

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

Analyses in the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2016* are based on data and information available up to the end of March 2016.

Groupings of countries and territories/areas referred to in the present issue of the Survey are defined as follows:

- ESCAP region: Afghanistan; American Samoa; Armenia; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; China; Cook Islands; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Fiji; French Polynesia; Georgia; Guam; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Japan; Kazakhstan; Kiribati; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Macao, China; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Micronesia (Federated States of); Mongolia; Myanmar; Nauru; Nepal; New Caledonia; New Zealand; Niue; Northern Mariana Islands; Pakistan; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Samoa; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Sri Lanka; Tajikistan; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam
- Developing ESCAP region: ESCAP region excluding Australia, Japan and New Zealand
- Developed ESCAP region: Australia, Japan and New Zealand
- Least developed countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.
- Landlocked developing countries: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Nepal, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
- Small island developing States: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu
- East and North-East Asia: China; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Hong Kong, China; Japan; Macao, China; Mongolia and the Republic of Korea
- North and Central Asia: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
- Pacific: American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu
- Pacific island developing economies: All those listed above under "Pacific" except for Australia and New Zealand
- South and South-West Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Turkey
- South-East Asia: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam

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Growth rates are on an annual basis, except where indicated otherwise.

Reference to "tons" indicates metric tons.

References to dollars (\$) are to United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.

The term "billion" signifies a thousand million. The term "trillion" signifies a million million.

In the tables, two dots (..) indicate that data are not available or are not separately reported; a dash (–) indicates that the amount is nil or negligible; and a blank indicates that the item is not applicable.

In dates, a hyphen (-) is used to signify the full period involved, including the beginning and end years, and a stroke (/) indicates a crop year, fiscal year or plan year. The fiscal years, currencies and 2015 exchange rates of the economies in the ESCAP region are listed in the following table:

<i>Country or area in the ESCAP region</i>	<i>ISO Alpha-3 code</i>	<i>Fiscal year</i>	<i>Currency and abbreviation</i>	<i>Rate of exchange for \$1 as at December 2015</i>
Afghanistan .....	AFG	21 March to 20 March	afghani (Af)	64.52
American Samoa .....	ASM	..	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Armenia .....	ARM	1 January to 31 December	dram	483.75
Australia .....	AUS	1 July to 30 June	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.37
Azerbaijan .....	AZE	1 January to 31 December	Azerbaijan manat (AZM)	1.56
Bangladesh .....	BGD	1 July to 30 June	taka (Tk)	78.50
Bhutan .....	BTN	1 July to 30 June	ngultrum (Nu)	66.33
Brunei Darussalam .....	BRN	1 January to 31 December	Brunei dollar (B\$)	1.41
Cambodia .....	KHM	1 January to 31 December	riel (CR)	4 051.50
China .....	CHN	1 January to 31 December	yuan (Y)	6.49
Cook Islands .....	COK	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.46
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	PRK	..	won (W)	..
Fiji .....	FJI	1 January to 31 December	Fiji dollar (F\$)	2.18
French Polynesia .....	PYF	..	French Pacific Community franc (FCFP)	109.08
Georgia .....	GEO	1 January to 31 December	lari (L)	2.39
Guam.....	GUM	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Hong Kong, China .....	HKG	1 April to 31 March	Hong Kong dollar (HK\$)	7.75
India .....	IND	1 April to 31 March	Indian rupee (Rs)	66.33
Indonesia .....	IDN	1 April to 31 March	Indonesian rupiah (Rp)	13 795.00
Iran (Islamic Republic of) .....	IRN	21 March to 20 March	Iranian rial (RIs)	30 130.00
Japan .....	JPN	1 April to 31 March	yen (¥)	120.50
Kazakhstan .....	KAZ	1 January to 31 December	tenge (T)	340.01
Kiribati .....	KIR	1 January to 31 December	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.37
Kyrgyzstan .....	KGZ	1 January to 31 December	som (som)	75.90
Lao People's Democratic Republic .....	LAO	1 October to 30 September	kip (KN)	8 172.60
Macao, China .....	MAC	1 July to 30 June	pataca (P)	7.98
Malaysia .....	MYS	1 January to 31 December	ringgit (M\$)	4.29
Maldives .....	MDV	1 January to 31 December	rufiyaa (Rf)	15.41
Marshall Islands .....	MHL	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Micronesia (Federated States of) .....	FSM	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Mongolia .....	MNG	1 January to 31 December	tugrik (Tug)	1 994.28
Myanmar .....	MMR	1 April to 31 March	kyat (K)	1 304.00
Nauru .....	NRU	1 July to 30 June	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.37
Nepal .....	NPL	16 July to 15 July	Nepalese rupee (NRs)	106.22

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New Caledonia .....	NCL	..	French Pacific Community franc (FCFP)	109.08
New Zealand .....	NZL	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.46
Niue.....	NIU	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.46
Northern Mariana Islands .....	MNP	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Pakistan .....	PAK	1 July to 30 June	Pakistan rupee (PRs)	104.86
Palau .....	PLW	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Papua New Guinea .....	PNG	1 January to 31 December	kina (K)	3.01
Philippines .....	PHL	1 January to 31 December	Philippine peso (P)	47.17
Republic of Korea .....	KOR	1 January to 31 December	won (W)	1 172.50
Russian Federation .....	RUS	1 January to 31 December	ruble (R)	72.88
Samoa .....	WSM	1 July to 30 June	tala (WS\$)	2.60
Singapore .....	SGP	1 April to 31 March	Singapore dollar (S\$)	1.41
Solomon Islands .....	SLB	1 January to 31 December	Solomon Islands dollar (SI\$)	8.06
Sri Lanka .....	LKA	1 January to 31 December	Sri Lanka rupee (SL Rs)	144.06
Tajikistan .....	TJK	1 January to 31 December	somoni	6.99
Thailand .....	THA	1 October to 30 September	baht (B)	36.09
Timor-Leste .....	TLS	1 July to 30 June	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Tonga .....	TON	1 July to 30 June	pa'anga (T\$)	2.21
Turkey .....	TUR	1 January to 31 December	Turkish lira (LT)	2.91
Turkmenistan .....	TKM	1 January to 31 December	Turkmen manat (M)	3.50
Tuvalu .....	TUV	1 January to 31 December	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.37
Uzbekistan .....	UZB	1 January to 31 December	Uzbek som (som)	2 780.05
Vanuatu .....	VUT	1 January to 31 December	vatu (VT)	111.75
Viet Nam .....	VNM	1 January to 31 December	dong (D)	21 890.00

Sources: United Nations, *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* website, <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs/app/DataSearchTable.aspx>, 31 March 2016; and national sources.