

AWLF = One Team, One Asia.

**1000 Asian Women Leaders,
Beautiful Asia.**

We are one family of Asia.

**Let Asian women leaders unite in purpose,
work collaboratively to address the
challenges facing Asia,
and aspire toward a shared vision of Asia's
ideal future.**

Is Asian Future Bright?

To answer this question, let us take a calm and objective look at Asia's position within the global economy, and consider its potential for future growth.

Below is a comparison of the economic scale of Asia with that of other major regions and countries in 2024.

By reflecting on these figures with a clear perspective, **we can better assess Asia's prospects for sustained growth.**

Country	GDP	GDP	World GDP	GDP	Population	Free	Strengths and Weaknesses
	Ranking	(\$ trillion)	\$ 81 trillion	Growth		Economy	
USA	No.1	28	34%	2.90%	340m illon	No.1	NAFTA
U 27nation	No.2	18	22%	1.50%	450m illon	No.2	No significant growth
China	No.3	18	22%	2.50%	1.4b illion		Aging and population decline
Germany	No.4	4.65	5.70%	1.70%	84m illion	No.3	Low growth despite being in the EU
India	No.5	4.335	5.30%	6.50%	1.4b illion	No.4	Rapid growth
Japan	No.6	4.26	5.20%	0.70%	124m illion	No.5	Decline of GDP and population
UK	No.7	3.6	4.40%	1.60%	69m illion		Low growth due to Brexit
France	No.8	3.162	3.90%	1.20%	68.5m illion		Low growth despite being in the EU
Italy	No.9	2.46	3.00%	0.60%	59m illion		Low growth despite being in the EU
Russia	No.12	2.1	2.60%	1.50%	140m illion		Economic isolation
Korea	No.14	1.86	2.20%	0.90%	51m illion		GDP decline similar to Japan
Indonesia	No.18	1.396	2.00%	5.12%	280m illion		Rapid growth following India
Thailand	No.31	0.52	0.64%	2.50%	71m illion		third largest growing country in
Ukraine	No.111	0.19	0.20%	5.30%	37 m illion		1/10 of Russia GDP. Unjustice.

If we interpret the GDP of each country in terms of “human age,” the comparison becomes striking:

- The United States, with a GDP of 28 trillion dollars, can be seen as a 28-year-old—a young professional six years into their career after graduating from university.
- The European Union, with a collective GDP of 18 trillion dollars, represents a freshman just entering university.
- China, also at 18 trillion dollars, is likewise at the university freshman stage.

By contrast, other Asian nations are still in their “childhood”:

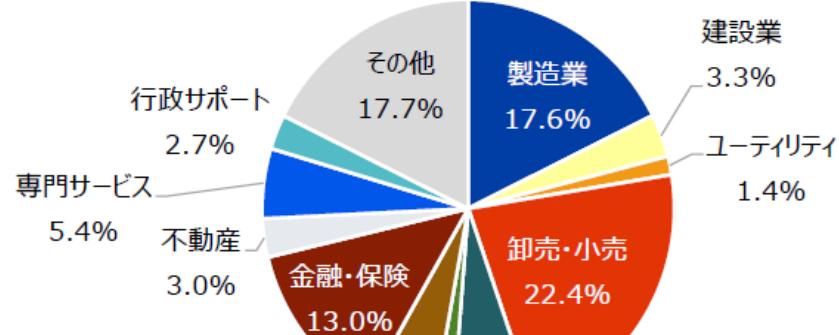
- India, with 4.5 trillion dollars, corresponds to a preschooler.
- Japan, with 4.35 trillion dollars, is at a similar stage.
- South Korea, at 1.8 trillion dollars, is likened to a toddler in daycare.
- Indonesia, with 1.39 trillion dollars, is comparable to an infant still in its mother’s arms.

Against this backdrop, you might wonder how these individual countries can negotiate tariffs on equal terms with a “28-year-old” America.

