



*The Business Environment and
Future Prospects for*

MYANMAR-KOREA

ECONOMIC COOPERATION



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Myanmar: A Strategic Gateway to Asia



Located at the intersection of South Asia, Southeast Asia and East Asia



Connectivity with ASEAN, China and India



Strategic potential for regional trade and investment



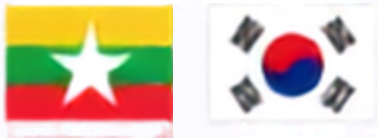
Opportunities for supply-chain diversification



Gateway to a wider regional market

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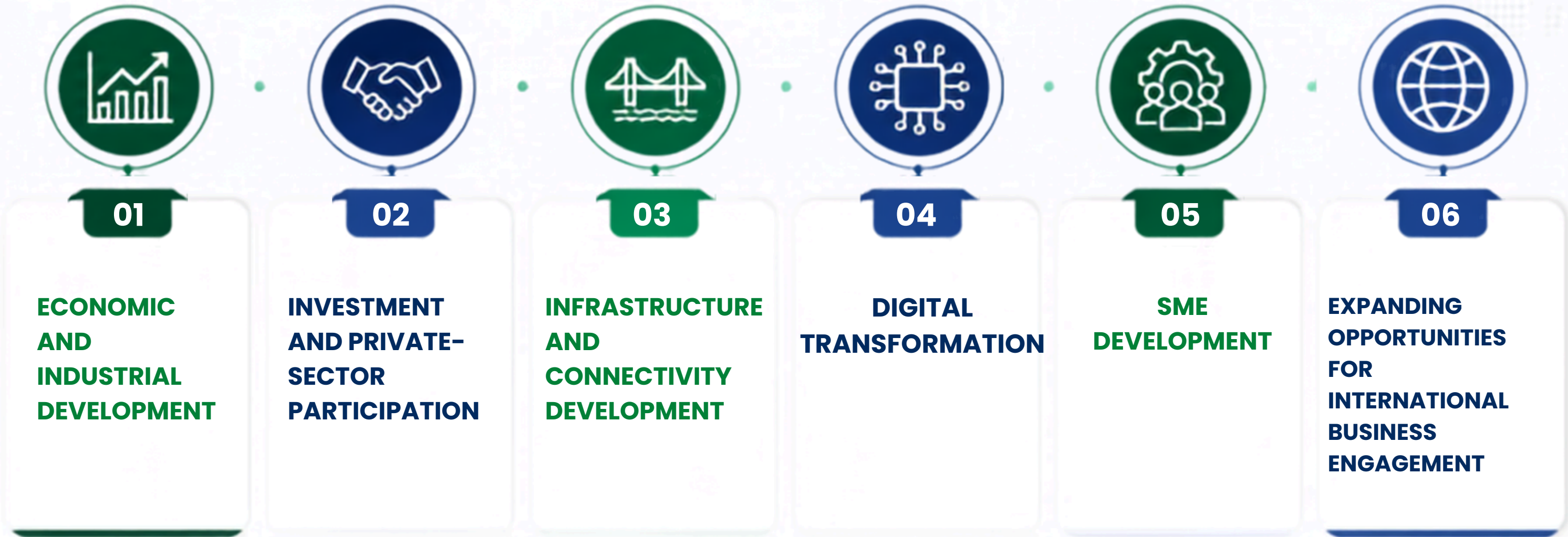




MYANMAR'S BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

CURRENT BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

Building a dynamic, inclusive and connected economy through collaboration, innovation and sustainable development.



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Partnerships



Prosperity

MYANMAR WELCOMES AND INVITES FOREIGN INVESTMENT



 energy and infrastructure

 agro-processing

 education

 digital technology

 public transportation

 electric vehicles

 pharmaceutical production

 agriculture and livestock

 renewable energy

 healthcare

 fertilizer production

 tourism

 cement and steel manufacturing

 and value-added rubber industries

- To improve the investment climate by simplifying procedures,
- strengthening legal protections for investors
- implementing intellectual property laws,
- promoting digital transformation through the Myanmar Digital Roadmap 2030,
- supporting small and medium-sized enterprises

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NATIONAL

Myanmar, Thailand Reaffirm Commitment to Expanding Trade and Investment at Business Forum

Thailand will work with Myanmar to raise bilateral trade to US\$12 billion while expanding investment and economic cooperation.



Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing delivers a keynote address at the Myanmar-Thailand Business Forum in Bangkok on 6 August 2025.

President U Min Aung Hlaing reaffirmed Myanmar's commitment to strengthening economic cooperation with Thailand and invited Thai businesses to expand investments across a wide range of sectors during the Myanmar-Thailand Business Forum held at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre in Bangkok yesterday. Thai Prime Minister Mr Anutin Charnvirakul also pledged to deepen bilateral economic ties, saying both governments would work closely with the private sector to boost trade and investment between the neighbouring countries.

