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Acronyms and abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ANZUS	Australia, New Zealand and US pact
APEC	Asia–Pacific Cooperation
ARVN	South Vietnamese Army
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
B2B	business-to-business
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CRA	Credit Rating Agency
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia)
EAEC	East Asian Economic Caucus
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EU	European Union
GDP	gross domestic product
GFC	Global Financial Crisis
GHG	greenhouse gases
FDI	foreign direct investment
FTA	free trade agreement
ICT	information and communications technology
IEA	International Energy Agency
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INGO	international non-government organisation
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
ISI	Import Substituting Industrialisation
JI	Jemaah Islamiya
MITI	Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Japan)
MOF	Ministry of Finance (Japan)
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NIC	newly industrialising country
NIE	newly industrialising economy
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
PRC	People's Republic of China

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RTA	regional trade agreement
SEATO	Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
SLORC	State Law and Order Restoration Council
TNC	transnational corporation
UDHR	The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	United Nations (Organization)
UNESCAP	UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
WEF	World Economic Forum
WTO	World Trade Organization

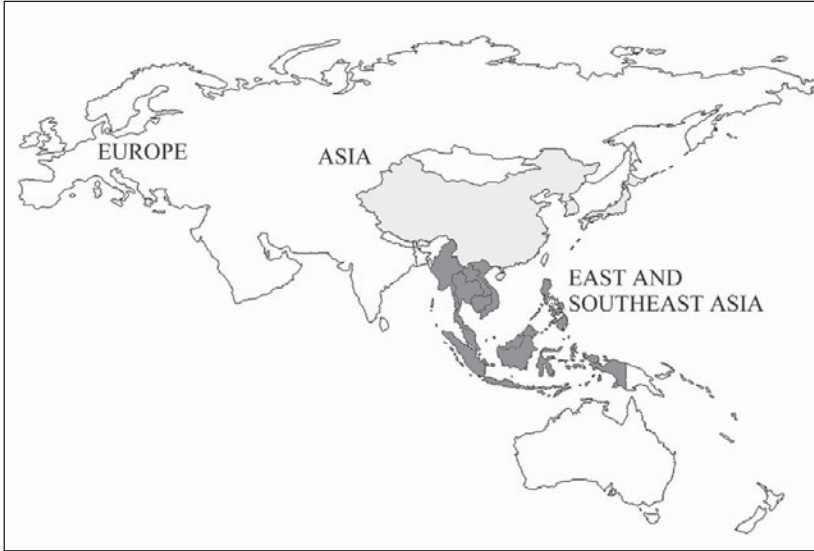
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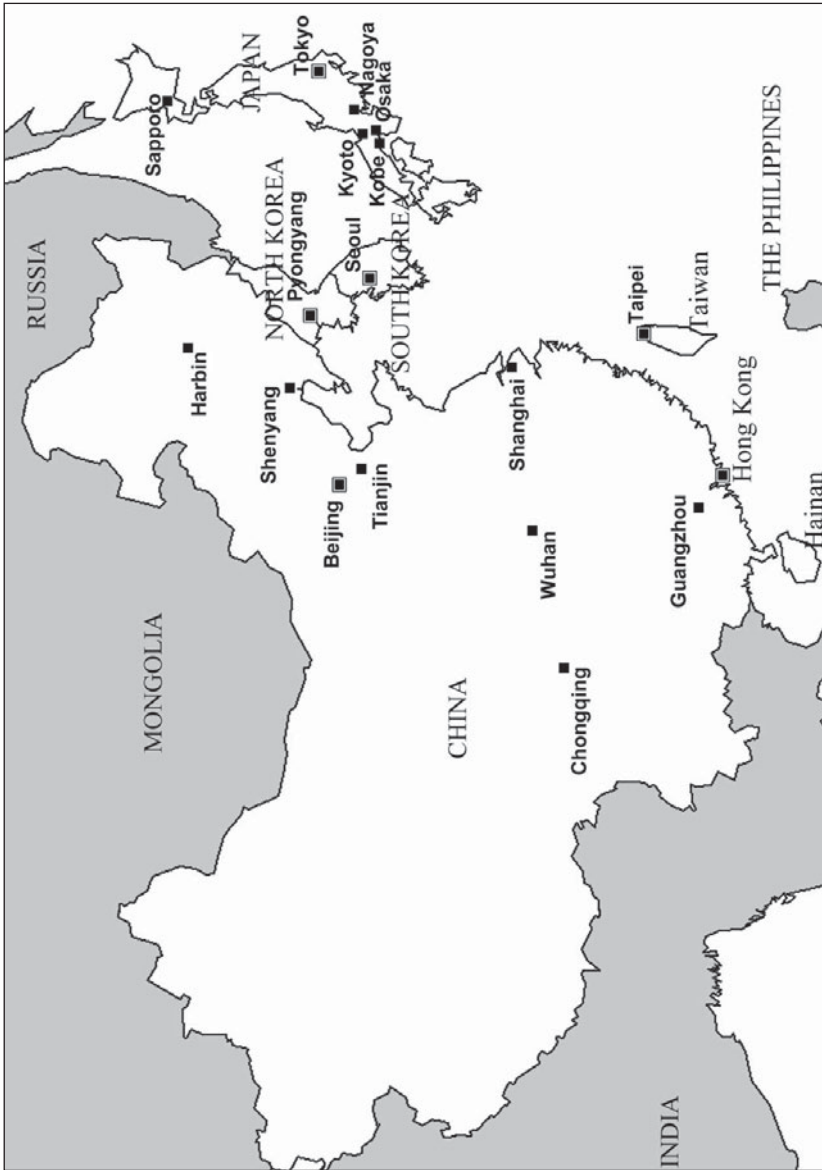
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Map 1: Europe and Asia, showing East and Southeast Asia

