

China, ASEAN sign upgraded free trade pact

China and the ASEAN bloc of Southeast Asian nations have enhanced their free trade agreement as trade between the two regions continues to rise in the shadow of U.S. President Donald Trump's trade war

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN): Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

	Population	GDP (nominal)
U.S.	343m	\$30.51 trillion
China	1,405m	\$19.23 trillion
ASEAN	~690m	\$3.6 trillion*

*2023, ASEAN without East Timor

Pact signed by Chinese Premier **Li Qiang** (right) and Malaysian Prime Minister **Anwar Ibrahim** (left) at **47th ASEAN Summit**

