

INVESTED IN OUR FUTURE



Australia is committed to working with Southeast Asia to invest in our collective future and prosperity.

Since the launch of *Invested*: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040 in 2023, trade has climbed. Australian investment into the region is increasing, and more opportunities are opening on both sides.

Drawing on our history of collaboration - from free trade agreements like the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, to development initiatives that support the region's economic resilience - we are primed to achieve even more together.

"When our region prospers, Australia prospers, which is why deepening economic engagement through our Southeast Asia Economic Strategy remains a priority."

— The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia

From **2023** to **2024**



Australian investment

in Southeast Asia up nearly

A\$2 billion

Deepening investment

Australia is deepening our investment with Southeast Asia through Invested. Deal Teams across the region combine the diplomatic expertise of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the commercial nous of Austrade, and the financing tools of Export Finance Australia, including the A\$2 billion Southeast Asia Investment Financing Facility (SEAIFF) in order to increase Australian investment into Southeast Asia.

OVER A\$20 billion | ALMOST A\$1 billion

of new Australian investment supported

Export Finance Australia in Southeast Asia in 2024-25

of opportunities identified

Total transaction value grew by



A\$529 million provided in finance for exports & investment

supporting over A\$1.74 billion in export contracts & infrastructure projects



Regional clean energy

A\$175 million to Singapore's Financing Asia's

Transition Partnership (FAST-P) including A\$75 million

Investing in regional healthcare

Icon Group, a top cancer care provider,

has made a landmark investment in Bali

International Hospital with the support

of the Jakarta Deal Team. Icon is the first

foreign cancer care provider to set up in

Indonesia, with the partnership aiming

to deliver better, more comprehensive

centre in Penang, Malaysia, and more

recently entering a joint venture with

an oncology centre in Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysia's Sunsuria Healthcare to open

care. Icon entered Southeast Asia in

2019, opening its first cancer centre

in Singapore, followed by a cancer

through the SEAIFF

Driving regional supply chains

Through Deal Teams, Australia is backing Toll Group's Southeast Asian expansion with a A\$100 million EFA loan. Jointly headquartered in Melbourne and Singapore, Toll has been solving shipping, transport, and supply chain challenges for over 130 years.

Through partnerships with leading institutions, the Toll Innovation Centre in Singapore is pioneering automation and smart warehousing, earning industry recognition for technological excellence. Toll is also investing in state-of-the-art infrastructure in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia, accelerating supply chain innovation and resilience.



Building jobs and capability through blueberries

Agriculture is an important industry for Laos and Australia's Costa Group is expanding through a 17-hectare blueberry farm that builds climate resilience into its growing operations. Costa's expansion into Laos will allow it to meet increased demand across the region.

Costa is empowering local farmers to produce food more efficiently and withstand climate change impacts. It plans to invest in education and skills development for local workers from horticulture to supervisory and management positions – contributing to the local economy. Working with the Deal Team in Laos, Costa is building valuable partnerships and creating mutual prosperity, with a view to further expansion.

Inbound investment

Australia and Southeast Asia's economic future is intrinsically linked. Attracting investment from the region is central to Australia's economic ambition. We are making it easier to do business in Australia through our enhanced visa access and welcoming investment as part of a Future Made in Australia, including through a new Investor Front Door.

Investment from Southeast Asia increased

by more than

A\$650 million



Investing in Australia's clean energy

Malaysia is helping to energise Australia's shift to renewables through major investments. DT Infrastructure – part of Kuala Lumpur-based Gamuda Berhad – secured the contract for the Boulder Creek Wind Farm in Queensland, which when completed, will host 38 turbines and generate 228MW of clean power.

This project will support up to 250 Australian jobs and open new markets. It also supports Australia's ambition to become a renewable energy superpower, while creating enduring partnerships that drive economic growth and foster environmental improvements.



Upgrading AANZFTA for the future

The recently upgraded AANZFTA reinforces our shared commitment to an open, rules-based, non-discriminatory trading system. With new rules for digital trade, stronger consumer protections, and more opportunities for small business, the AANZFTA Upgrade opens more doors,

makes business easier, and helps our region grow.

Building on the Upgrade, Australia is reviewing its network of Southeast Asian FTAs to ensure they continue to deliver for our collective future.



"Through Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strateay, we look to build even more opportunity and prosperity together - in energy security, climate resilience, education and beyond."

— Senator the Hon Penny Wong, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs

Strengthening connections through the ASEAN-Australia Centre

Established in 2024, the ASEAN-Australia Centre is delivering programs and initiatives that deepen Australia's connections with Southeast Asia.



The Centre is supporting

The Centre has delivered





an RMIT-Asia Society micro-credential

for Australian professionals to enhance their understanding of Southeast Asia



a three-month Timor-Leste renewable energy internship **3** Emerging

Leaders Programs 75 young professionals expanding their skills, networks and cross-cultural engagement

2 short courses for 42 participants on **STEM & resources**

11 grants worth \$2.1 million





Australian innovation powers Vietnam's future

Thorion Energy, a leader in ultra-long life battery technology, is sparking a powerful connection between Australia and Vietnam – driving innovation and a shared vision for a cleaner tomorrow.

In 2025, Thorion formalised landmark sales and manufacturing agreements with a Fortune 500 company based in Vietnam, pairing its cutting-edge batteries with Vietnam's rapid growth and commitment to renewables.

The innovative batteries aim to replace diesel generators and power remote communities, driving sustainable development across the country. Thorion is focused on establishing local subsidiaries and empowering Vietnamese partners to manufacture, install, and support the batteries.

projected to be worth up to US\$1 trillion in 2030. Through Landing Pads in Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta and Singapore, Australian tech scale-ups are expanding into the region with innovative digital solutions.

Landing Pads

Southeast Asia's digital economy is

to raise awareness and build momentum.

Australia's two-way trade with Southeast Asia

business and investment missions are helping

has reached new heights. Our private sector

Business Champions and a high tempo of

Building trade

A**\$17** billion Australia's overall **two-way** goods and services trade growth with Southeast Asia

2024

Business missions by the end of 2025

2023



A**\$178.5** billion





2025

Driving EdTech in the region

across 11 programs

Supported 159

Australian tech scale-ups

Founded by CEO Jeanette Cheah, one of Australia's one million strong Southeast Asian diaspora. HEX is an EdTech that runs programs for high school and university students. Through the Vietnam Landing Pad, HEX showcased its innovation and gained visibility in Vietnam's startup, tech and venture capital ecosystem. This helped them to localise their approach, build credibility, and understand how to navigate local systems. HEX now has an office in Ho Chi Minh City with five team members across Vietnam, with plans to explore opportunities in the region.





Making business easier through Al

A\$2 billion

in trade outcomes

A\$195.4 billion

by Australian businesses working with

Austrade in Southeast Asia since 2024

Australia's Dalfin AI is bringing its cutting edge technology, data, and artificial intelligence to Southeast Asia, transforming companies of all sizes by integrating Al into business and government systems. After participating in a Southeast Asia Business Exchange mission to the Philippines in 2025, Dalfin AI inked a landmark partnership with BED Global Holdings.

Under this agreement, Dalfin AI will serve as BED's premium AI and digital solutions partner for the Iloilo Smart City initiative – sparking local job creation, delivering cost savings, and empowering the region with long-term digital sovereignty.