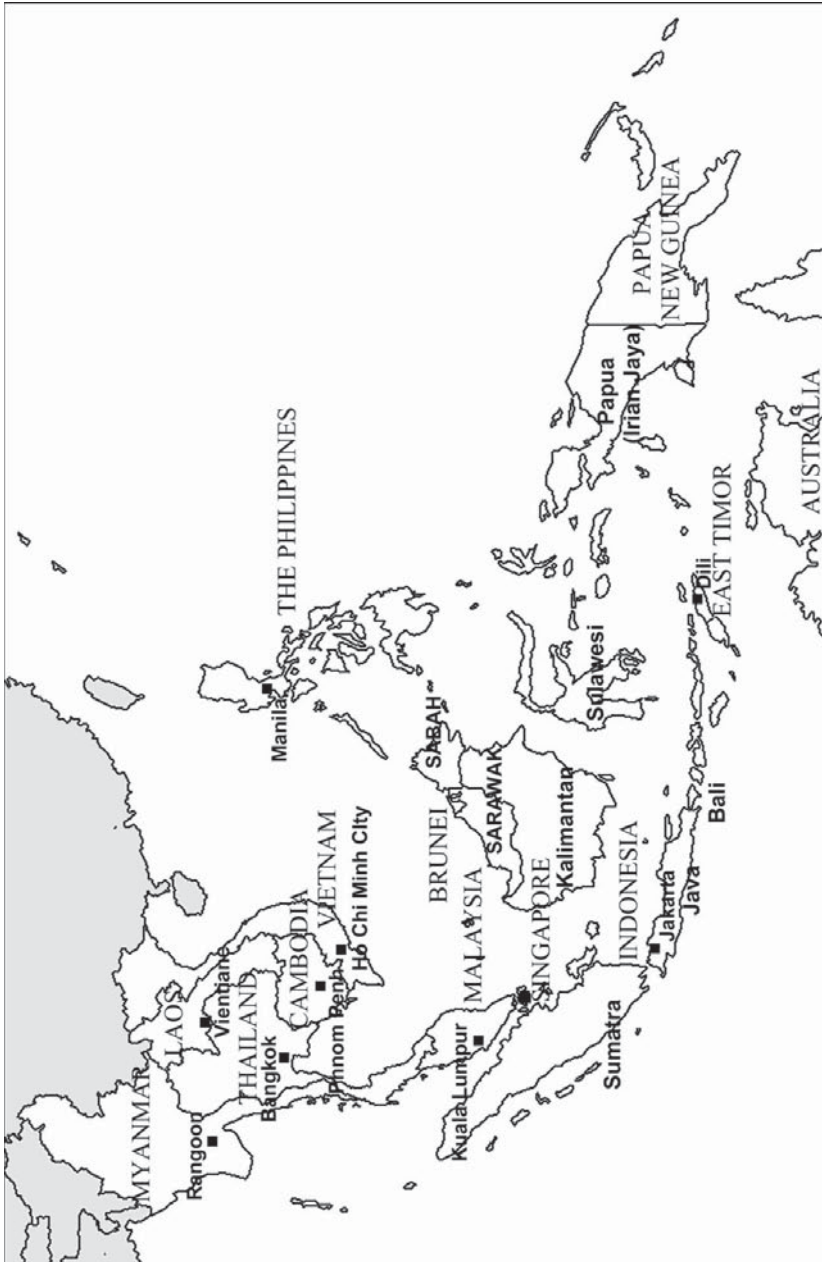


Map 2: East and Southeast Asia



Map 3: East Asia

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Map 4: Southeast Asia