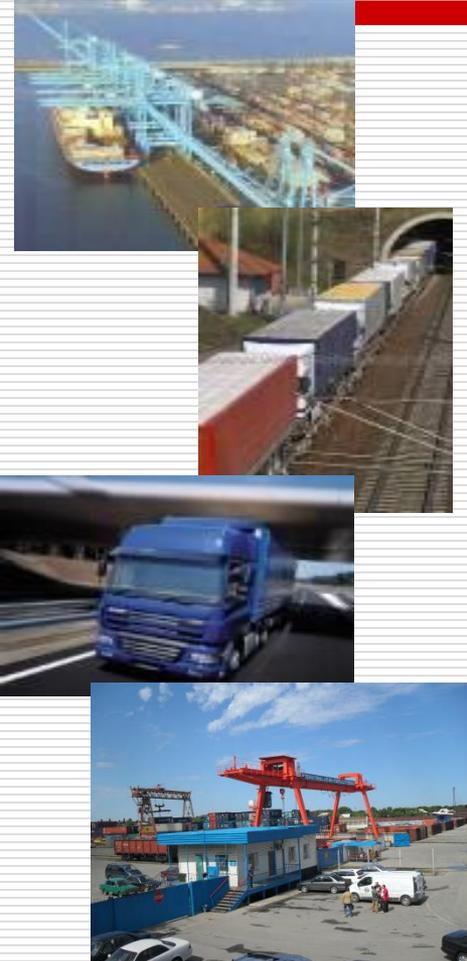


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# The Vision for Asia and the Pacific



## *Development of an international integrated intermodal transport and logistics system*



- Transport Links
  - Integration of road (AH), rail (TAR), inland waterways, shipping and port networks
- Transport Nodes
  - Intermodal nodes/interfaces (ICDs, Dry ports, Airports, Ports, River Ports)
- Transport Services
  - Private/public sector
- Integration of transport modes
  - Development of logistics centres and dry ports
  - Facilitate and promote modal shift

*Focus on plugging infrastructural, operational, institutional and technical gaps and contribution to sustainable development*

# ASIAN HIGHWAY ROUTE MAP

143,000 km, 32 countries



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# Trans-Asian Railway Network

