

# Opportunities for Social Integration of Youth in Asia-Pacific




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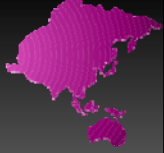


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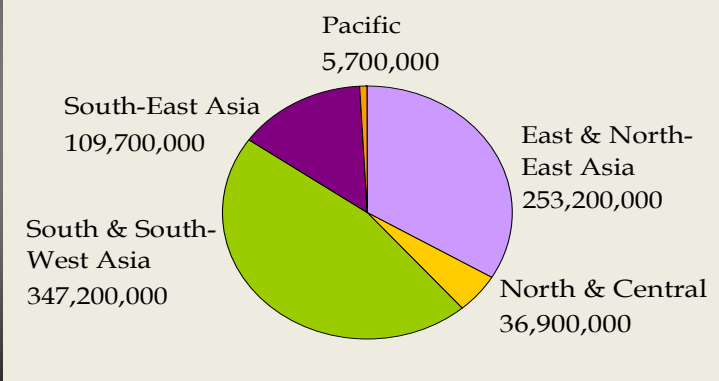


# I. Situation of youth in Asia-Pacific




## Over 60% of the world's youth live in Asia-Pacific = 750+ million

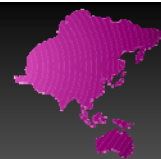
Distribution of youth by subregion, Asia-Pacific, 2010  
(UNDESA, *World Population Prospects: the 2010 Revision*)



Subregion	Youth Population (2010)
Pacific	5,700,000
South-East Asia	109,700,000
South & South-West Asia	347,200,000
East & North-East Asia	253,200,000
North & Central	36,900,000

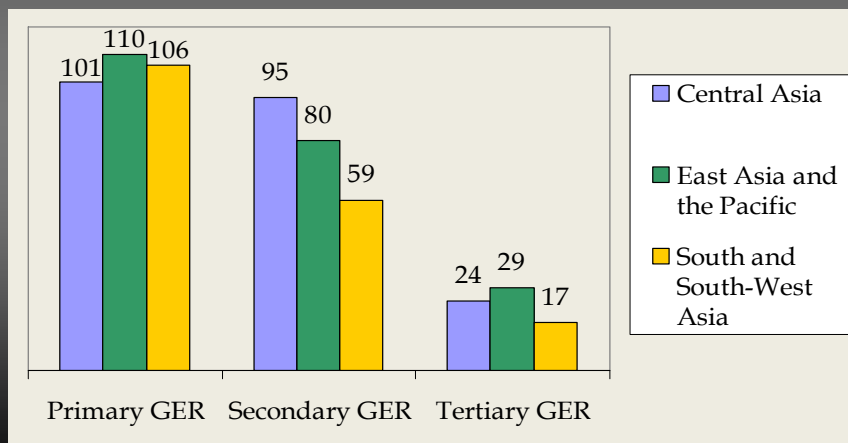


## Completing secondary & tertiary education remains a challenge

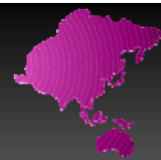


### Gross Enrolment Ratios (GER, in %), 2010

(UNESCO Institute for Statistics, *UIS Data Centre*)

