

**Pursuing the Best Form of Plurilateral Regional Trade  
Arrangements in East Asia\***

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

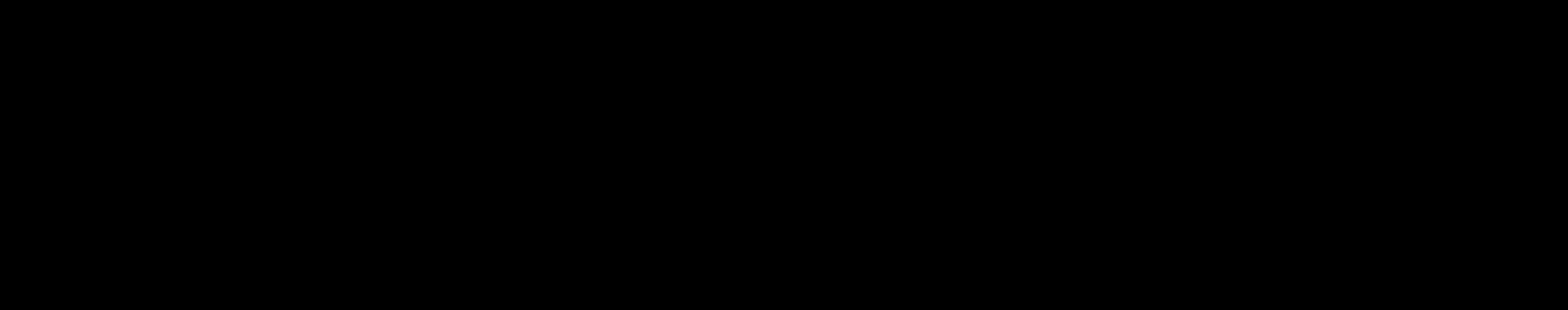
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## **2. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RTAS INVOLVING EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AND ITS BACKGROUND**

### **2.1. Recent Developments in RTAs**





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**Table 2 Matrix of FTAs involving Countries in the Asia-Pacific Region  
(As of October 2006)**

	Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong	Japan	Korea	China	Philippines	Indonesia	Malaysia	Thailand	Singapore	Brunei	Vietnam	Laos	Cambodia	Myanmar	India	Australia	Papua New Guinea	United States	Canada	Mexico	Peru	Chile	
Chinese Taipei	■									△									△					
Hong Kong		■			⊙														○					
Japan			■	○	△	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	□	□	□	△	△			△	⊙	○	
Korea				■	△	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	○	△	○	○	○	○	⊙	
China		⊙	△	△	■	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	△	○					⊙	
Philippines			○	⊙	⊙	■	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	□	□						
Indonesia			○	⊙	⊙	⊙	■	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	□	□						
Malaysia			⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	■	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	○	○	○					
Thailand			○	○	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	■	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	○			⊙	△	
Singapore	△		⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	■	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	○	○	○	⊙	
Brunei			○	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	■	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	□	⊙					⊙	
Vietnam			○	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	■	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	□	□						
Laos			□	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	■	⊙	⊙	⊙	□	□						
Cambodia			□	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	■	⊙	⊙	□	□						
Myanmar			□	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	■	⊙	□	□						
India			△	○	△	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	■							⊙	
Australia			△		○	□	□	○	⊙	⊙	□	□	□	□	□		■	⊙	⊙	⊙				
Papua New Guinea		○		△	○	□	□	○	⊙	⊙	⊙	□	□	□	□		⊙	⊙	■				⊙	
United States	△			○				○	○	⊙						⊙		■	■	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Canada			△	○						○									⊙	■	⊙	○	⊙	
Mexico			⊙	○						○									⊙	⊙	■	○	⊙	
Peru									⊙	○									⊙	○	○	■	⊙	
Chile			○	⊙	⊙				△	⊙	⊙					⊙	⊙		⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	■	
⊙																								
○/□																								
△																								
Total																								

⊙: Under negotiation/agreed to negotiate (bilateral)  
 ○/□: Under negotiation/agreed to negotiate (plurilateral)  
 △: Under consideration (G-G base)/feasible study initiated

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## **2.2. Background of RTAs in East Asia**

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### **3. COMPARISON OF VARIOUS PLURILATERAL FTA OPTIONS IN EAST ASIA**



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### **3.1. APEC FTA**

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### **3.2. Sub-APEC FTA**

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### **3.3. ASEAN+3 FTA**

### **3.4. ASEAN+5 FTA**

### **3.5. Northeast Asian FTA**





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