

Southeast Asia's Economic Pulse: Key Financial Updates from the Last 30 Days

Southeast Asia Finance · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which Southeast Asian country has seen its central bank maintain its key interest rate at 6.25% for the second consecutive meeting in June 2024 to manage inflation?

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

2. According to a PwC Indonesia Economic Update, what is Indonesia's targeted economic growth rate for 2024?

- A) 4.8%
- B) 5.2%**
- C) 5.5%
- D) 6.0%

3. In June 2024, which Southeast Asian nation's central bank maintained its policy rate at 6.50% for the sixth straight meeting, indicating readiness to consider rate cuts if inflation allows?

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

4. What was the projected GDP growth rate for the ASEAN region in 2024, according to analysis by the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC)?

- A) 4.5%
- B) 4.7%**
- C) 4.8%
- D) 5.0%

5. Which Southeast Asian country's economy is projected to grow between 4% and 5% in 2024, supported by export recovery and resilient domestic demand, according to its Finance Minister II?

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

6. In June 2024, headline inflation and core inflation in Malaysia remained unchanged at what percentage respectively?

- A) 2.5% and 2.1%
- B) 2.0% and 1.9%**
- C) 1.5% and 1.0%
- D) 3.0% and 2.5%

7. According to a report on foreign direct investment (FDI) in ASEAN for June 2024, which country remained the top recipient of inward FDI, attracting approximately 70% of the total flows to the region?

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

8. Which Southeast Asian country saw its GDP growth surge to 6.93% year-on-year in Q2 2024, exceeding projections and marking the strongest expansion since Q3 2022?

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

9. In June 2024, Thailand's SET Index closed at 1,300.96 points, marking a decrease of what percentage from the previous month?

- A) 1.5%
- B) 2.1%
- C) 3.3%**
- D) 4.0%

10. What was the year-on-year inflation rate in Indonesia for June 2024, which marked the second consecutive month of deflation?

- A) 2.51%**
- B) 2.80%
- C) 3.00%
- D) 3.50%

11. The World Bank's Philippines Economic Update in June 2024 forecasts the Philippine economy to accelerate to what growth rate in 2024?

- A) 5.5%
- B) 5.8%**
- C) 6.0%
- D) 6.2%

12. In June 2024, Singapore's Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) survey indicated that private-sector economists maintained their 2024 growth outlook for Singapore at what percentage?

- A) 2.0%
- B) 2.2%
- C) 2.4%**
- D) 2.6%

13. Which Southeast Asian country has officially launched its accession process to become an OECD candidate country by June 2024?

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

14. What was Vietnam's projected Q2 GDP growth rate in June 2024, according to Standard Chartered Bank's economists?

- A) 5.3%**
- B) 5.7%
- C) 6.0%
- D) 6.5%

15. In May 2024, Indonesia's consumer price index showed deflation of what percentage month-on-month?

- A) 0.01%
- B) 0.03%**
- C) 0.08%
- D) 0.10%

16. Which of the following trade agreements was recently approved by the Thai parliament, marking Thailand's first FTA with a group of European countries?

- A) ASEAN-China FTA Upgrade
- B) Thailand-Bhutan FTA
- C) Thailand-European Free Trade Association (EFTA) FTA**
- D) WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies

17. What was the primary driver for Indonesia's economic growth in 2024, according to PwC's Economic Update?

- A) Exports
- B) Tourism
- C) Consumption and Investment**
- D) Government Spending

18. In the first half of 2024, Vietnam recorded a trade surplus of how much?

A) US\$11.63 billion

B) US\$13.4 billion

C) US\$15.2 billion

D) US\$190.08 billion

19. What percentage growth did Malaysia's GDP experience year-on-year in the third quarter of 2024, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)?

A) 4.8%

B) 5.0%

C) 5.3%

D) 5.9%

20. According to the IMD World Competitiveness Ranking released in June 2026, Singapore reclaimed the top spot from which country?

A) Switzerland

B) Hong Kong

C) United States

D) Taiwan