

COMMON ENGLISH ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ABC	American Broadcasting Company
ADP	Asia Development Bank
AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Area
AIA	ASEAN Investment Area
AICO	ASEAN Industrial Cooperation
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AIPO	ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization
AIT	ASEAN Institute of Technology
AMEX	American Stock Exchange
AMM/PMC	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting / Post Ministerial Conference
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
ASC	ASEAN Standing Committee
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASEM	Asia-Europe Meeting
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BIT	Bilateral Investment Treaty
BOOT	Build-Own-Operate-Transfer
BOP	Balance of Payment
BOT	Build-Own-Operate
BT	Build-Transfer
BTO	Build-Transfer-Operate
CAP	Collective Action Plan (APEC)
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CBM	Confidence Building Measures
CEPT	Common Effective Preferential Tariffs
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CNN	Cable News Network
CPE	Centrally Planned Economy
DES	Department of Education and Science
EAEC	European Atomic Energy Community
EC	European Committee/East Central
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council (UN)
ECU	European Currency Unit
EEC	European Economic Community
EEZ	European Economic Zone
EMS	European Monetary System
EMS	Express Mail Service
EPZ	Export Processing Zone
ESCAP	Economic And Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FIFA	Federal International Football Association
FS	Feasibility Study
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNI	Gross National Income
GNP	Gross National Product
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences
GSTP	Global System of Trade Preferences
HOLLAND	Hope Our Love Lasts and Never Dies
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAP	Individual Action Plan (APEC)
IBC	International Beverage Company
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization

ICJ	International Court of Justice
IDA	International Development Association
IELTS	International English Language Testing System
IFC	International Finance Corporation (WB)
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INTERPOL	International Criminal Police Organization
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IOU	I Owe You
IP	Intellectual Property
IPR	Intellectual Property Right
ISO	International Standardization Organization
IT	Information Technology
ITALY	I Trust You and Love You
JETRO	Japan External Trade Organization
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
JV	Joint Venture
L/C	Letter of Credit
LAN	Local Area Network
LASER	Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
LDC	Less Developed Country
LLDC	Least Developed Country
MA	Master of Arts
MFN	Most-Favored Nation
MIA	Missing International Action
MOET	Ministry of Education and Training
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MS	Master of Science
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Area
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NIC	Newly Industrializing Country
NT	National Treatment
NTB	Non-Tariff Barrier
OAS	Organization of American States
OAU	Organization of African Unity
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
PET	Preliminary English Test
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organization
POW	Prisoner of War
R&D	Research and Development
RIP	Rest In Peace
ROT	Recover-Operate-Transfer
SAARC	Southeast Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SAYE	Save As You Earn
SDR	Special Drawing Right
SEAMEO	Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization
SEANWFZ	Southeast Asian Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone
SOS	Save Our Soul
SWAK	Sealed With A Kiss
TB	Tuberculosis
TNC	Transnational Corporation
TOEFL	Test of English as Foreign Language
TSE	Test of Spoken English
TWE	Test of Written English

UN	United Nations
UNCLOS	United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UPU	Universal Postal Union
UR	Uruguay Round
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VAT	Value-Added Tax
VER	Voluntary Export Restriction
VIP	Very Important Person
VMEP	Vietnam Manufacturing and Export Processing, Co. Ltd.
VOA	Voice of America
VOV	Voice of Vietnam
WB	World Bank
WEF	World Economic Forum
WFC	World Food Council
WFP	United Nations World Food Program
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
WTO	World Tourism Organization
WWW	World Wide Web
ZOPFAN	Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality