

Are we a community?

Asean will be more competitive once it becomes a formalised community, Asean citizens say. Few, however, agree that the regional grouping is close to becoming one. Here are the results of an online poll anchored by The Straits Times and published on the websites of Asean papers in the Asia News Network*.

Total number of respondents:

655



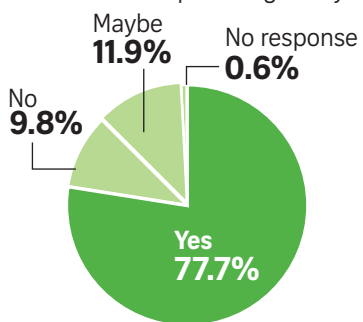
Participating countries:

Asean's 10 members

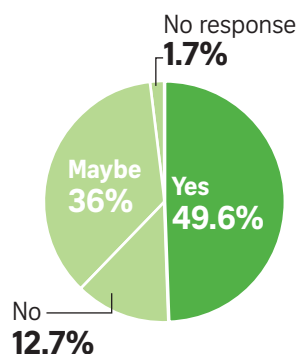
Polling period:

Oct 20 to Dec 9

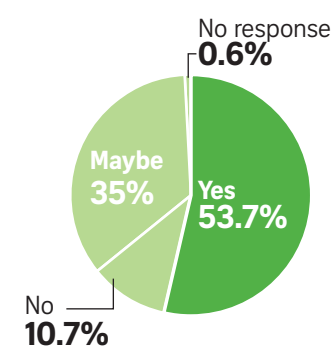
Will formation of the Asean Economic Community make Asean more competitive globally?



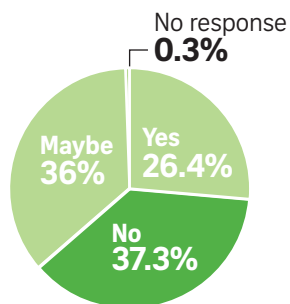
Will life for you be better once Asean becomes one community?



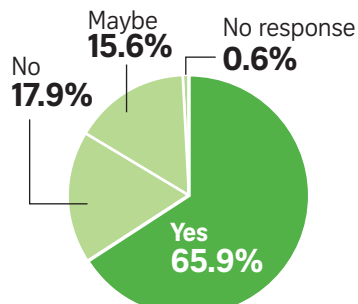
Will your business do better once Asean becomes one community?



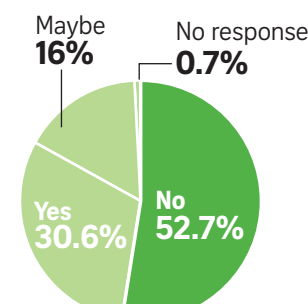
Is Asean close to becoming one community?



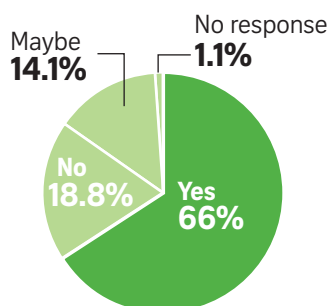
Do you identify with people in Asean?



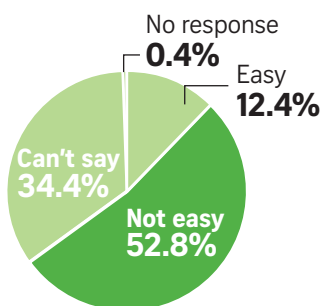
Do people in Asean share a common identity?



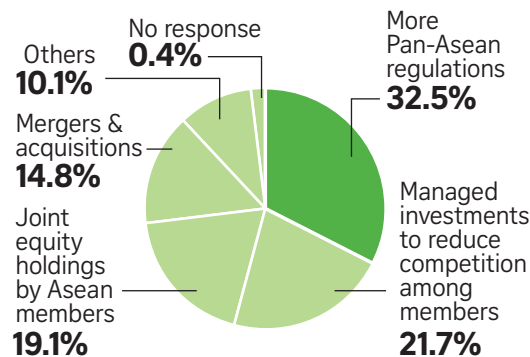
Do you see your work or travel increasing in the next three years after Asean becomes a community?



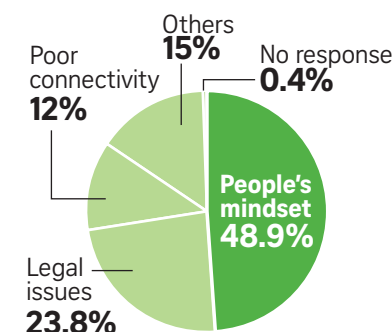
How easy is it to do business across the region?



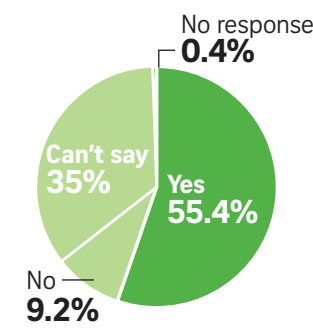
What will hasten the AEC?



What will be the key hurdle in Asean's path towards one community?



Will it be easier to do business after Asean becomes a community?



*The Asia News Network is a grouping of 22 newspapers seeking to promote coverage of Asian affairs. Besides The Straits Times, other papers that participated in this poll were: The Star (Malaysia), The Nation (Thailand), Philippine Daily Inquirer (Philippines), The Jakarta Post (Indonesia), Viet Nam News (Vietnam), Eleven Media Group (Myanmar), The Brunei Times (Brunei), Rasmei Kampuchea (Cambodia) and Vientiane Times (Laos).

NOTE: Figures do not always add up to 100% because of rounding off.