

# The Global Philanthropy Environment Index 2018

Asia-Pacific Edition

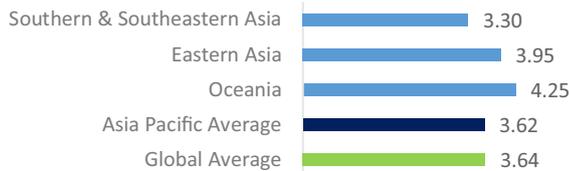


# ASIA PACIFIC AT A GLANCE

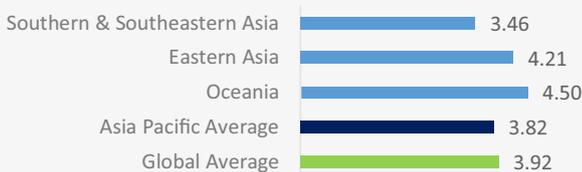
The Asia-Pacific edition of the 2018 *Global Philanthropy Environment Index* (GPEI) provides information on the philanthropic environment in 16 economies in the region. These economies present rich cultural, ethnic, geopolitical, and linguistic diversity. The data allow for direct comparisons of regulatory, political, and socio-cultural factors affecting the development of philanthropy across economies, and serve as a reference for future improvements.

## Regional Average Scores by Factor

### OVERALL SCORE



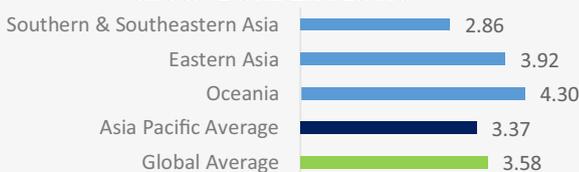
### EASE OF OPERATING A PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION



### TAX INCENTIVES



### CROSS-BORDER FLOWS



### POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT



### SOCIO-CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT



### Overall Score

Of the Asia-Pacific economies included in the 2018 GPEI report, eight have a favorable philanthropic environment, scoring above the global average. One economy has a moderately favorable environment, scoring slightly below the global average. Seven economies have a restrictive environment, with a score of 3.21 or below.

### Ease of Operating a Philanthropic Organization (PO)

Economies in Eastern Asia and Oceania in general have a favorable environment for individuals to form, operate, and dissolve POs, whereas most economies in Southern and Southeastern Asia have strict, extensive regulations over POs.

### Tax Incentives

All economies in Asia Pacific offer individuals or corporations some forms of tax incentives for their charitable donations to eligible POs. Most economies also allow tax exemptions for POs that meet certain requirements. However, the specific requirements and the ease of receiving tax incentives vary significantly across economies.

### Cross-Border Flows

Seven economies in Asia Pacific have favorable regulatory frameworks for cross-border donations. Nine economies have limitations for sending donations overseas, while receiving foreign donations is generally less restricted. The strict regulations and reporting requirements in these economies are largely attributed to the concerns for money laundering and illicit financial/criminal activities.

### Political Environment

Most economies in Asia Pacific witnessed closer collaborations between the philanthropic sector and the government in recent years, although seven economies still have restrictive political environments, limiting the growth of the philanthropic sector.

