

Asia-Pacific Space Diplomacy: ASEAN Nations Forge New Alliances in Orbit

Space Diplomacy · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which Southeast Asian nation has actively contributed to international discussions on emerging space threats like kinetic anti-satellite weapons, by submitting a working paper on the principle of 'due regard'?

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

2. The ASEAN Declaration on Space Cooperation, targeted for adoption in 2026, is a significant initiative drafted with substantial input from which member state?

- A) Singapore
- B) Indonesia
- C) The Philippines**
- D) Thailand

3. Which collaborative project between the Philippines and Indonesia focuses on the Blue Economy?

- A) Space Situational Awareness
- B) Satellite Data Sharing
- C) Orbital Debris Management
- D) Blue Economy Initiatives**

4. Malaysia, Singapore, and which other Southeast Asian nation are signatories to the U.S.-led Artemis Accords?

- A) Vietnam
- B) Thailand
- C) Indonesia
- D) The Philippines**

5. The Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) is a Japan-led initiative that connects national space agencies. Which of these is a key objective of APRSAF?

- A) Developing space weaponry
- B) Promoting peaceful space activities and international cooperation**
- C) Establishing a space race among Asian nations
- D) Facilitating private space tourism

6. Singapore and Thailand have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to galvanize space cooperation. Which of the following is a key area of this collaboration?

- A) Joint lunar missions
- B) Development of space debris removal technology
- C) Earth observation (EO) applications and research**
- D) Establishing a regional space launch site

7. Which Southeast Asian country was the first to enforce national space legislation, enacting its Law No. 21/2013 on Space Activities?

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

8. The Vietnam National Space Center (VNSC) project, a flagship of Vietnam-Japan cooperation, is being built with support from which type of Japanese funding?

- A) Private sector investment
- B) Official Development Assistance (ODA) loans**
- C) Military funding
- D) Cultural exchange grants

9. Malaysia formalized its participation in the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (REG 1975) to strengthen its commitment to global space governance. Which UN body did Malaysia deposit its instrument of accession with?

- A) UN Security Council
- B) UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)**
- C) International Court of Justice
- D) UN Human Rights Council

10. A collaborative satellite initiative between universities in Malaysia and Singapore, DECIMALSAT-1, was launched in March 2026. What is a primary goal of this initiative?

- A) To establish a regional spaceport
- B) To develop advanced weaponry for defense
- C) To build ASEAN's space talent pipeline through education**
- D) To mine resources from asteroids

11. The Philippines and Japan signed a Joint Declaration of Interest in Space Cooperation in May 2026. Which of the following is NOT listed as an area of potential cooperation?

- A) Satellite Joint Mission Partnership and Data Applications
- B) Space Exploration and Human Spaceflight
- C) Development of space-based tourism infrastructure**
- D) Space Sustainability

12. Which country is leading the development of the International Lunar Research Station (ILRS) program, an alternative to the U.S.-led Artemis Accords, which some Southeast Asian nations are considering?

- A) Japan
- B) India
- C) China**
- D) South Korea

13. Thailand aims to become a regional hub for the space industry, leveraging its partnership with which continent's nations, as highlighted by the THEOS-1 and THEOS-2 Earth observation satellites?

- A) Africa
- B) North America
- C) Europe**
- D) South America

14. Indonesia has been active in international space forums, emphasizing its adherence to the Outer Space Treaty. Which year did Indonesia ratify this treaty?

- A) 1967
- B) 1976
- C) 2002**
- D) 2013

15. The ASEAN Sub-Committee on Space Technology and Applications (SCOSA) facilitates cooperation among member states. In October 2024, which country hosted the 33rd SCOSA meeting?

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