

Uzbekistan and Southeast Asia: Exploring the Opportunities for Strengthening Relations

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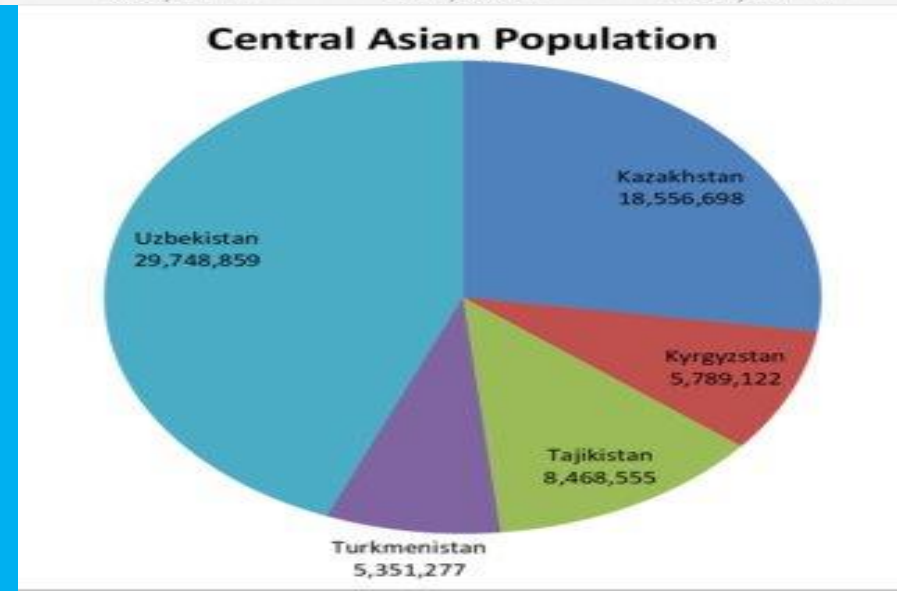
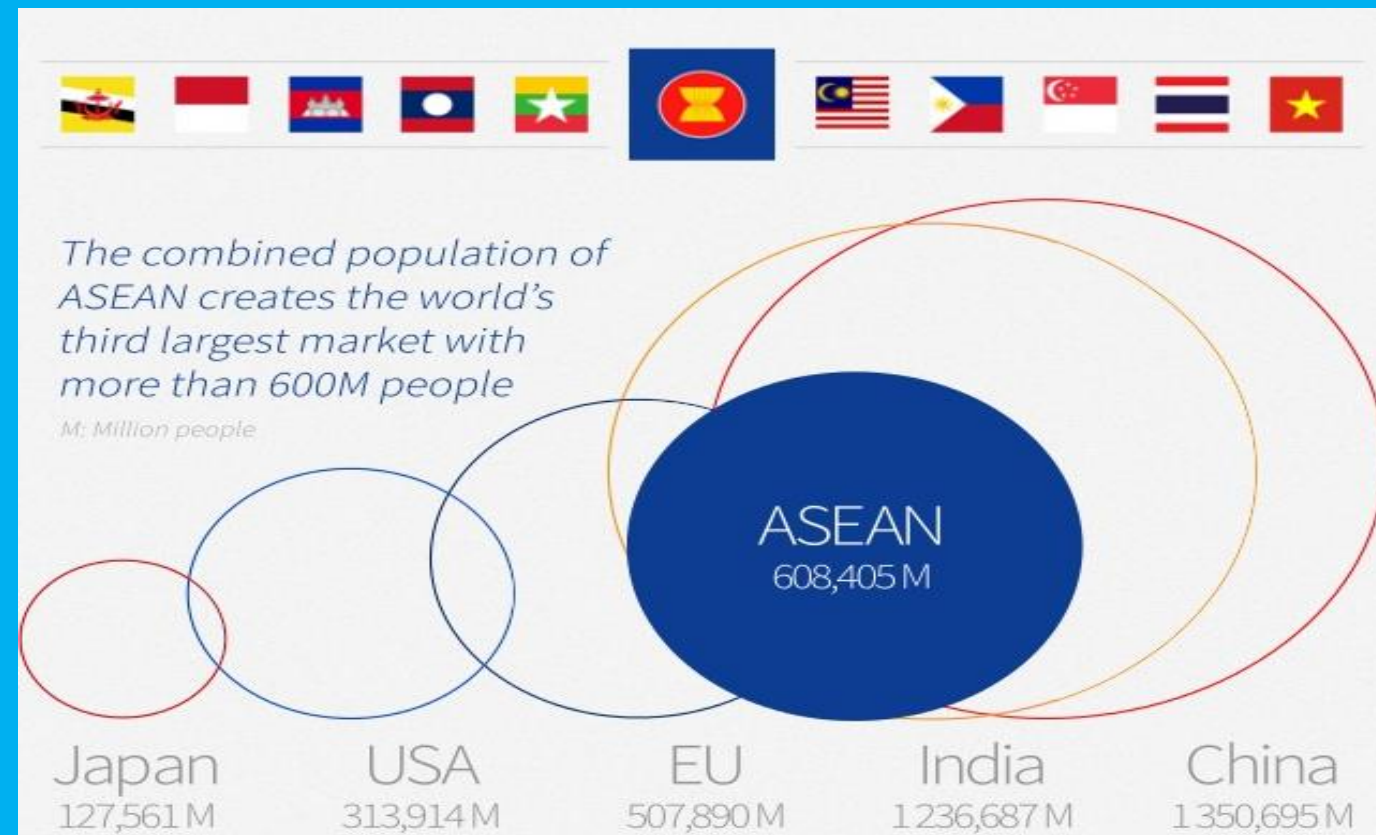
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Central Asia and Southeast Asia