### Socio-Cultural Environment

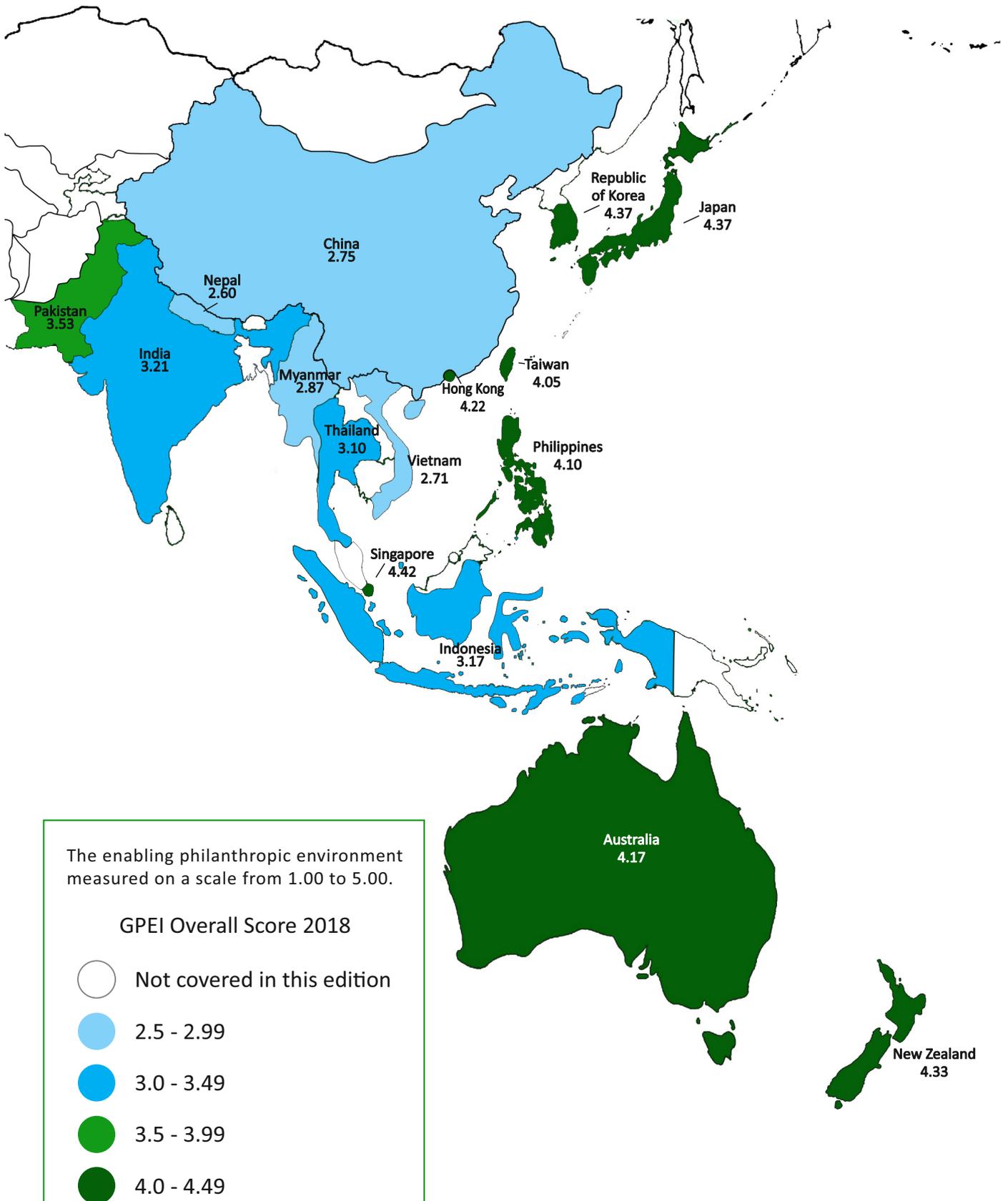
All economies in Asia Pacific have strong cultures and values encouraging philanthropy, especially in regards to helping people in need. The institutionalization of the philanthropic sector and the professionalization of POs are still in their infancy in many economies, particularly in Southern and Southeastern Asia.

**Southern and Southeastern Asia:** India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

**Eastern Asia:** China, Hong Kong, Japan, Republic of Korea, Taiwan

**Oceania:** Australia, New Zealand

# 2018 GPEI OVERALL SCORE BY ECONOMY



Note: Data on 16 economies are included, and no economies scored below 2.50 or above 4.50 on a scale of 1 to 5.

# THE FUTURE OF PHILANTHROPY IN ASIA PACIFIC

## TOP FUTURE TRENDS OF PHILANTHROPY

	Eastern Asia	Oceania	Southern & Southeastern Asia
Hybrid forms of philanthropy	✓	✓	✓
Growing philanthropic sector	✓		✓
Internationalization			✓
Online giving		✓	
Cross-sectoral collaboration	✓		

## TOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE PHILANTHROPIC ENVIRONMENT

	Eastern Asia	Oceania	Southern & Southeastern Asia
Increase cross-sectoral collaboration			✓
Remove barriers to giving		✓	✓
Create/improve tax incentives		✓	✓
Increase transparency and accountability	✓		
Expand research and data access	✓		
Foster an enabling environment	✓	✓	

Note: The future trends and recommendations summarized above were contributed by country-based experts from Asia-Pacific economies included in the 2018 GPEI.

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