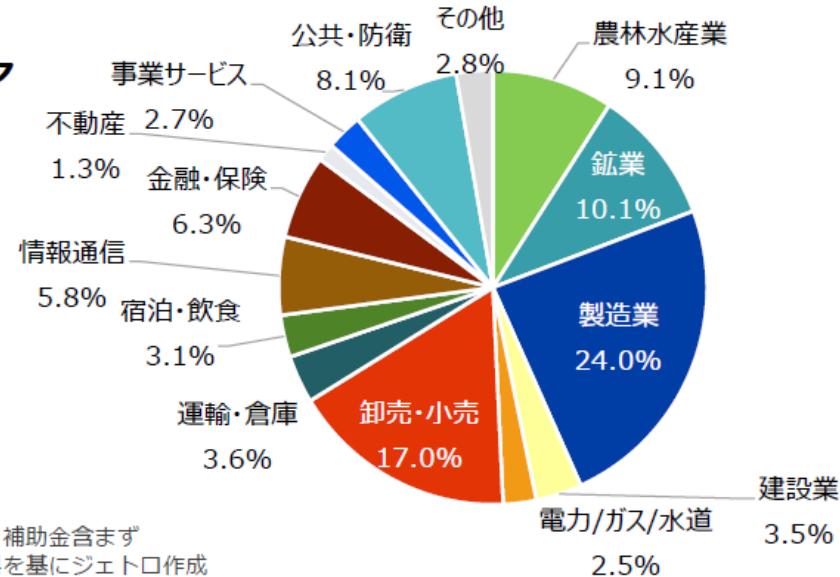
**If an Asian Common Market could be established,
the picture would change dramatically.**



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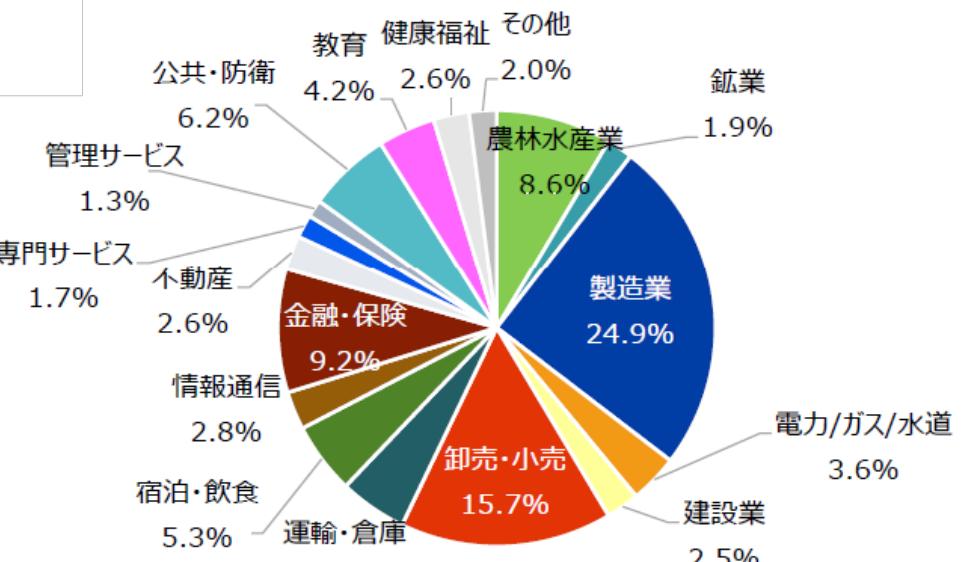


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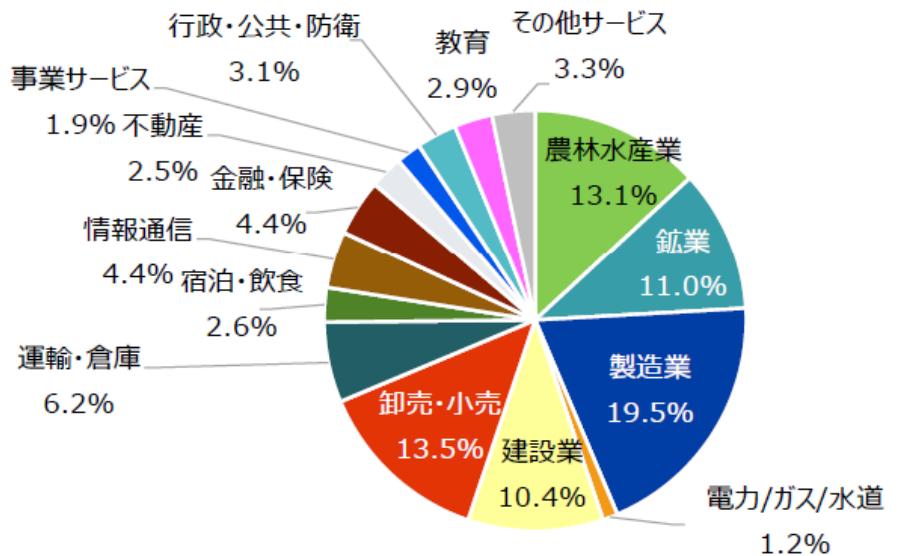
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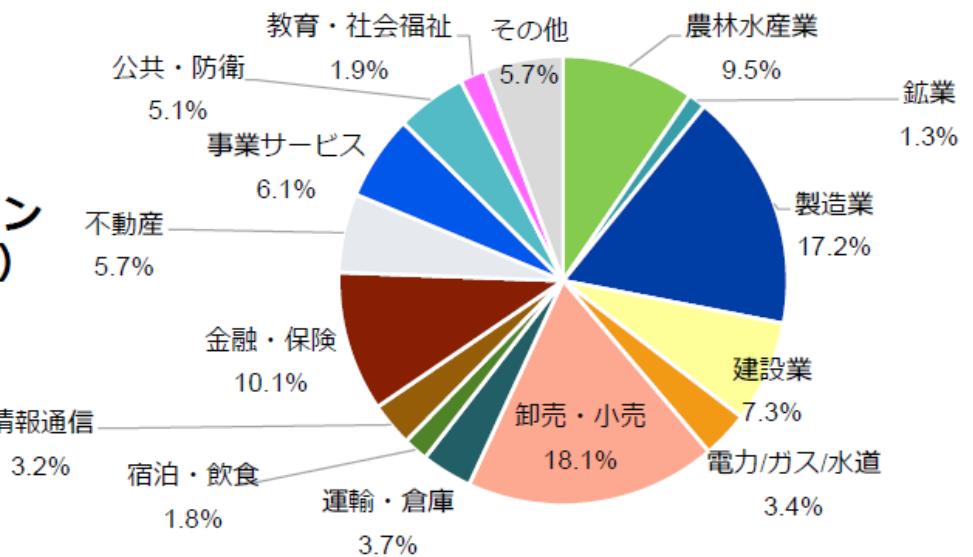


