating scams
- D) Online scam operations**

8. In April 2026, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited Cambodia, Thailand, and Myanmar to reinforce regional stability. What did China and Indonesia agree to in 2025 regarding overlapping claimed areas in the South China Sea?

- A) Joint fishing zones
- B) Form an intergovernmental joint steering committee for cooperative development**
- C) A ten-year moratorium on all maritime activities
- D) Joint environmental protection initiatives

9. What is the primary focus of the "Kuala Lumpur Peace Accord," signed by Thailand and Cambodia in October 2025?

- A) Economic trade agreement
- B) Resolving the longstanding border conflict**
- C) Joint tourism initiatives
- D) Cultural heritage preservation

10. In May 2026, during the 46th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, discussions were held regarding the development of the ASEAN Power Grid. Which country's support for this initiative was highlighted, along with a \$2 billion Southeast Asia Investment Financing Facility?

- A) Japan
- B) China
- C) Australia**
- D) United States