## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SURVEY OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2017





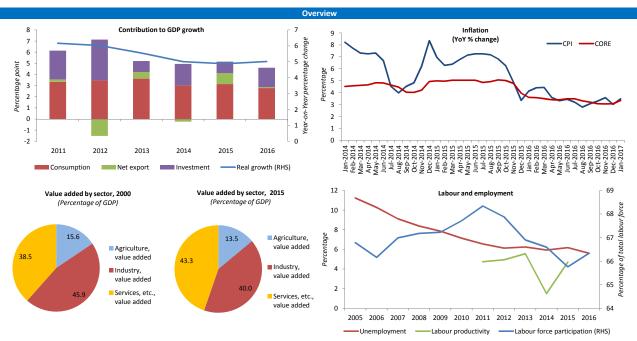
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## **INDONESIA**

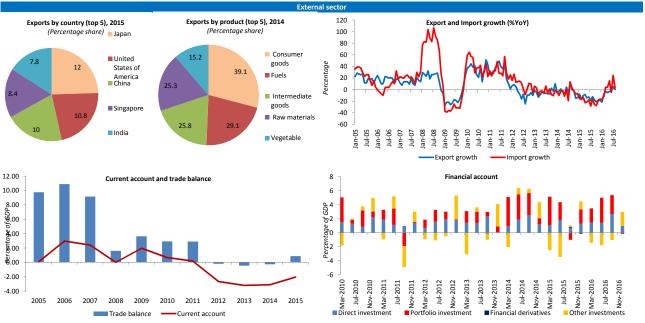
GDP (current US\$, billions):	\$861.93	Population (thousands):	260,581
Share of GDP in developing Asia-Pacific:	5.2%	GDP per capita (current US\$):	\$3,346.40
Share of GDP in South-East Asia:	38.0	Average inflation (2016)	3.5%

- Indonesia's economic growth picked up slightly to 5 per cent in 2016, from a six-year low rate of 4.8 per cent in 2015.
- Consumer spending drove the rebound in 2016 amid steady job growth, softer price pressure and fiscal measures, such as an increase in the tax-free threshold and an employment scheme aimed at helping drought-affected farmers.
- Goods exports fell by nearly 10 per cent as a result of low global commodity prices and weak commodity demand in China.
- Consumer inflation dipped to 3.5 per cent in 2016, from 6.4 per cent in 2015, largely due to a significant cut in administered fuel prices and approval for a higher quantity of imported food items.
- Given modest price pressures, the policy rate was cut six times in 2016 for a total of 150 basis points. Room for fiscal support is more limited, as revenue collection has been hampered by low energy prices.
- Output growth is projected to rise further to 5.2 per cent in 2017 and 5.3 per cent in 2018.
- Private consumption would continue to drive the economy amid modest, within-target inflation. An expected increase in energy prices should support the recovery of exports.
- A downside risk includes exchange rate volatility as a result of the country's twin deficits and its close link to commodity exports.
- The growth outlook could be more upbeat if infrastructure investments, such as those in oil refineries, toll roads and railways, gain stronger momentum than had been expected.
- In addition to infrastructure investment, the Government is seeking to revive economic growth by attracting more foreign investment. Various measures have been introduced to simplify approvals of large-scale infrastructure projects and business licenses and raise the cap on foreign ownership in such sectors as tourism, logistics and e-commerce.

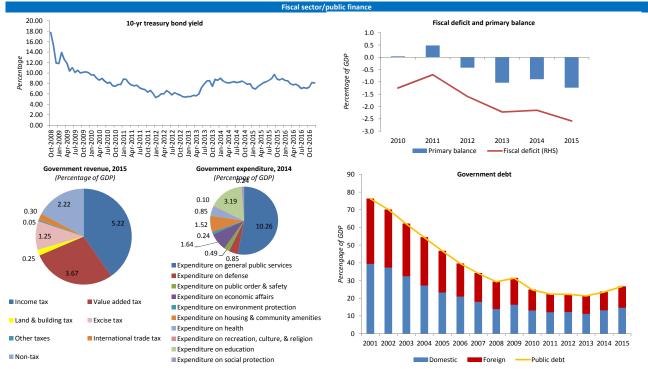




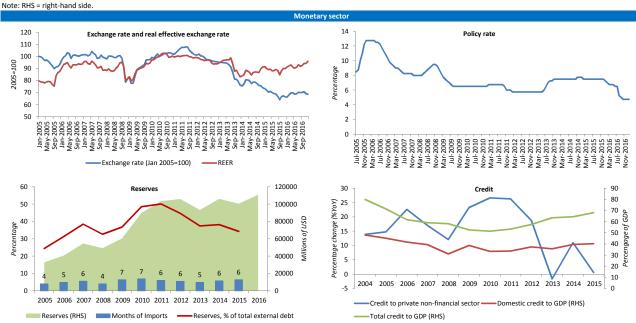
Sources: CEIC and World Development Indicator database of the World Bank. Note: RHS = right-hand side.



Sources: CEIC and Trade Map data of the International Trade Centre (ITC).



Sources: CEIC, Bank for International Settlements (BIS), and Government Financial Statistics of the IMF.



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Notes: Central bank base interest rate is nominal lending rate within 1 year (including 1 year)



Source: CEIC .

Note: Production capacity based on business survey data extracted from CEIC (accessed 31 January 2017).