The forum was attended by President U Min Aung Hlaing and members of the Myanmar high-level delegation accompanying him on his official visit to Thailand. Prime Minister Mr Anutin Charnvirakul, senior Thai government officials and business leaders from both countries. Upon arrival at the convention centre, the President and the Thai Prime Minister were welcomed by officials of the Thailand-Myanmar Friendship Association and representatives of the business community.

The President opened with remarks by the president of the Thailand-Myanmar Friendship Association and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

In his keynote address, Prime Minister Mr Anutin described Myanmar as one of Thailand's key economic partners and said the two countries were ready to enter a new era of economic cooperation based on mutual trust, mutual respect and the shared interests of their peoples. He said Thai investments in Myanmar already span the energy, manufacturing, logistics, telecommunications, real estate and tourism sectors, which continue to provide a strong foundation for long-term economic growth. The Prime Minister added that both leaders had held productive discussions earlier in the day and confirmed that Thailand would host the Joint Trade Committee meeting later this year. He said Thailand would work towards increasing bilateral trade to US\$12 billion, while encouraging closer cooperation between governments, business

and the private sector to convert new opportunities into tangible economic outcomes. He described the forum as more than a platform for exchanging views, calling it the starting point for a new phase of government-private sector cooperation to shape the future of bilateral economic relations.

President U Min Aung Hlaing said it was an honour to address the forum, whose theme focused on opening a new chapter in promoting the Myanmar-Thailand economic partnership. He expressed confidence that stronger bilateral cooperation would enable both countries to better withstand global economic uncertainties while creating mutual benefits. The President noted that Myanmar and Thailand are not only neighbouring countries sharing long and maritime borders but also close partners linked by common culture, traditions, religion and longstanding historical friendship. Diplomatic relations established in 1948 have now continued for 78 years, and bilateral ties were upgraded to a Natural Strategic Partnership

in 2018. He added that both countries continue to cooperate actively through regional frameworks, including ASEAN, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), BIMSTEC, the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), Mekong-Lancang Cooperation and ACMECS.

The President said Thailand remains one of Myanmar's most important trading partners, with Myanmar exporting natural gas, agricultural produce, fisheries products and garments, while importing investment goods, machinery, vehicles, industrial products, consumer goods and pharmaceuticals from Thailand. Bilateral trade exceeded US\$4 billion during the 2025-2026 financial year and surpassed US\$1 billion by June of the 2026-2027 financial year. Since 2022, cumulative bilateral trade has reached more than US\$21.75 billion, demonstrating the importance of cross-border commerce to both economies. He highlighted border trade routes through Myawaddy-Mae Sot and Tachilek-Mae Sai as vital economic corridors

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The President also noted that Thailand is currently Myanmar's fifth-largest foreign investor, with 183 investment projects worth more than US\$4.66 billion, accounting for 6.3 per cent of total foreign investment in Myanmar. Thai investments cover agriculture, livestock, fisheries, mining, manufacturing, electricity, oil and gas, construction, transport and communications, hotels, industrial zones and services.

Highlighting Myanmar's strategic geographical position linking East Asia, South-East Asia and South Asia, President U Min Aung Hlaing said the country offers significant opportunities for regional connectivity and trade. He pointed to the ongoing development of the Thilawa, Kyaukpadaung and Dawei special economic zones and deep-sea ports, the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor, the Kaladan Multimodal Transit

Transport Project, the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway and Asian Highway and railway networks as projects that will strengthen regional logistics and economic integration. The President invited Thai investors to expand investment in energy infrastructure, agriculture, livestock, agro-processing, renewable energy, education, healthcare, digital technology, fertilizer production, public transportation, electric vehicles, cement and steel manufacturing, pharmaceutical production, value-added rubber industries, logistics and border economic zones. He said the government continues to improve the investment climate by simplifying procedures, strengthening legal protections for investors, implementing intellectual property laws, promoting digital transformation through the Myanmar Digital Roadmap 2030, supporting small and medium-sized enterprises, and advancing projects such as the Yadanabon Cyber City located on about 10,000 acres of land. He emphasized that Myanmar welcomes Thai investors in order to contribute to trade, investment, border trade and regional economic linkages.

Following the forum, President U Min Aung Hlaing and Prime Minister Anutin posed for a commemorative photograph before touring exhibition booths showcasing businesses from both countries. Later, the President held a separate meeting with representatives of the business community to discuss trade cooperation.

MYANMAR-KOREA

ECONOMIC RELATIONS TODAY

- Myanmar and the Republic of Korea share a growing economic partnership built on trade, investment, and industrial cooperation etc. As of 31 August 2026, the Republic of Korea ranked among the top ten foreign investors in Myanmar.

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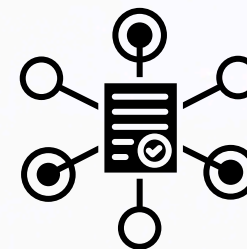
Trade & Investment

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Bilateral Agreements

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Frameworks

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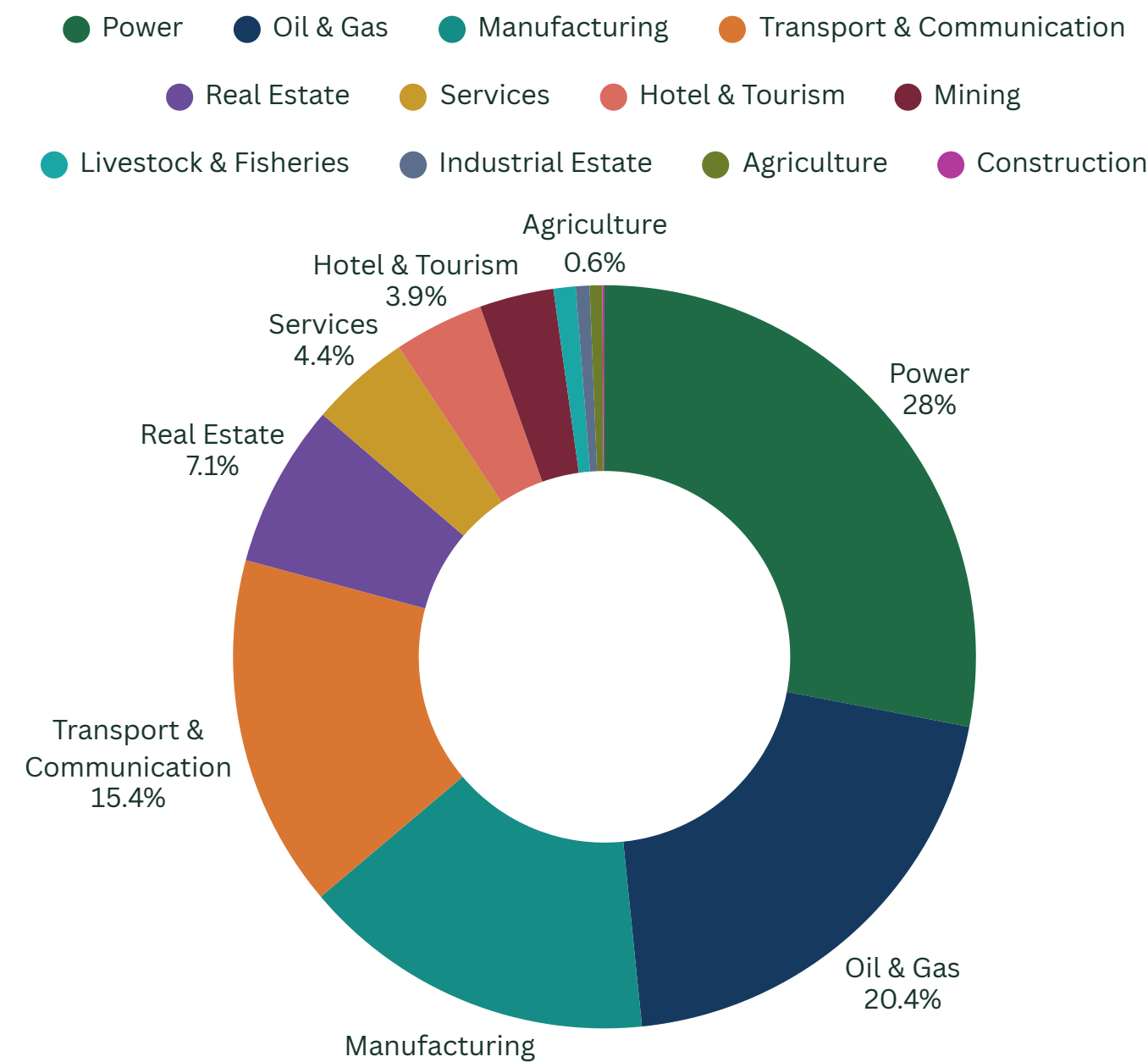


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and Protection**

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Foreign Investment Of Permitted Projects in Myanmar by Sector

Existing Projects as of 31 August 2026



APPROVED FOREIGN INVESTMENT SHARE

- Power – 28.02% | US\$20,501.968 million
- Oil & Gas – 20.37% | US\$14,908.610 million
- Manufacturing – 15.44% | US\$11,295.573 million
- Transport & Communication – 15.36% | US\$11,243.045 million
- Real Estate – 7.11% | US\$5,203.536 million
- Services – 4.36% | US\$3,189.930 million
- Hotel & Tourism – 3.91% | US\$2,860.265 million
- Mining – 3.23% | US\$2,361.315 million
- Livestock & Fisheries – 0.96% | US\$704.339 million
- Industrial Estate – 0.60% | US\$440.669 million
- Agriculture – 0.55% | US\$405.690 million
- Construction – 0.09% | US\$65.000 million