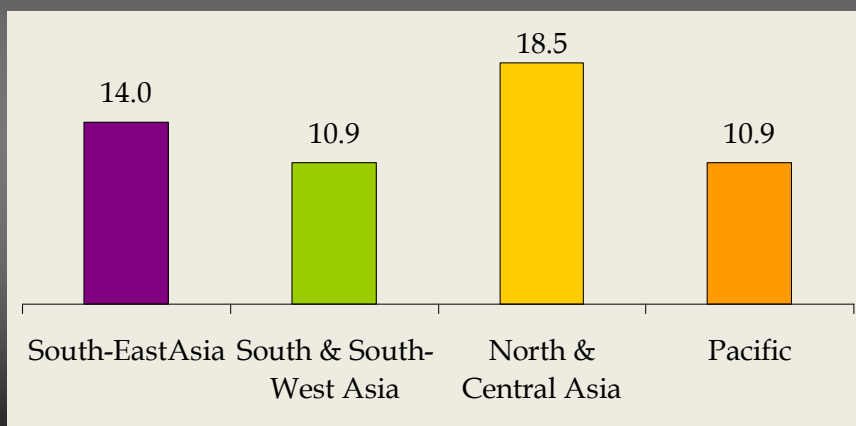


## Youth unemployment in Asia-Pacific is relatively low compared to other regions

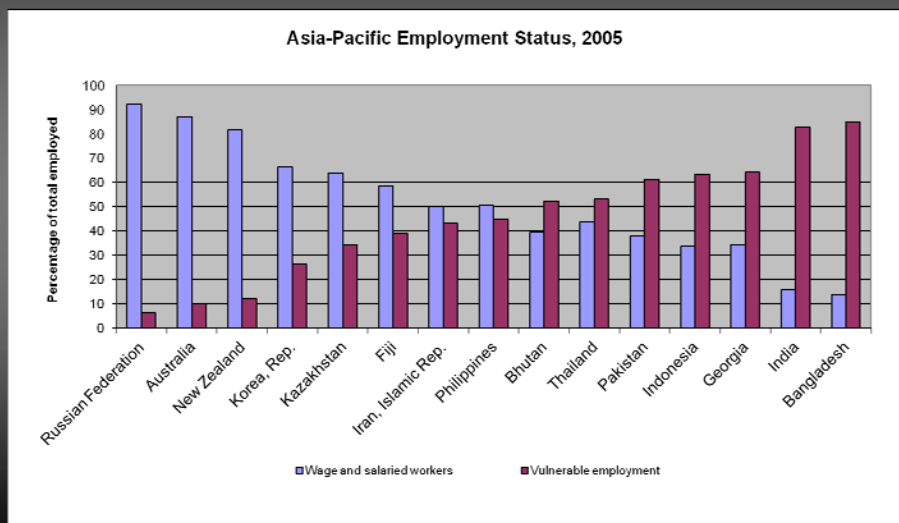
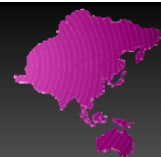


### Youth unemployment rates by Asia-Pacific subregion

(ESCAP, *2011 Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific*)



## The informal economy remains a barrier to youth integration

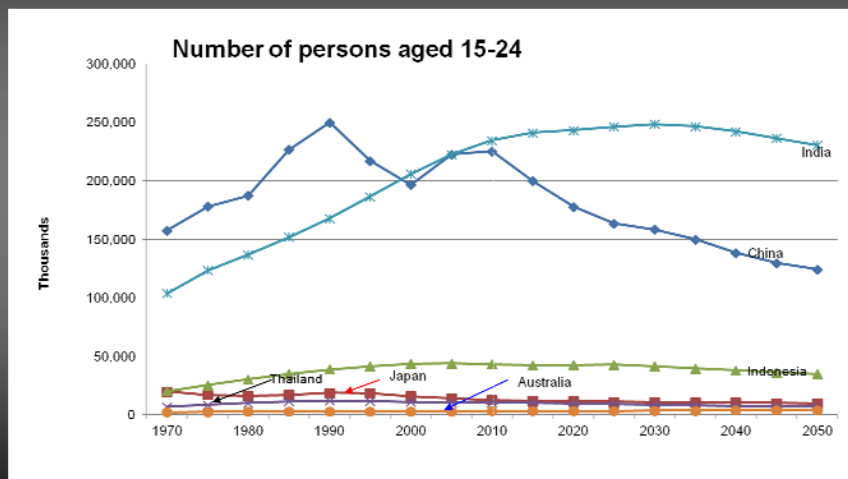


## Tapping the demographic dividend



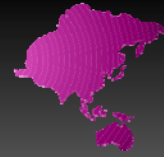
- Parts of East Asia & SE Asia have tapped the demographic dividend
- South and South-West Asia are ripe to tap the dividend
- This requires a mix of social & economic policies to:
  - ✓ Promote more investment in human capital
  - ✓ Foster a climate for research and development

## Tapping the demographic dividend



## II. Youth as agents of change

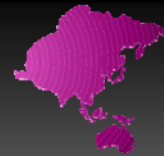
## Asia-Pacific youth have Innovative life-styles



- Highly “e-connected”
  - China: 84% youth use mobile phones to access Internet
  - Japan: 60% youth access social networks through mobile phones
- Green activism is on the rise among youth
  - RAECP: a climate education training group from Hanoi
  - Malaysian Youth Climate Justice Network



## Young people are promoting good governance



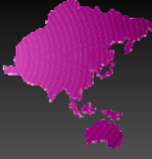
- Youth are calling for greater accountability & participatory politics
- **Philippines**: well-developed youth civil society, with youth participation in local governance
- **Pakistan**: Young Parliamentarian Forum & on-the-job training for young people in Parliament





## III. Ways forward



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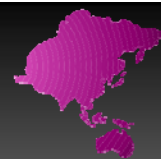
## Achieving the Double Dividend

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- Greening the economy
- Employing youth



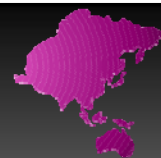
## Sustainable Production



- Bangladesh: Grameen Shakti has trained youth to become solar technicians
- Indonesia: Ministry of Agriculture launched the Climate Field Schools



## Sustainable Consumption



- Republic of Korea: “Clean Plate Movement”
- India: Project targeting problems of waste in Delhi and beyond





**Let us invest in youth  
for a greener future!**

