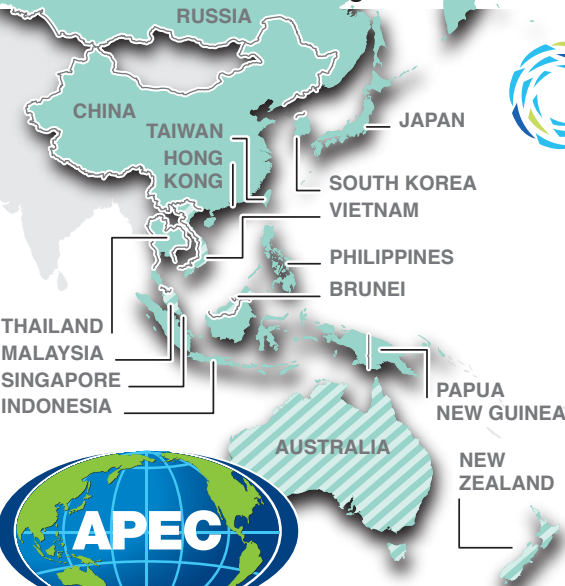


U.S. to advance Pacific free trade at Apec gathering

As leaders of APEC's 21 economies meet in Hawaii, U.S. President Barack Obama is expected to use the summit to push forward the creation of a Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP), which could become the world's largest free trade zone



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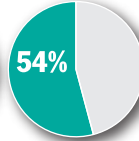
Hawaii,
Nov 12-13:
APEC meeting

APEC members: 21 economies

APEC's percentage of
world population



GDP



Trade



Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP): Trade deal negotiated among nine APEC economies seen as precursor to FTAAP. (U.S., Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam)



President Barack Obama
U.S. expected to consolidate TPP – seen as path to FTAAP – and green technology pact, which includes proposal to cut tariffs on environmental goods to 5% by end of 2012



President Hu Jintao
China likely to watch talks on TPP trade deal from sidelines, not wanting to get involved in deal that would force China to open its economy at U.S.'s behest



Prime minister Yoshihiko Noda
Japan may seek to join rule-making talks on TPP to reignite growth, despite stiff opposition from powerful farming sector



President Dmitri Medvedev
Moscow to sign deal with Georgia next week clearing way for Russia's accession to **WTO**, which Georgia had blocked