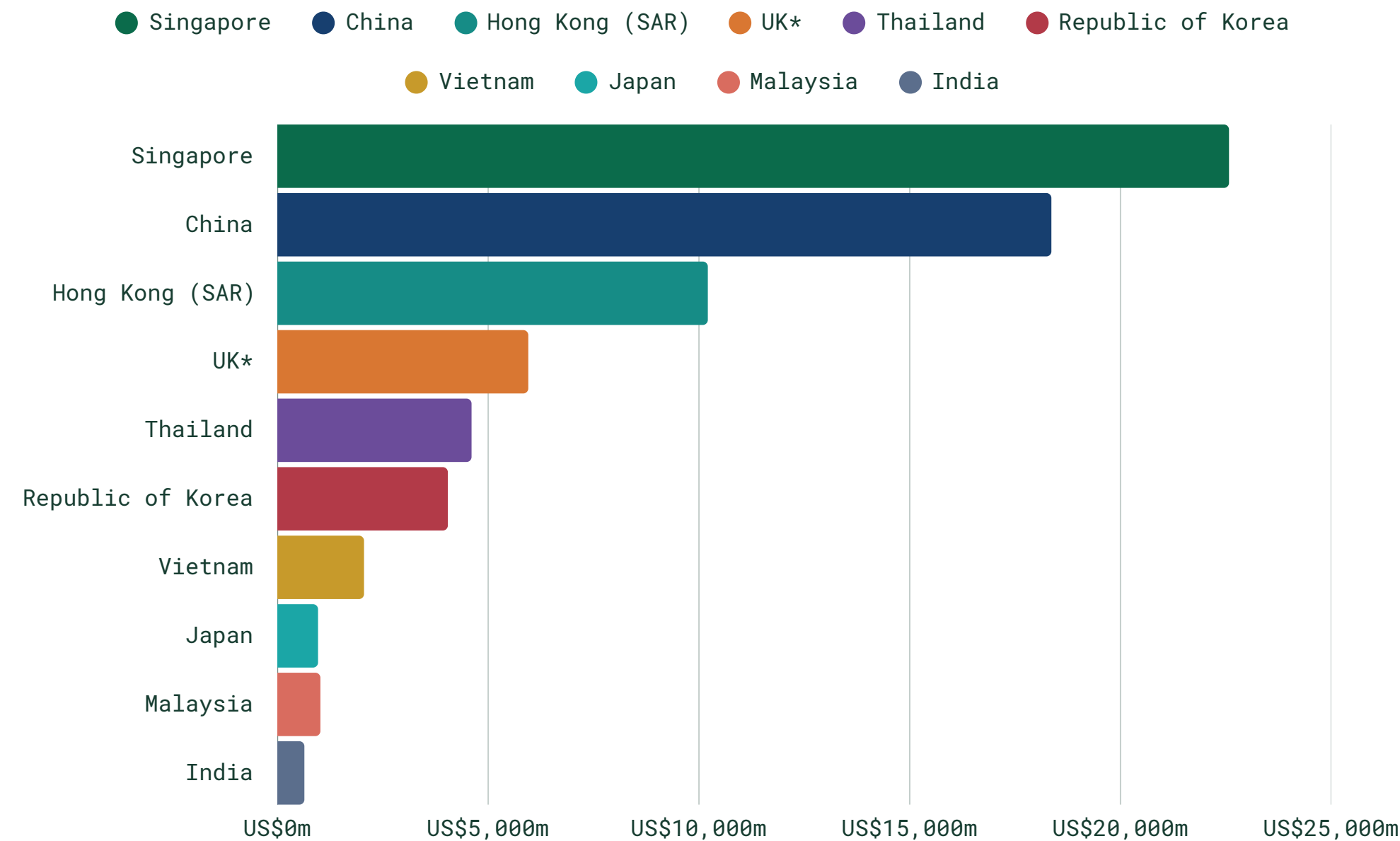
SUMMARY

Total – US\$73,179.940 million, 1,903 projects, 100%
SEZ Total – US\$2,263.092 million, 118 projects, 3.00%
Grand Total – US\$75,443.032 million, 2,021 projects

Foreign Investment by Country / Region

Existing Projects as of 31 August 2026

TOP 10 — approved amount (US\$ million)



TOP 10 DETAIL | Approved amount · Share · Projects

Country / Region	Approved amount	Share	Projects
Singapore	US\$22,573.743m	30.85%	300
China	US\$18,359.996m	25.09%	598
Hong Kong (SAR)	US\$10,209.990m	13.95%	280
UK*	US\$5,950.689m	8.13%	61
Thailand	US\$4,604.694m	6.29%	103
Republic of Korea	US\$4,042.341m	5.52%	174
Vietnam	US\$2,053.855m	2.81%	30
Japan	US\$962.979m	1.32%	101
Malaysia	US\$1,019.031m	1.39%	32
India	US\$639.185m	0.87%	33

