



Covid-19

Business Activity Update

East & Southeast Asia

Featured Region

East Asia:

- China & Hong Kong
- Japan
- South Korea

South Asia

- India

Southeast Asia:

- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Thailand
- Indonesia
- Philippines
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Myanmar
- Laos
- Brunei Darussalam
- Timor Leste

Safety Tips

- Observe local regulations
- Practice social distancing
- Wear face mask in public
- Wash hands regularly with soap and dry them
- Use hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your face
- Know where to go if sick
- Have medical insurance
- Practice healthy lifestyle
- Know the location of your Embassy

As COVID-19 continues to impact heavily on social and business life across the region we have prepared this weekly summary of what the business situation is like across Asia generally. Our updates will look at what business travel and activity is possible and what can be done on the ground in any countries that remain open for domestic business activity.

Entry and Exit

All countries in the region have suspended entry to almost all foreigners other than permanent residents. Some, like Malaysia, allow nobody in or out, citizen or not. At the time of writing only Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar allow international entry and only with a visa from their embassies with a Covid-19 free certificate and medical insurance. Exit from most countries also requires official permission. Philippines still allows accredited NGOs to enter with proper visa.

Self-Quarantine Requirements

Some countries which allow conditional entry for foreigners mandate self-quarantine at their residence at their own cost, with fines or other repercussions for those who disobey. Other countries have established formal government run quarantine centers. All require 14+ days self quarantine. Some will require you to cover this cost.

Curfews and Public Transport Timing Restrictions

A few countries (see table) have implemented strict curfews ranging from 5pm to 8am. Indonesia allows cities to decide on curfews. Although Jakarta currently has no curfew, local neighbourhoods may impose their own curfews. China, Japan, South Korea and Singapore maintain almost normal hours for public transport. We note more countries are reducing public transport in terms of hours, frequency and volume of passengers. Others, like Indonesia restrict passenger numbers in vehicles to 50% of capacity. This will change week to week.

Business Activities

Very little normal business activity is possible. In most countries, offices are required to close without an exemption. Essential services including emergency / health care, banks, food vendors etc. are partially exempted. Work from home is required where possible. Retail is largely shuttered for the duration. Most countries ban or restrict meetings in public. Some government departments are open, but not all. In many countries government online portals are not operating during the emergency. We are compiling a floating list of these.

Investigation Potential

The table below sets out our understanding of the current status of general investigation types possible to be performed on a per country basis in the East and Southeast Asia regions. We will updated this weekly.

Countries	Field Inquiry	Online Portal	Phone Interviews	Due Diligence	Undercover Operations	Digital Forensics	Forensic Accounting	Asset Tracing	Brand Protection
China & HK	No	Available	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	Limited	No
Japan	No	Available	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	Limited	No
S. Korea	No	Available	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	Limited	No
India	No	Available	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	Limited	No
Singapore	No	Available	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	Limited	No
Malaysia	No	No	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	No	No
Thailand	Limited	Available	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	Limited	Limited
Indonesia	Limited	Available	Available	Limited	Limited	Limited	Available	Limited	Limited
Philippines	Available	Available	Available	Limited	Available	Limited	Available	Available	Available
Vietnam	Available	Available	Available	Limited	Limited	Limited	Available	Available	Available
Cambodia	Available	Available	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	Limited	Limited
Myanmar	Available	Available	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	Limited	Limited
Laos	Available	No	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	Limited	Limited
Brunei	Limited	Available	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	Limited	Limited
Timor Leste	Limited	No	Available	Limited	No	Limited	Available	Limited	No

How can we help?

At Aegis we continue to assist our clients with issues like due diligence, investigations, business intelligence, and advice through our own resources and our associates located across the region. There is still a lot we can do to support your business, regardless of where your need is. Feel free to contact us and ask what we can do to help.