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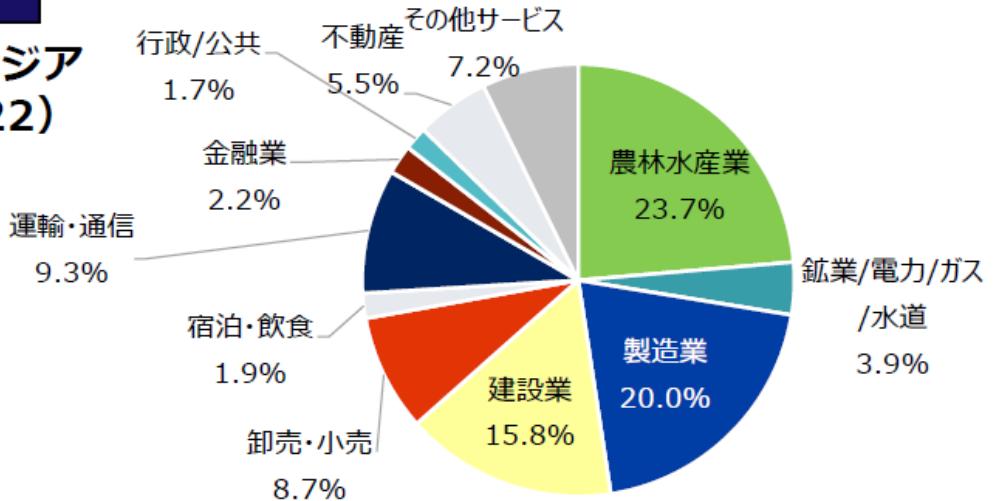




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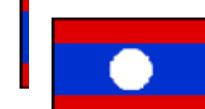
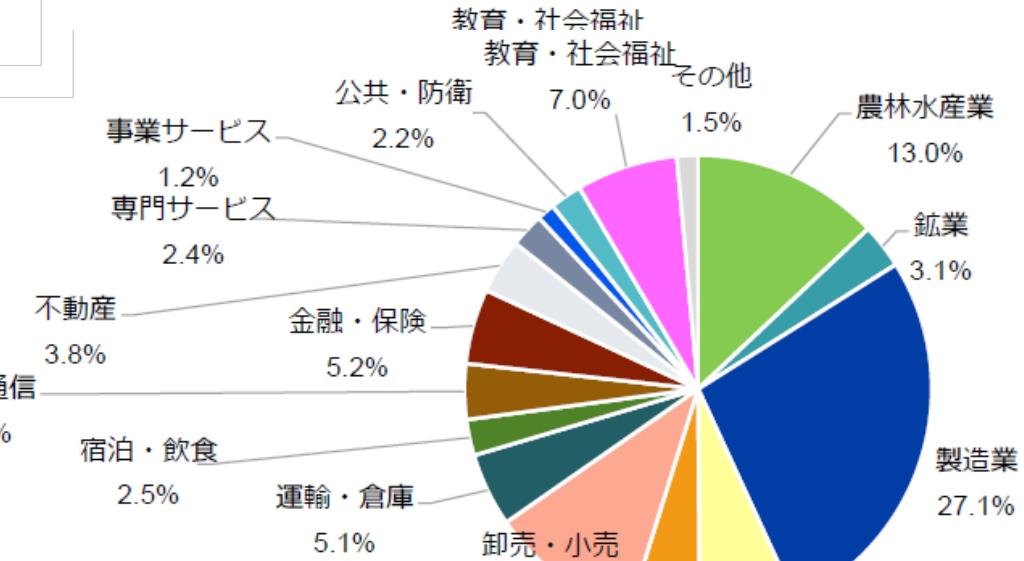