ALL OTHER COUNTRIES / REGIONS

01 Netherlands	20 Ireland
02 France	21 Sri Lanka
03 USA	22 New Zealand
04 Luxembourg	23 Philippines
05 Samoa	24 Switzerland
06 Canada	25 Qatar
07 China (Taipei)	26 Bangladesh
08 UAE	27 Republic of Liberia
09 Russian Federation	28 Austria
10 Brunei Darussalam	29 Belize
11 Indonesia	30 Sweden
12 Australia	31 South Africa
13 Seychelles	32 Cook Islands
14 Macau (SAR)	33 Laos
15 Republic of Mauritius	34 Estonia
16 Norway	35 Cambodia
17 Republic of the Marshall Island	36 Afghanistan
18 Germany	37 Brazil
19 Lebanon	38 Italy

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Source: Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar



SEZ TOTAL

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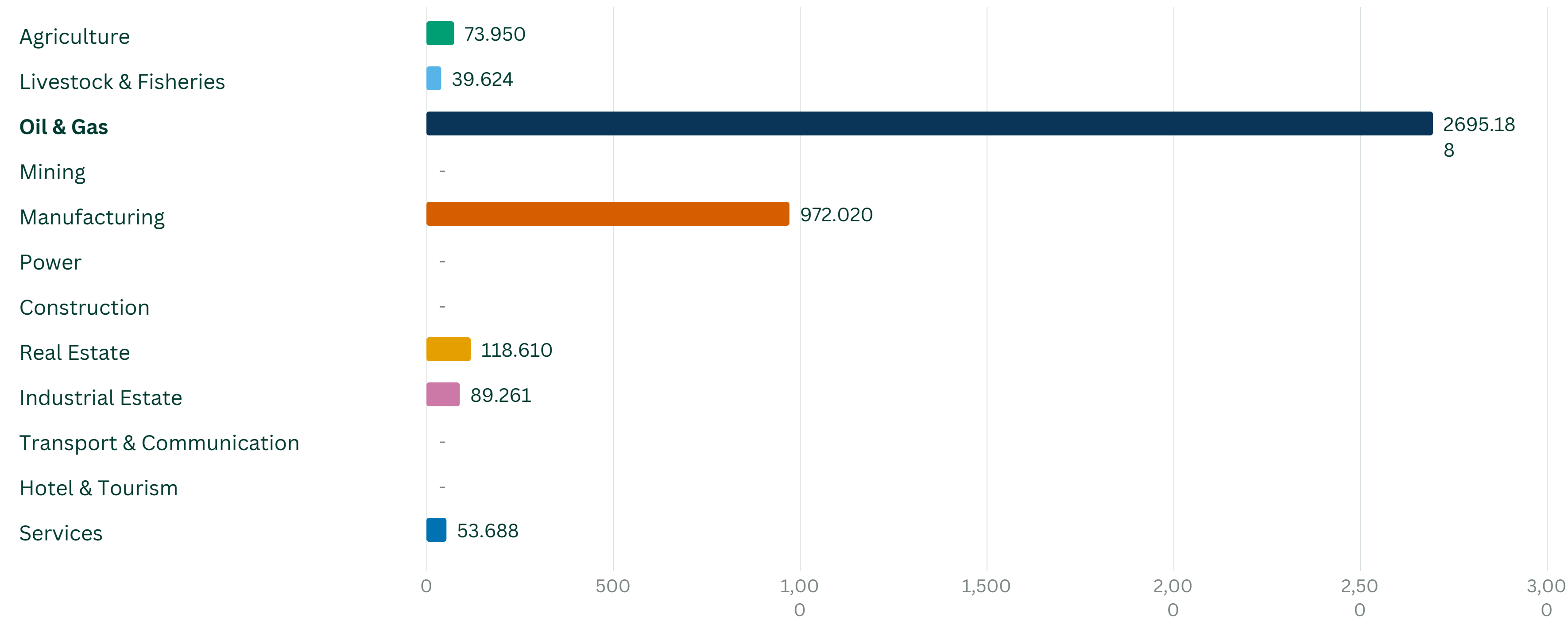


GRAND TOTAL

2,021 projects | US\$ 75,443.032 million

Foreign Investment of Korea in Myanmar

As of 31 August 2026 | Investment amount (US\$ million)



Total: US\$ 4042.341 million | 174 projects

Source: Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar

US\$
million

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Priorities Sectors of the Region/ State

1 Mandalay Region

- 1. Labor-Based Industry
- 2. Eco-Tourism Industry
- 3. Agricultural Production, Services and Value-added Agricultural Production
- 4. Value-added Food Production
- 5. Livestock Breeding
- 6. Building of Low-cost housing

2 Sagaing Region

- 1. Agriculture and Livestock Sector
- 2. Infrastructure Sector
- 3. Hotel and Tourism
- 4. Mining

3 Magway Region

- 1. Agriculture
- 2. Livestock
- 3. Electricity
- 4. Manufacturing
- 5. Hotel and Tourism
- 6. Forest
- 7. Mining