- Both rising in regional importance with potential connectedness
- Vast untapped markets for each other



Presentation Outline

1. Southeast Asia in Uzbekistan's Foreign Policy: diversifying partners and alternative models of development
2. Uzbekistan's increasing attraction for Southeast Asia
3. Exploring ways to strengthen relations

Southeast Asia in Uzbekistan's Foreign Policy

- Uzbekistan's multi-vector foreign policy
- The “Southeast Asian” vector
- Diversifying economic partners
- Alternative models of development



Uzbekistan's increasing attraction for Southeast Asia

- President Mirziyoyev's economic reforms
- Uzbekistan's central location and China's Belt and Road Initiative
- Connectivity between Central and South Asia
- Potential membership of the EAEU?

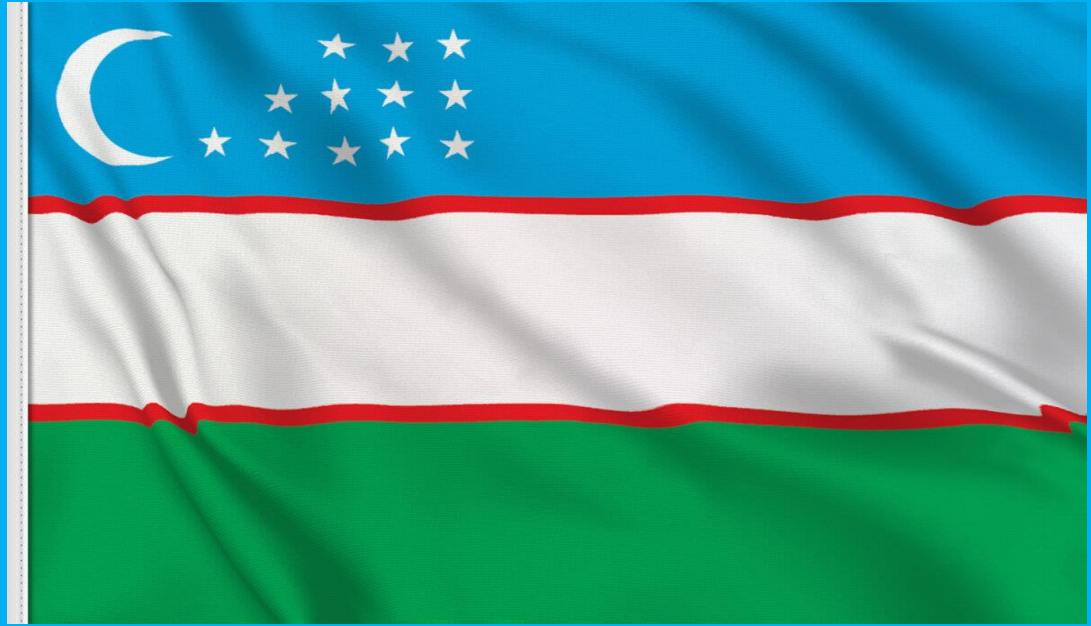


Exploring ways to strengthen relations

- Enhancing interregional cooperation
- Establishing a C5+1 dialogue forum with ASEAN
- Stepping up Uzbekistan-ASEAN relations
- Strengthening SCO-ASEAN relations
- The ASEAN model for Central Asian regionalism?



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