

Basic Facts on East Asia¹

Japan (Nihon Koku 日本國)

Capital: Tōkyō (東京); Prime Minister (內閣總理大臣): Abe Shinzō (安部晋三) LDP (自民党) since September 2012 (LDP 1955-1993, DPJ since 2009-12, LDP 2012 on)
Population: 127 million; average annual population growth -0.1
Area: 377,800 km² (14.1% cultivated)
Population Density: 350/km² (agricultural 2,355/km²); 65.5% urban
Literacy: 99%
GDP: \$5,362 billion (3rd in world, 2nd in Asia); agriculture 2%; growth -0.6
Per Capita GNI: \$42,659 PPP (22nd in world)

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Chosŏn Minjujuŭi Inmin Konghwaguk) 조선민주주의 공화국 “朝鮮民主主義共和國”

Capital: P'yŏngyang (평양 “平壤”); Formal Head of State: Chairman of the Politburo of the Supreme People's Assembly, Kim Yŏng-nam (since 7th party congress in 2016: 최고 인민회의 상임위원장 김영남 “最高人民會議 常任委員長金永南”); Actual leader Kim Jong Un (Kim Chŏngŭn, 김정은), since 2016 State Affairs Commission Chair and Korean Workers Party Chair (국무위원회장과 조선로동 당총서기 “國務委員會長 朝鮮労働黨總書記). Kim Il Sung 1946-1994, Kim Jong Il 1994-2011, Kim Jong Un 2011-).
Population: 24.9 million; annual population growth .07%
Area: 122,300 km² (19% cultivated)
Population Density: 189/km² (agricultural 940/km²); 61.4% urban
Literacy: 99%
GDP: \$40 billion (102nd in the world); agriculture and fisheries 37%; annual growth 1.3% last year
Per Capita GNI: \$1800 PPP

¹ Economic figures are 2018 IMF figures, but PPP figures are IMF 2017.

Republic of Korea (Taehan Min'guk) 대한민국 “大韓民國”

Capital: Seoul (서울); president (대통령 大統領) Mun Jae-in (문재인 文在寅) of the Democratic Party; Prime Minister (국무총리 國務總理): Lee Nak-yeon (이낙연 李洛淵)

Population: 51.5 million; 1990-2001 average annual population growth 0.3%

Area: 99,000 km² (21.6% cultivated)

Population Density: 528/km² (agricultural 2,116/km²); 80.5% urban

Literacy: 98%

GDP: \$1,777 billion (11th in world, 4th in Asia); agriculture 3%; growth 3.6

Per Capita GNI: \$39,387 PPP (30th in the world)

People's Republic of China (Zhōnghuá Rénmín Gònghéguó) 中華人民共和國

Capital: Běijīng (Peking) 北京: Party General Secretary (中国共产党中央委员总书记), President (中华人民共和国主席), Chair Party Central Military Commission (中国共产党中央军事委员长): Xi Jinping (習近平); Prime Minister (国务院总理): Li Keqiang (李克强)

Population: 1,386 million (91% Han Chinese 漢族); annual growth 0.6%

Area: 9,561,000 km² (10.1% cultivated)

Population Density: 136/km²; 39.6% urban

Literacy: 95%

GDP: \$15,543 billion (2nd in world, 1st in Asia); agriculture and fisheries 14.6%; growth 8.9%

Per Capita GDP \$10,946 (\$16,624 PPP) (72nd)

Republic of China (Zhōnghuá Mínguó—i.e. Taiwan) 中華民國即臺灣

Capital: Táiběi 臺北; President (總統): Tsai Ing-wen 蔡英文 of Democratic Progressive Party, four year term from May 2016

Population: 23.6 million (84% "Taiwanese", 2% aborigine, 14% “mainlander”); annual growth 0.2%

Area: 36,000 km² (25% cultivated)

Population Density: 633/km² (agricultural 2,333/km²); 69% urban

Literacy: 96%

GDP: \$620 billion (22nd in world, 7th in Asia); agriculture and fisheries 3.5%; growth 4.1%

Per Capita GDP: \$26,121 (\$49,827 PPP) 17 ½th

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (part of PRC since July 1, 1997) 香港特別行政區

Capital: Hong Kong Island: Chief Executive: Carrie Lam (行政長官林鄭月娥 Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor) (5 years from March 26, 2017)—abbreviation 香港特首

Population: 7.4 million; annual growth 1990-2001 average population growth 1.4%

Area: 1,071 km² (8.8% cultivated)

Population Density: 6,352/km² (agricultural 62,247/km²); 100% urban

Literacy: male 96%, female 88%

GDP \$341.5 billion (34th in world if a country) billion; agriculture 0%; growth 5%
Per Capita GDP: \$56,055 PPP (\$37,927 PPP 10th in world, 1st in Asia)

Macau Special Administrative Region (part of PRC since December 20th, 1999) 澳門特別行政區

Capital: Macau; Chief Executive, Fernando Chui Sai On (five years from 2014) 行政长官崔世安

Population: 0.6 million; annual growth 1.7%

Area: 29.2 km² (n.a. cultivated)

Population Density: 18,428/km²; 99% urban

Literacy: 93.5

GDP: \$55.9 billion (86th in the world if a country)

Per Capita GDP: \$55,936 (PPP \$104,862)

Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Cộng hòa Xã hội chủ nghĩa Việt Nam) “共和社會主義越南”

Capital: Hanoi “河內”; President (formal head of state) and Communist Part General Secretary, Nguyễn Phú Trọng; Prime Minister: Nguyễn Xuân Phúc (both members of the Politburo of the Vietnamese Communist Party)

Population: 95.5 million (85.7% Kinh); 1990-2001 average annual growth 1.9%

Area: 332,000 km² (20% cultivated**)

Population Density: 253/km² (agricultural 1,094/km²); 26.24% urban

Literacy: male 96%, female 91%

GNP: \$264 billion (48th in world); agriculture 21.8%, Growth 5.9%

Per Capita GDP: \$2,719 (\$6,876 PPP) PPP (123rd)

**substantial reclaimable land still exists

N.B. US GDP \$21,410 billion (2013-4)

US Per capita GDP \$59,495 PPP (11th)

*as percentage of the US

size of the economy.	US 100, China 72, Japan 25, South Korea 8, Taiwan 3, Vietnam 1
per capita GDP	US 100, China 28, Japan 72, South Korea 67, Taiwan 84, Vietnam 12