

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

Issue 1: Basic background

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Member states of RCEP (ASEAN+5)

- **ASEAN:** Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam
- **+5:** Australia, China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand



2019 data GDP

ASEAN: US\$3,173 billion, 3.6% of world GDP
RCEP: US\$25,840 billion, 29.4% of world GDP



Population

ASEAN: 0.6 billion, 8.6% of world population
RCEP: 2.3 billion, 29.6% of world population



Trade value

ASEAN: US\$2,814 billion, 7.4% of global trade value
RCEP: US\$10,421 billion, 27.6% of global trade value



Key features

- The signed RCEP by the 15 member states will come into force when it is ratified in each country by at least 6 ASEAN member states and 3 non-ASEAN member states.
- RCEP is expected to eliminate a range of tariff within 20 years, encompassing about 92% of all products.
- RCEP will harmonize the Rules of Origin definitions and quotas among all member states.
- Market access will be improved, as at least 65% of the service sectors will be fully opened to foreign investors under RCEP.

Interesting fact

In 2019, total trade value between 15 RCEP member states & Hong Kong reached US\$766 billion, more than double Hong Kong's GDP at US\$367 billion.

Trade value between RCEP & HK:
71% of HK's total trade value



Source: Worldbank, ITC Trade Map, HKTDC, compiled by HKLA