# IMPLICATIONS OF THE ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TO LOGISTICS INDUSTRY

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## 1) Background on ASEAN Economic Community (AEC): AEC: An Overview - In Numbers (2014)

AMS	Nominal GDP (US\$ billion)	Total Trade (US\$ billion)	Total FDI Inflows (US\$ billion)	
Brunei	17.1	14.2	0.57	
Cambodia	16.6	29.7	1.73	
Indonesia	983.6	354.5	22.28	
Lao PDR	11.7	5.4	0.91	
Malaysia	326.3	443.1	10.71	
Myanmar	62.8	27.3	0.95	
Philippines	284.9	129.6	6.20	
Singapore	307.9	776.0	72.10	
Thailand	373.2	455.5	11.54	
Viet Nam	186.0	293.8	9.20	
ASEAN	2,570.3	2,528.9	136.18	
Key Regional Indicators				
GDP Growth (%)	4.6			
Total Trade (% of GDP)	98.3			
Total FDI (% of GDP)	5.3			

Source: ASEANStats, as of June 2015.

## **AEC Blueprint-adopted in 2007**

#### **ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY**

#### STRATEGIC SCHEDULE OF THE AEC BLUEPRINT (2008-2015)

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Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3	Pillar 4	
Single Market & Production Base	Competitive Economic Region	Equitable Economic Development	Integration into Global Economy	
<ul> <li>Free flow of goods</li> <li>Free flow of services</li> <li>Free flow of investment</li> <li>Freer flow of capital</li> <li>Free flow of skilled labor</li> <li>Priority Integration Sectors</li> <li>Food, agriculture and forestry</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Competition policy</li> <li>Consumer protection</li> <li>Intellectual property rights</li> <li>Infrastructure development</li> <li>Taxation</li> <li>E-Commerce</li> </ul>	•SME development •Initiative for ASEAN Integration	•Coherent approach towards external economic relations •Enhanced participation in global supply networks	

**HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** 

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT** 

## Key Achievements and Progress to date

## P1: Single Market and Production Base

- Tariffs already near zero.
- The ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement created a legal framework to realise the free flow of goods within the AEC.
- The ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services eases restrictions on cross-border trade in at least 80 subsectors.
- The ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement liberalises, protects, facilitates and promotes cross-border investment.
- Movement of professionals through MRAs for 8 professionals, Agreement on Movement of Natural persons, AQRF endorsement
- Priority integration sector (PIS)
- Trade facilitation through pilot project for self-certification, ongoing work on ASEAN Single Window, MRAs in testing standards.
- Stock exchanges from ASEAN-5 and Viet Nam have collaborated to form ASEAN Exchanges.

## P2: Competitive Economic Region

- Introduce competition policy and law as well as implement consumer protection laws, outreach activities. Endeavour to accede to international IP protocols.
- Transportation:
  - •ASEAN Highway Network is physically connecting key roadways, including the priority Transit Transport Routes.
  - •Efforts to operationalise ASEAN transport facilitation agreements (AFAFGIT, AFAFIST and AFAMT)
  - •Implementation framework of ASEAN Single Shipping Market.
  - •Agreements, protocols of **ASEAN Open Skies Policy** concluded, implemented
- 6 out of 16 cross-border connections of ASEAN Power Grid in operation.
  The Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline connects ASEAN's infrastructure. Lao,
  MYS, SGP and THA explore cross-border power trade.
- Continuous enhancement of telecommunication infrastructure.

## Challenges and what's next

## **Priorities towards AEC 2015**

#### Fast track the implementation the prioritised AEC deliverables:

- Beyond tariffs: Improved trade facilitation ASW
- Beyond commitments: making rules & regulations work
- The missing links: transport networks and the quality of transport infrastructure

#### Improve communication and outreach to stakeholders:

- Access to Information on benefits of AEC is suboptimal
- Appropriate key messages to national & regional audiences needed
- •Finalise the AEC's post-2015 agenda for deeper regional economic integration:
- To ensure expeditious completion of outstanding AEC 2015 measures
- To incorporate lessons and experiences from AEC 2015 and be forward looking

## 3eyond AEC 2015

s committed to creating a "Post-2015 Vision" to realise: nmunity that is "politically cohesive, economically ially responsible and a truly people-oriented, people-es-based ASEAN."

claration on ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision:
ders at the 25th Summit on 12 November 2014.

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