

Asian Development Outlook, April 2025: Trade Uncertainty Challenges Asia's Resilience

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Abstract:

Developing Asia's growth has been solid, supported by strong domestic demand and resilient exports, including AI-driven demand for semiconductors and electronics. Inflation has moderated, enabling many regional central banks to ease monetary policy and support growth. But this strong performance is now under threat. Trade uncertainty is at all-time highs, geopolitical tensions are escalating, and the property sector in the People's Republic of China remains weak. Can Asia continue to be the engine of global growth? The April 2025 Asian Development Outlook examines prospects for the region, providing insights into the factors that will shape Asia and the Pacific's economic trajectory.

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