



# ASEAN

Association for Southeast Asian Nations

To accelerate the economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region through joint endeavours in the spirit of equality and partnership in order to strengthen the foundation for a prosperous and peaceful community of Southeast Asian Nations;

To promote regional peace and stability through abiding respect for justice and the rule of law in the relationship among countries of the region and adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter;



## BURMA

Also known as **MYANMAR**

Government: New Democracy  
as of March 2011 formerly a  
Military Regime (dictator)

Aung San Suu Kyi: revolutionary  
often compared to Nelson  
Mandela for pushing democracy

How does Burma compare to it's neighbors  
economically?



## THAILAND

Government: Constitutional Monarchy

Thailand is one of the original members of ASEAN- the only one in its neighborhood from 1967 until 1995.

How does Thailand compare to its neighbors economically?



## LAOS

Government: Communist with a mixed socialist economy

Monarchy ended in 1975 when communists took over. The government slowly began allowing some free enterprise in 1988.

How does Laos compare to its neighbors economically? How about compared to China?



## VIETNAM

Government: Communist with a mixed socialist economy  
Controlled by France until French troops were defeated in 1954. At that time Vietnam was divided into communist North and anti-communist South. In 1975, the country was reunited under communist rule.

How does Vietnam compare to its neighbors economically? How does it compare to China?



## CAMBODIA

### Government:

Democracy under a  
Monarch

How does Cambodia  
compare economically?

Fighting between the Khmer Rouge (Cambodian communists) and the Vietnamese communists who invaded in 1978 drove many to flee Cambodia. Many in the Khmer Rouge are being tried for crimes against humanity by a UN tribunal.