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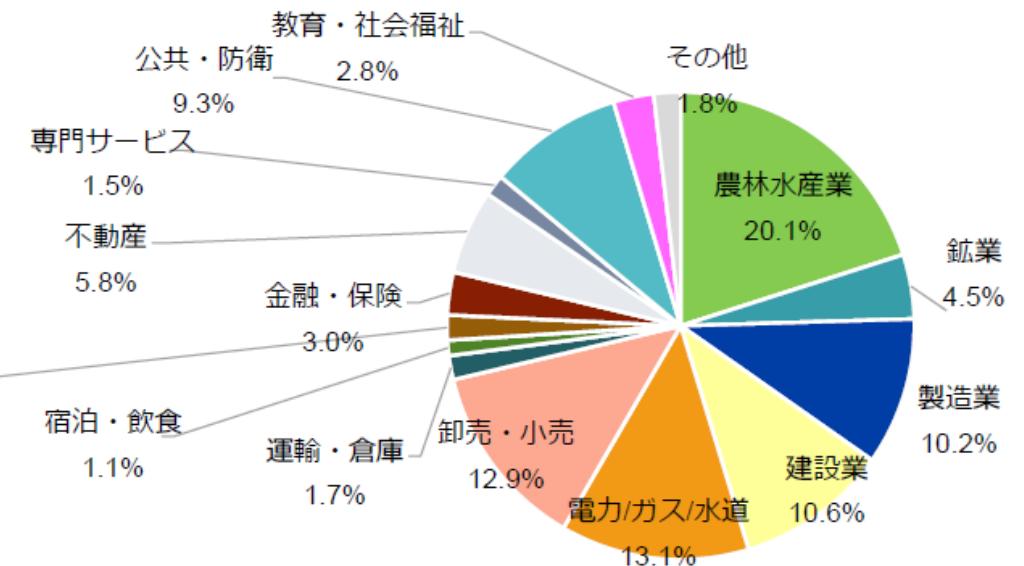
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A. ASEAN (10 countries)	\$ 3.6 trillion
B. Australia & NZ & South Pacific Island Countries	\$ 2.8 trillion
A+B	\$6.4trillion
D. KOREA \$ 1.8 trillion	
C. JAPAN \$ 4.35 trillion	
C+D	\$ 6.2 trillion
A+B+C+D	\$ 12.5 trillion
E. INDIA	\$ 4.5 trillion

Goal of “Asian Common Market”=A~F (15 countries+) \$ 17 trillion

VS “European Common Market” (27 countries) \$18 trillion

- As outlined on the previous pages, the combined GDP of an Asian Common Market, including India, would reach 17 trillion dollars—on par with the European Union's 18 trillion dollars. Together, these two common markets would total 35 trillion dollars, surpassing the United States' 28 trillion dollars.
- In such a framework, the joint voice of these two vast free-economic zones would carry far greater weight than the isolated voices of individual Asian nations. This, in fact, may represent the very path Asian countries should pursue: a model that not only drives economic development but also contributes to the preservation of peace.

—Asian women shall bring mutual respect, gender equality, and shared prosperity to the future, creating a better Asian world through the wisdom of women —

It is very clear that peace and prosperity across Asian nations cannot be realized without sustained economic growth and development.

It must be very tough and hard to establish Asian Common Market (ACM)

The key would be to choose Singapore as the HQ of ACM as ECM has chosen Brussels as HQ of ECM and Luxemburg as HQ of Financial Center of ECM. Singapore is the most successful Asian City Country harmonizing Overseas Chinese, Overseas Indians and Overseas Moslems in its Nation and yet keep its position as No1 Asian Financial, IT, Hightech, Economic Center.

We should invite EU officials to Singapore Asian Common Market HQ to coach and guide us For the Creation of Asian Common Market

— A Proposal for the Establishment of an Asian Common Market —

Toward a new economic stage to be
on equal terms with Europe and America.

I firmly believe in the leadership and
contributions of Asian women
on the stage of AWLF.

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can not be realized without Economic Growth & Prosperity.

And, we must remember that half of senior Management and Officers of

European Union are all women.

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