

PROMOTING REGIONAL INTEGRATION THROUGH SERVICES SECTOR IN SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST ASIA *TAKING CASE OF INDIA-THAILAND COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT*

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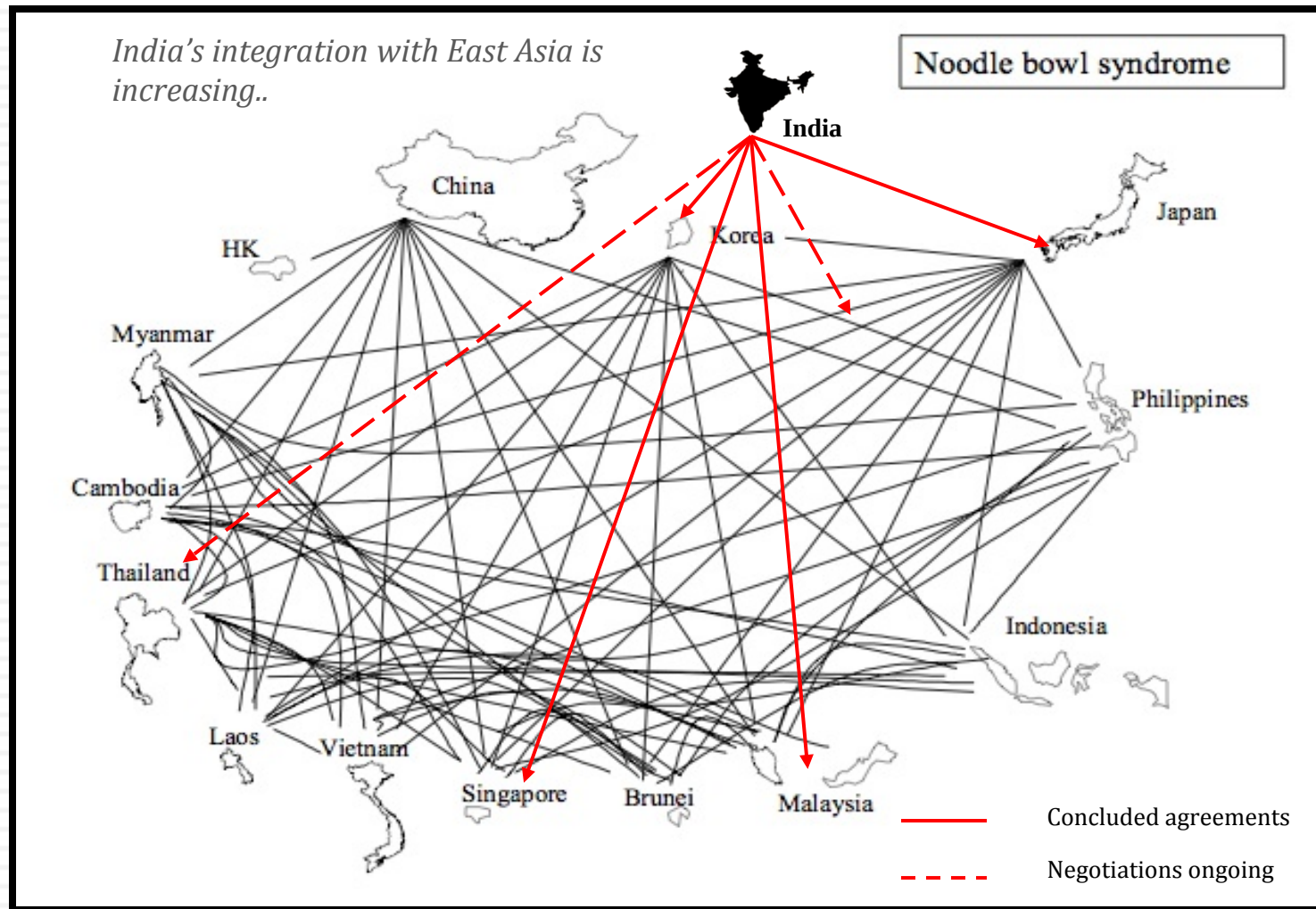
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Why are we looking at services and why are we looking at India and Thailand?
What do we intend to achieve by looking at them?

Why Services?

- ❑ Services is an important component of GDP of South and South East Asia (over 50% in 2012)
- ❑ It is a growing component of trade
 - ▣ Growth in South Asia's share in world's services export and import increased from 1% in 1990 to around 4% in 2010
 - ▣ For East Asia, the share in world services export increased from 8% in 1990 to 12.8% in 2010 and share in world services import increased from 7.7% in 1990 to 11.7% in 2010
- ❑ South and East Asia have trade complementarities in services
 - ▣ South Asia has advantage in knowledge-based services while East Asia in infrastructure and travel services
 - ▣ With global slowdown, countries in the region are exploring new markets and diversifying export basket

Services is a key component of trade agreements in South and East Asia – SATIS, AFAS, RCEP, TPP...



Source: Extracted by authors from Baldwin (2007), Fig. 1, page 5 (with modifications)

Objective of the Study

The **objective** of this study is to understand the prospects of enhancing services trade, investment and co-operation between South and South East Asia, taking the example of two countries from each region—India and Thailand

Why India and Thailand?

- Services are a growing component of GDP in both India and Thailand
- Thailand is a key player in global value chain in goods, why not in services? India has competitiveness in computer services and trade is with limited countries of the West
- The two countries have trade barriers in services. Thailand more restrictive than India (49% FDI cap) – opens on bilateral basis
- Both India and Thailand has strong Mode 4 interest, but categories differ
- India and Thailand are currently negotiating a trade agreement

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