ASEAN ECONOMY
A Highly Competitive Economic Region

With an average annual real growth rate of 5.3%, between 2007 and 2015, collectively ASEAN economy was the 6th largest in the world and the 3rd largest in Asia in 2015.

ASEAN TRADE
A More Integrated Market

Total trade increased by US$ 700 billion between 2007 and 2015, with intra-ASEAN trade comprising the largest share of ASEAN’s total trade.

ASEAN INVESTMENT
A Preferred Investment Destination

In 2015, ASEAN attracted US$ 121 billion of FDI with intra-ASEAN constituting the largest share of inflows.

ASEAN PEOPLE
A Dynamic and Vibrant Community

In 2015, ASEAN was the 3rd largest by population with more than half under the age of 30 and 47.7% living in urban areas.
ASEAN Economic Community at a Glance

AEC Timeline

AEC 2025

- 50th Anniversary of ASEAN
- ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA) entry into force
- Adoption of ASEAN Charter
- Adoption of AEC Blueprint 2015
- ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) entry into force
- ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) signed
- Birth of ASEAN

AEC Blueprint 2025 (2016-2025)

- A Highly Integrated and Cohesive Economy
- A Competitive, Innovative and Dynamic ASEAN
- Enhanced Connectivity and Sectoral Cooperation
- A Resilient, Inclusive and People-Oriented, People-Centred ASEAN
- A Global ASEAN

AEC Blueprint 2015 (2009-2015)

- Single Market and Production Base
- Competitive Economic Region
- Equitable Economic Development
- Integration into the Global Economy

ASEAN Trade

Total ASEAN Trade

US$ 2.3 trillion

Despite the moderation in global trade growth, total ASEAN trade grew by US$ 700 billion between 2007 and 2015.

Major Trading Partners

- Intra-ASEAN trade comprised the largest share of ASEAN’s total trade by partner in 2015.

ASEAN Investment

Total FDI and by Sector

ASEAN attracted US$121 billion of FDI in 2015, 62.1% of which were in the services sector.

Major Sources of FDI

- Intra-ASEAN was the highest source of FDI in 2015.

ASEAN People

Collectively, ASEAN population was the 3rd largest in the world in 2015.

More than half of the population were below 30 years of age and 47.7% lived in urban areas.

Source: ASEAN Secretariat

ASEAN Economy

With an average annual real growth rate of 5.3% between 2007-2015, ASEAN has consistently outperformed global growth.

Source: ASEAN Secretariat and ILO - IMF

The strategic measures under the 5 characteristics in the AEC Blueprint 2025 will be operationalised through the sectoral work plans and their implementation monitored through the AEC 2025 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.