4 Bago

- 1. Solar and Electric Power Generation
- 2. Establishment of Industrial Estate
- 3. Establishing and Opening of Natural Resorts
- 4. Construction of Low-cost housing
- 5. Livestock and Production of Freshwater Farm Products
- 6. Agriculture
- 7. Construction of road
- 8. Transportation
- 9. Planting rubber and production and distribution of value-added ribbed sheets
- 10. Bamboo-based Industry

5 Ayeyawady

- 1. Agriculture Sector; agriculture and its related sector
- 2. Livestock and Fishery Sector
- 3. Hotel and Tourism Sector
- 4. Transport and Communication Sector
- 5. Electric Sector
- 6. Manufacturing Sector
- 7. Industrial Estate Sector
- 8. Supply and transport services
- 9. Education Services Sector
- 10. Health Services Sector
- 11. Research Development Sector

6 Yangon Region

- 1. Manufacturing Sector (value-added products; imported substitute commodities)
- 2. Infrastructure Sector
- 3. Information Technology Services Sector
- 4. Hotel and Tourism Sector
- 5. Education Services Sector
- 6. Health Services Sector
- 7. Supply and Transport Services Sector

7 Tanintharyi Region

- 1. Construction of road and bridge
- 2. Power generation, transmission and distribution (production of renewable energy)
- 3. Livestock production, breeding and production of fishery products and related services
- 4. Natural resources (production of pearl and mining)
- 5. Agriculture and its related services
- 6. City development activities (water, wastewater, municipality, affordable housing), etc.
- 7. Establishment of Industrial Zone
- 8. Establishment of new urban area
- 9. Construction of sea port and river port
- 10. Management, operation and maintenance of airport
- 11. Manufacturing (tyre, fish products, value-added production of prawn and crab, vegetables, fruit, garment, palm oil)
- 12. Hotel and tourism services
- 13. Other value-added (rubber and betel nut tree)
- 14. Health care services
- 15. Education services
- 16. Production of rubber and other wood

8 Kachin State

- 1. Agricultural
- 2. Production
- 3. Hotel and Tourism
- 4. Logistics
- 5. Housing Development

Priorities Sectors of the Region/ State

9 Kayah State (3 parts)

- 1.Hotel & Tourism Services
- 2.Agricultural Products Based Industries
- 3.Renting Services on Agricultural Machines, Soil Testing Service, Weeding Activities and Sanitation of Pest and Pathogens
- 4.Services for Constructing and Hiring Warehouse, Silos and Tank
- 5.Value-added Production of Traditional Food
- 6.Establishing The Infrastructure for Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products
- 7.Hydropower Generation, Transmission and Distribution
- 8.Production and Refinement of Minerals
- 9.Passenger Transport and Freight Transport by Train
- 10.Livestock Production, Breeding and Production of Fishery Products, and Its Related Services
- 11.Production of Concrete, Cement, Limestone, Brick, Ceramic and Plaster

12 Mon State

- 1.Agriculture / Livestock Sector
- 2.Rubber – based manufacturing
- 3.Agriculture/ Livestock-based value added manufacturing
- 4.Health Services Sector
- 5.Establishment of forest plantations
- 6.Eco- tourism
- 7.Rental Services of construction of waterport,warehouse, Silos and Lagoon
- 8.Electricity & Energy Sector

Kayah State

- 1.Establishment of Livestock Zone
- 2.Establishment of Industrial Zone
- 3.Production of Marble
- 4.Establishment of Forest Plantation
- 5.Manufacturing of Pulp, Paper and Paper Board
- 6.Construction of Dry Port and Bus Station
- 1.Establishment of Cold Chain
- 2.Health Services
- 3.Education Services

13 Rakhine State

- 1.Agriculture
- 2.Livestock and fishery
- 3.Education and human resource development
- 4.Infrastructure and transportation development
- 5.Tourism
- 6.Development and SMEs and Industrial zone

10 Kayin State

- 1.Agriculture Sector
- 2.Hotels and Tourism Travelling Sector
- 3.Manufacturing Sector
- 4.Transport and Logistics Sector
- 5.Electricity Sector

14 Shan State

- 1.Hotel and Tourism
- 2.Agriculture
- 3.Electrification
- 4.Agro-Based(Vale-Added)
- 5.Technology Service
- 6.Mining
- 7.Education Service
- 8.Transportation and Communication
- 9.Livestock and Fishery
- 10.International standard Banking service

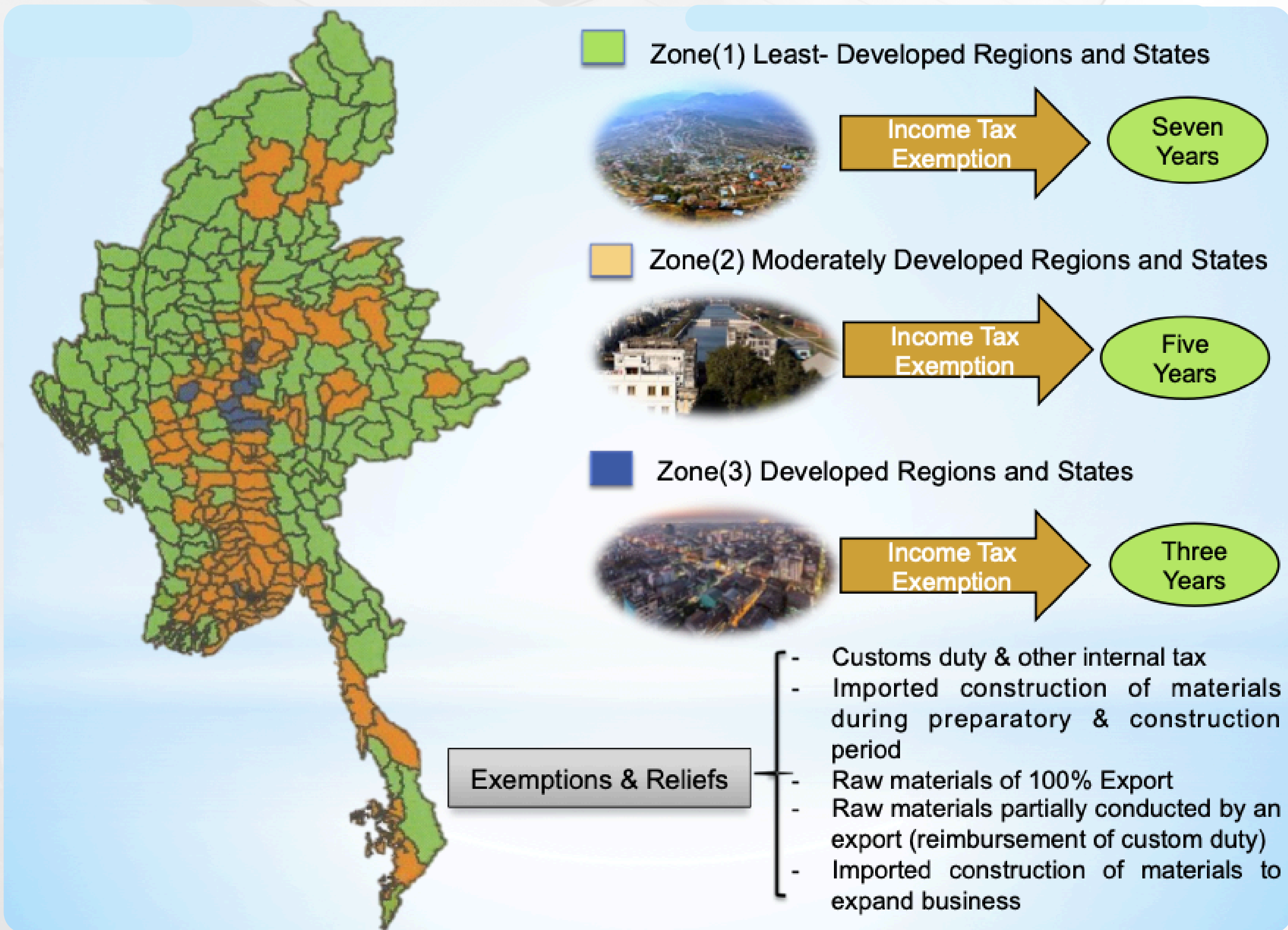
11 Chin State

- 1.Hotel and Tourism Severices
- 2.Power generation, transmission and distribution
- 3.Agriculture and its related services (konjac, avocado, monkey cry, ginger, coffee, grape, mulberry tree)
- 4.Livestock production and breeding (Mythun, cattle and buffalo farming, breeding and production)
- 5.Establishment of infrastructure nd urban development
- 6.Establishment of Industrial Zone

15 NayPyiTaw

- 1.Agriculture and its related services (except cultivation and production of tobacco and virginia)
- 2.Livestock production, breeding and production of fishery products, and its related services
- 3.Manufacturing(Except manufacturing of cigarette, liqueur, beer, and other harmful products to health)
- 4.Supply and transport services
- 5.Education Services
- 6.Information technology services

TAX INCENTIVES WITH HOLIDAYS



Source: <https://www.dica.gov.mm/>



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PRIORITY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM MYANMAR WITH EXPORT POTENTIAL TO THE KOREAN MARKET



✓ Pulses and Beans



✓ Chilies



✓ Maize(Corn)



✓ Onions



✓ Villous amomum (or)
Roselle



✓ Sesame



✓ Coffee

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PRIORITY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM MYANMAR WITH EXPORT POTENTIAL TO THE KOREAN MARKET



✓ Rice



✓ Mangoes



✓ Avocados

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- Value -added Agricultural Goods
- Processed Foods,
- Value-added Textiles materials and
- Value-added Traditional Handicrafts



MINERAL RESOURCES OF MYANMAR



Mineral Resources of Myanmar

 Zircon	 Star Sapphire	 Star Ruby	 Spinel	 Sapphire
 Lapis Lazuli	 Green Fibrolite	 Green Zircon	 Diopside	 Quartz Smoky
 Quartz	 Yellow Sapphire	 White Sapphire	 Pleonaste	 Painite
 Spinel Crystal	 Jade	 Ruby color Spinel		



Copper

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INVESTMENT OFFER: MYANMAR RICE BRAN OIL



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INVEST IN MYANMAR RICE BRAN OIL

A Natural Choice for Health,
A Smart Opportunity for Investors

미얀마 쌀겨유 산업에 투자하세요
건강한 선택, 현명한 투자

Myanmar Rice Bran Oil – Pure, Natural and Sustainable.
Partner with us to deliver premium quality oil to
global markets and grow together.