*Building the missing links*

Islamic Republic of Iran – Afghanistan  
*(ongoing)*

Islamic Republic of Iran – Azerbaijan  
*(ongoing)*

**US\$ >25 billion**

China - Kyrgyzstan

ASEAN - China

Turkey - Georgia  
*(ongoing)*

Islamic Republic of Iran – Armenia

Thailand - Lao PDR  
*(inaugurated March 2009)*

Islamic Republic of Iran – Pakistan  
*(completed end 2008)*

Myanmar - Thailand  
Myanmar - India

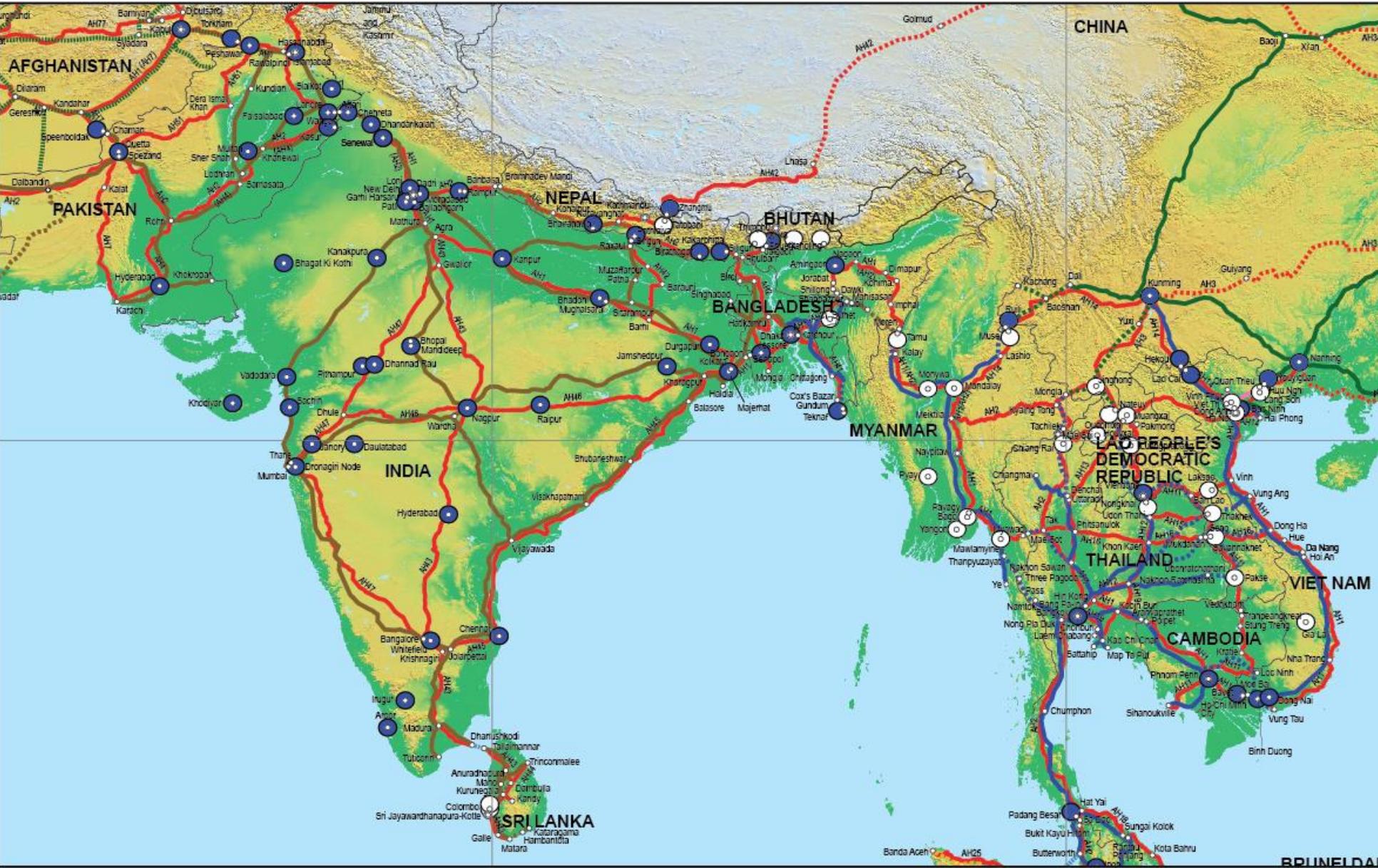
Thailand - Cambodia  
Cambodia - Viet Nam

Track Gauges

— 1,676 mm  
— 1,520 mm

● BREAK-OF-GAUGE  
..... FERRY CROSSING

# Dry Ports of International Importance



# Development of Logistics Centres and Dry Ports

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- Intergovernmental Cooperation- Agreement
  - Promote development of dry ports of international importance
  - Facilitate recognition of dry ports and investment
  - Improve operational efficiency of intermodal freight
  - Enhance environmental sustainability of freight transport- mode shift
- Structure of the Agreement
  - Main text
  - Annex I: List of 240 dry ports of international importance in 27 countries (87 are potential)
  - Annex II: Guiding principles for development and operation
- Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports
  - Opened for signature in 2013 in Bangkok
  - 16 countries have signed
  - 3 countries ratified (Thailand, ROK and Viet Nam)

