

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

Analyses in the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2015* are based on data and information available up to the end of March 2015.

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, New Zealand and North and Central Asian economies
  - 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. Samoa was part of the least developed countries prior to its graduation in 2014.
  - Landlocked developing countries: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Nepal, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
  - 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 Marina Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu
  - Pacific island developing economies: Pacific excluding Australia and New Zealand
  - 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
  - South and South-West Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, 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 2013 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 2014</i>
Afghanistan	AFG	21 March to 20 March	afghani (Af)	57.82
American Samoa	ASM	..	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Armenia	ARM	1 January to 31 December	dram	474.97
Australia	AUS	1 July to 30 June	Australian manat (\$A)	1.22
Azerbaijan	AZE	1 January to 31 December	Azerbaijan manat (AZM)	0.78
Bangladesh	BGD	1 July to 30 June	taka (Tk)	77.95
Bhutan	BTN	1 July to 30 June	ngultrum (Nu)	63.33
Brunei Darussalam	BRN	1 January to 31 December	Brunei dollar (B\$)	1.32
Cambodia	KHM	1 January to 31 December	riel (CR)	4 075.00
China	CHN	1 January to 31 December	yuan (Y)	6.12
Cook Islands	COK	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.28
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	PRK	..	won (W)	..
Fiji	FJI	1 January to 31 December	Fiji dollar (F\$)	1.99
French Polynesia	PYF	..	French Pacific Community franc (FCFP)	87.11
Georgia	GEO	1 January to 31 December	lari (L)	1.86
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\$)	7.76
India	IND	1 April to 31 March	Indian rupee (Rs)	63.33
Indonesia	IDN	1 April to 31 March	Indonesian rupiah (Rp)	12 440.00
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	IRN	21 March to 20 March	Iranian rial (Ris)	27 138.00
Japan	JPN	1 April to 31 March	yen (¥)	120.64
Kazakhstan	KAZ	1 January to 31 December	tenge (T)	182.35
Kiribati	KIR	1 January to 31 December	Australia dollar (\$A)	1.22
Kyrgyzstan	KGZ	1 January to 31 December	som (som)	58.89
Lao People's Democratic Republic	LAO	1 October to 30 September	kip (NK)	8 097.77
Macao, China	MAC	1 July to 30 June	pataca (P)	7.99
Malaysia	MYS	1 January to 31 December	ringgit (M\$)	3.50
Maldives	MDV	1 January to 31 December	rufiyaa (Rf)	15.40
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)	1 885.60
Myanmar	MMR	1 April to 31 March	kyat (K)	1 031.50
Nauru	NRU	1 July to 30 June	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.23
Nepal	NPL	16 July to 15 July	Nepalese rupee (NRs)	101.42
New Caledonia	NCL	..	French Pacific Community franc (FCFP)	87.11
New Zealand	NZL	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.28
Niue	NIU	1 April to 31 March	New Zealand dollar (\$NZ)	1.28
Northern Mariana Islands	MNP	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Pakistan	PAK	1 July to 30 June	Pakistan rupee (PRs)	100.46
Palau	PLW	1 October to 30 September	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Papua New Guinea	PNG	1 January to 31 December	kina (K)	2.59

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Philippines	PHL	1 January to 31 December	Philippine peso (P)	44.62
Republic of Korea	KOR	1 January to 31 December	won (W)	1 099.30
Russian Federation	RUS	1 January to 31 December	ruble (R)	56.26
Samoa	WSM	1 July to 30 June	tala (WS\$)	2.42
Singapore	SGP	1 April to 31 March	Singapore dollar (S\$)	7.36
Sri Lanka	LKA	1 January to 31 December	Sri Lanka rupee (SL Rs)	131.05
Tajikistan	TJK	1 January to 31 December	somoni	5.31
Thailand	THA	1 October to 30 September	baht (B)	32.96
Timor-Leste	TLS	1 July to 30 June	United States dollar (\$)	1.00
Tonga	TON	1 July to 30 June	pa'anga (T\$)	1.95
Turkey	TUR	1 January to 31 December	Turkish lira (LT)	2.32
Turkmenistan	TKM	1 January to 31 December	Turkmen manat (M)	2.85
Tuvalu	TUV	1 January to 31 December	Australian dollar (\$A)	1.23
Uzbekistan	UZB	1 January to 31 December	Uzbek som (som)	2 418.00
Vanuatu	VUT	1 January to 31 December	vatu (VT)	102.72
Viet Nam	VNM	1 January to 31 December	dong (D)	21 246.00

Sources: United Nations, Monthly Bulletin of Statistics website, <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs/app/DataSearchTable.aspx>, 31 March 2015; and national sources.

## ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AEC	ASEAN Economic Community
AiIB	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CLMV	Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar and Viet Nam
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide
COP 21	twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties
CPI	consumer price index
ECAFE	Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
FDI	foreign direct investment
FTA	free trade agreement
FTAAP	free trade area of the Asia-Pacific
GDP	gross domestic product
GHG	greenhouse gas
GII	gender inequality index
HDI	human development index
IEA	International Energy Agency
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
KDI	Korea Development Institute
LNG	liquefied natural gas
MPI	multidimensional poverty index
NDB	New Development Bank
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PPP	purchasing power parity
PPPs	public-private partnerships
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
SMEs	small and medium-sized enterprises
TFA	Trade Facilitation Agreement
TPES	total primary energy supply
TPP	trans-Pacific partnership
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNSDSN	United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization