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Asia-Pacific and global production networks: Role for Aid for Trade

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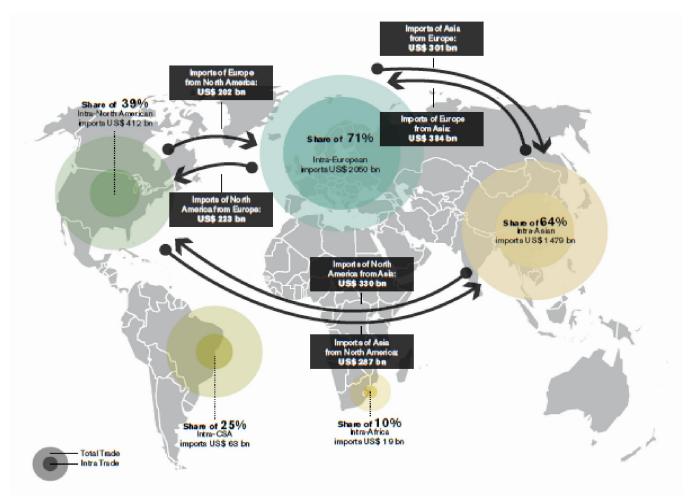
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Points raised

- Asia-Pacific region is a major player of the GPN phenomena
- However, in fact, integration into the GPN is concentrated in a small number of countries – mainly East Asia (NEA + SEA)
- Obstacles mostly come from internal factors
- Intervention can help
- Role for Aid for Trade should be better defined

Asia and the Pacific in GPN

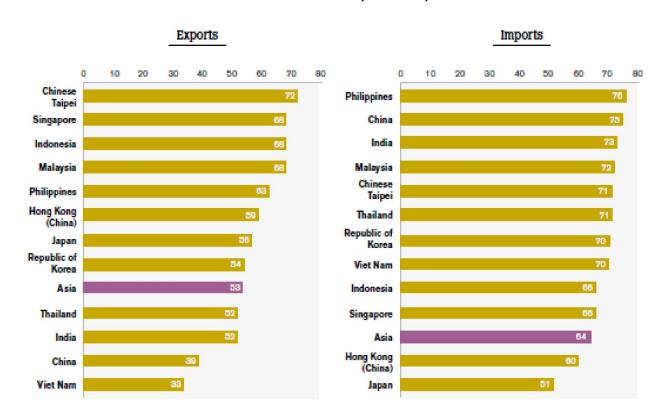
Intra-regional and major inter-regional trade in intermediate goods (2008)



Source: WTO and IDE-JETRO (2011)

Asia-Pacific players in GPN

Shares of intermediate goods in non-fuel trade of major AP trading nations (2009)



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Challenges for developing countries to integrate into GPNs

- High transaction costs of doing business
- High transport and logistics costs
- Limited telecommunication infrastructure
- Expensive and unreliable energy and other utilities (eg. electricity)
- Shallow and inefficient financial markets
- Lack of human resources
- Explicit and implicit barriers to trade

Areas for intervention

- Investment in hard and soft infrastructure
 - Transportation, logistic, telecommunication, public utilities
 - Education and skill formation systems
 - Efficiency and scope of financial sector
- Improve business climate to facilitate the ease of doing business and movement of goods and services
 - Trade facilitation
 - Trade and investment liberalization
 - Institution building
- Assistance to SMEs

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