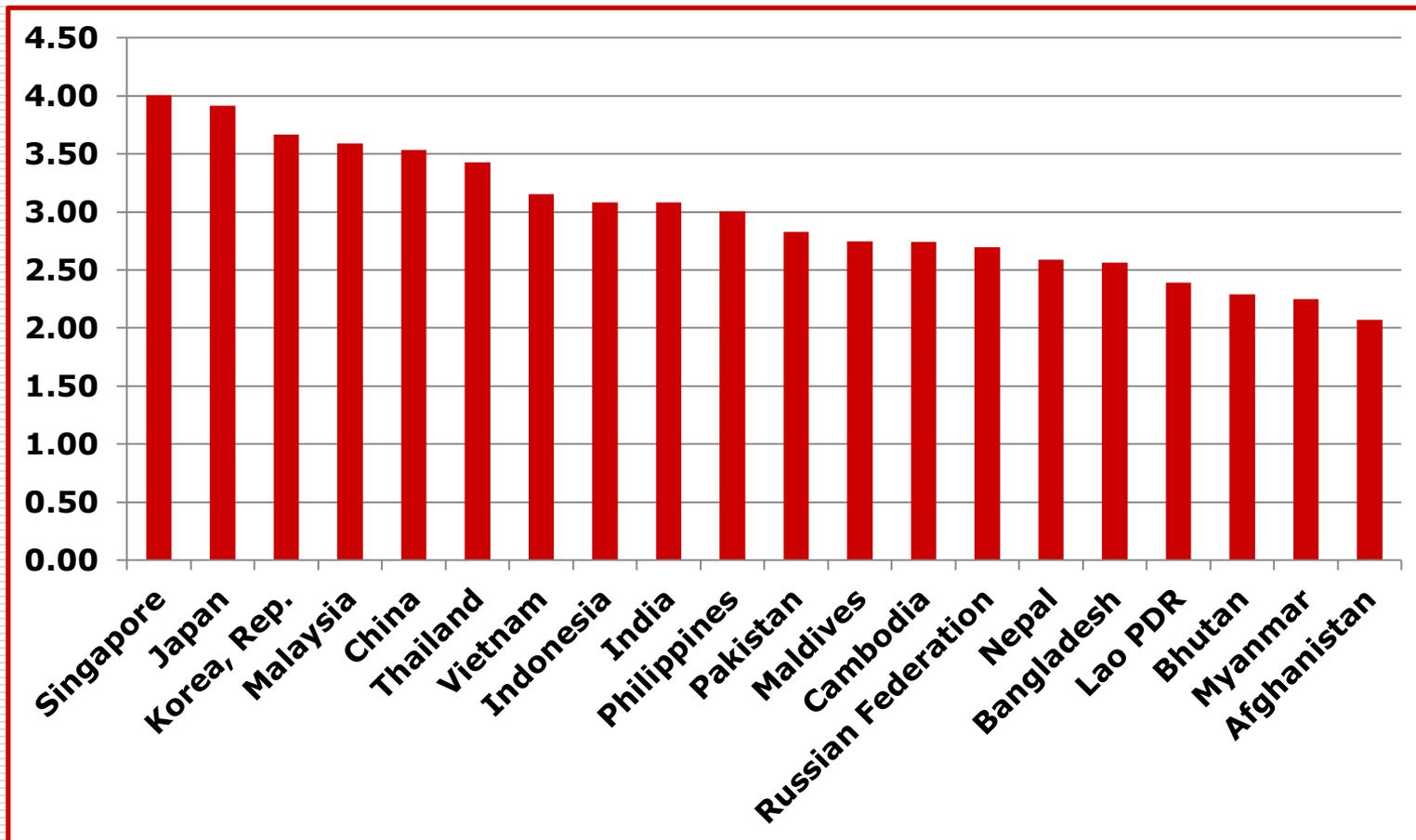
# Sustainable Freight Transport: Logistics Centres and Dry Ports

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- Relieve congestion and ports and roads
- Potential of mode shift (Road to rail) and emissions reduction
  - Consolidation – reduce less than truck loads runs and reduce number of trucks
  - Improved logistics can reduce 10-20% emissions (OECD, 2010)
  - Consolidation and distribution centres in UK have combined 25.7% emissions reduction (Zanni and Bristow, 2009).
  - Replacement of trucks by freight train from port to dry port in Sweden led to 25% CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction (Roso, 2007).
- Regional economic development: industrial centres, free trade areas
- *43% of freight modal shift to railways, 30% less CO<sub>2</sub> emission (Laos-Thailand corridor)*

# Logistics Performance Index, 2014

1. Customs, 2. Infrastructure, 3. International shipments,
4. Logistics competence, 5. Tracking and tracing, 6. Timeliness



# The Way Forward: Green Freight or Sustainable Logistics Systems?

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- Improvement of Transport and Logistics Infrastructure and services
- Harmonization of rules and process
- Transport and trade facilitation measures
- Engaging private sector- provide options
- Application of ICT
  - Container tracking-RFID, GPS
  - Border crossing and security
  - Customs clearance technology-EDI
- Intergovernmental Agreement/Framework?

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Thank you