100% NATURAL
No Cholesterol
No Trans Fat



HEALTHY CHOICE
Rich in Antioxidants,
Good for Heart



PREMIUM QUALITY
Refined from
Finest Rice Bran



SUSTAINABLE &
ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY
Supporting Farmers,
Protecting Nature.



WHY INVEST IN MYANMAR RICE BRAN OIL?

- ✓ **Abundant Raw Material**
Myanmar is one of the top rice producing countries with millions of tons of rice bran available annually.
- ✓ **High Market Demand**
Global demand for healthy, natural and premium cooking oils is growing rapidly.
- ✓ **Strategic Location**
Gateway to Asia – easy access to Korea, China, Japan and other regional markets.
- ✓ **Cost Advantage**
Competitive production cost with high-quality output.
- ✓ **Government Support**
Investor-friendly policies, incentives and full support for foreign investors.





OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTORS

- **Rice Bran Oil Production Plants**
Build or expand modern refining facilities.
- **Packaging & Branding**
Develop premium brands for local and export markets.
- **Export & Distribution**
Strong potential to export to Korea, EU, USA, China, ASEAN and beyond.
- **By-products Utilization**
Rice bran for animal feed, dietary fiber, cosmetics, and nutraceuticals.
- **Joint Venture & Partnership**
Collaborate with reliable local partners for long-term success.



GLOBAL MARKET POTENTIAL

- Global Rice Bran Oil Market Size USD 3.1 Billion in 2023 and growing at a CAGR of over 8%.
- Health-conscious consumers prefer natural, non-GMO, and antioxidant-rich oils.
- Korea is one of the key import markets with strong demand for premium edible oils.

WHY KOREAN INVESTORS?

- ✓ Strong trade and friendship between Myanmar and Korea
- ✓ Growing demand for healthy edible oils in Korea
- ✓ Opportunities for long-term partnership and mutual growth



WHAT MAKES RICE BRAN OIL SPECIAL?

Rice Bran Oil is one of the healthiest cooking oils in the world. It is rich in essential nutrients, antioxidants and beneficial compounds.



RICH IN NATURAL VITAMINS

 E Vitamin E (Tocopherol)	 B1 Vitamin B1 (Thiamine)	 B3 Vitamin B3 (Niacin)	 B6 Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine)	 B9 Vitamin B9 (Folate)	 Gamma Oryzanol
Powerful antioxidant. Protects cells from damage and slows aging.	Supports energy metabolism and nerve function.	Promotes healthy skin, improves circulation.	Supports brain development and immune function.	Important for cell growth and red blood cell production.	Unique antioxidant from rice bran that helps reduce cholesterol and improves hormonal balance.

HEALTH BENEFITS

- **Heart Health**
Helps reduce bad cholesterol (LDL) and supports good cholesterol (HDL).
- **Antioxidant Protection**
Protects body cells from free radicals and reduces risk of chronic diseases.
- **Good for Skin & Hair**
Vitamin E and antioxidants promote healthy, glowing skin and strong hair.
- **Supports Digestion**
Light and easy to digest, suitable for all age groups.
- **Balanced Nutrition**
Contains natural nutrients that support overall well-being.



LET'S GROW TOGETHER

Be part of a sustainable, profitable and meaningful business that brings health to millions and prosperity to our future.
Invest in Myanmar Rice Bran Oil Today!

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STRONG PARTNERSHIP
We value long-term partnership based on trust, transparency and mutual benefit.



SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
Together, let's create a greener, healthier and more prosperous future for generations to come.



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR, SEOUL – CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES, BUILDING PROSPERITY

FIVE AREAS FOR FUTURE MYANMAR-KOREA COOPERATION

1.

**Trade &
Investment**

2.

**Infrastructure &
Connectivity**

3.

**Manufacturing &
Supply Chains**

4.

**Digital &
Green Economy**

5.

**Human Capital &
Technology
Transfer**

Challenges and the Way Forward

Challenges & Priorities



Challenges	
1	Information gaps
2	Market-entry challenges
3	Infrastructure and logistics
4	Access to finance
5	Need for stronger business networks



Way Forward	
1	Better information sharing
2	Stronger institutional dialogue
3	Business matching
4	Joint research
5	More business missions and field engagement

CONNECTING BUSINESSES & INSTITUTION



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Outlook & Conclusion

Outlook for Myanmar-Korea Economic Cooperation

From Potential to Partnership





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