

Doing Business

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in East Asia and the Pacific

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What's new in Doing Business 2009?

2007

- Starting a business
- Dealing with construction permits
- Employing workers
- Registering property
- Getting credit
- Protecting investors
- Paying taxes
- Trading across borders
- Enforcing contracts
- Closing a business



2008

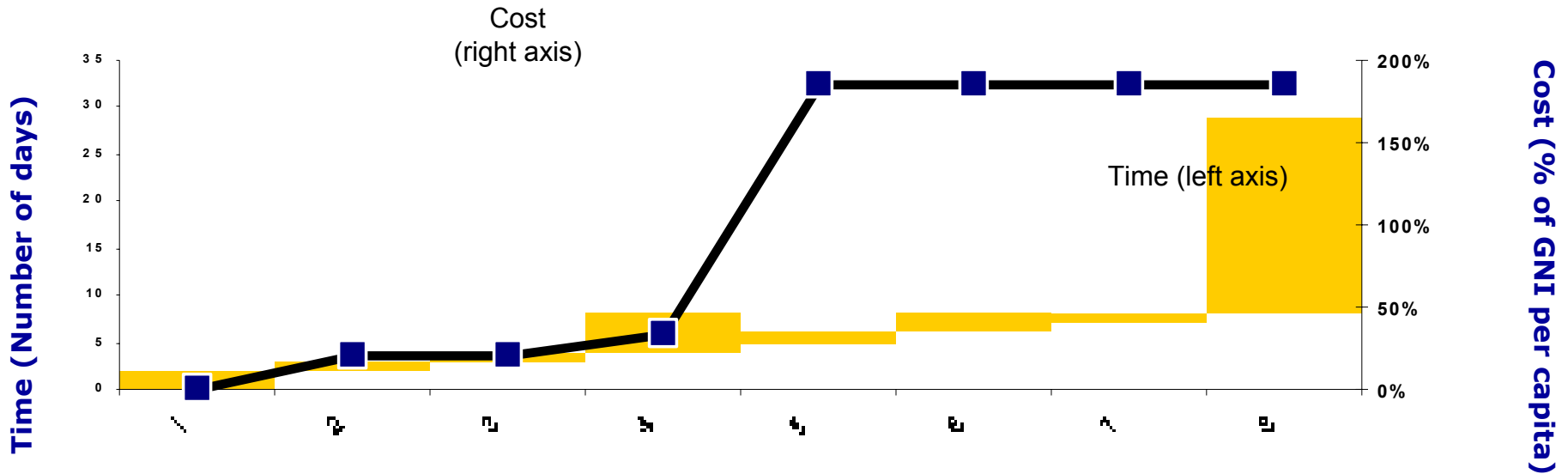
- Update of 2007
- Add 3 countries
- Reformer's Club:
 - 16 case studies



2009

- New "About DB" chapter
- Trends analysis DB04-DB09
 - Most popular reforms
 - Most effective reforms
 - Lessons learned
- Add 3 new countries (Bahamas, Bahrain, Qatar)
- Methodology change in Getting Credit (Legal Rights)

Starting a business in Thailand: 8 procedures which take 33 days and cost 5.6% of income per capita



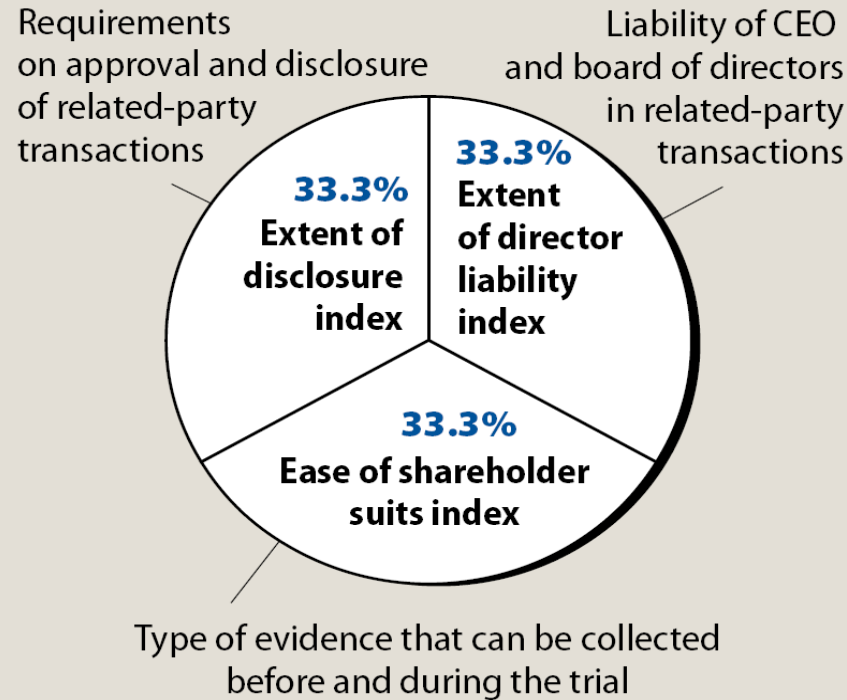
1. Apply for permission to use company name
2. Get approval for memorandum of association

3. Deposit paid-in capital in a bank
4. Obtain a corporate seal
5. Apply to register the company as a legal entity

6. Register with the Revenue Department for tax
7. Register for social security and Workmen's Compensation Fund

8. Submit company work regulations to the Office of Labor Protection and Welfare

Rankings on protecting investors are based on 3 subindicators



Top 30 on the ease of doing business, 2009

	1. Singapore		16. Saudi Arabia
	2. New Zealand		17. Sweden
	3. United States		18. Bahrain
	4. Hong Kong, China		19. Belgium
	5. Denmark		20. Malaysia
	6. United Kingdom		21. Switzerland
	7. Ireland		22. Estonia
	8. Canada		23. Korea
	9. Australia		24. Mauritius
	10. Norway		25. Germany
	11. Iceland		26. Netherlands
	12. Japan		27. Austria
	13. Thailand		28. Lithuania
	14. Finland		29. Latvia
	15. Georgia		30. Israel

The top 10 reformers in 2007/08

Economy	Starting a business	Dealing with construction permits	Employing workers	Registering property	Getting credit	Protecting investors	Paying taxes	Trading across borders	Enforcing contracts	Closing a business
Azerbaijan	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Albania	✓				✓	✓	✓			
Kyrgyz Republic	✓	✓				✓				
Belarus	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Senegal	✓			✓				✓		
Burkina Faso		✓	✓	✓			✓			
Botswana	✓					✓		✓		
Colombia	✓	✓					✓	✓		✓
Dominican Republic	✓			✓			✓	✓		
Egypt	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		

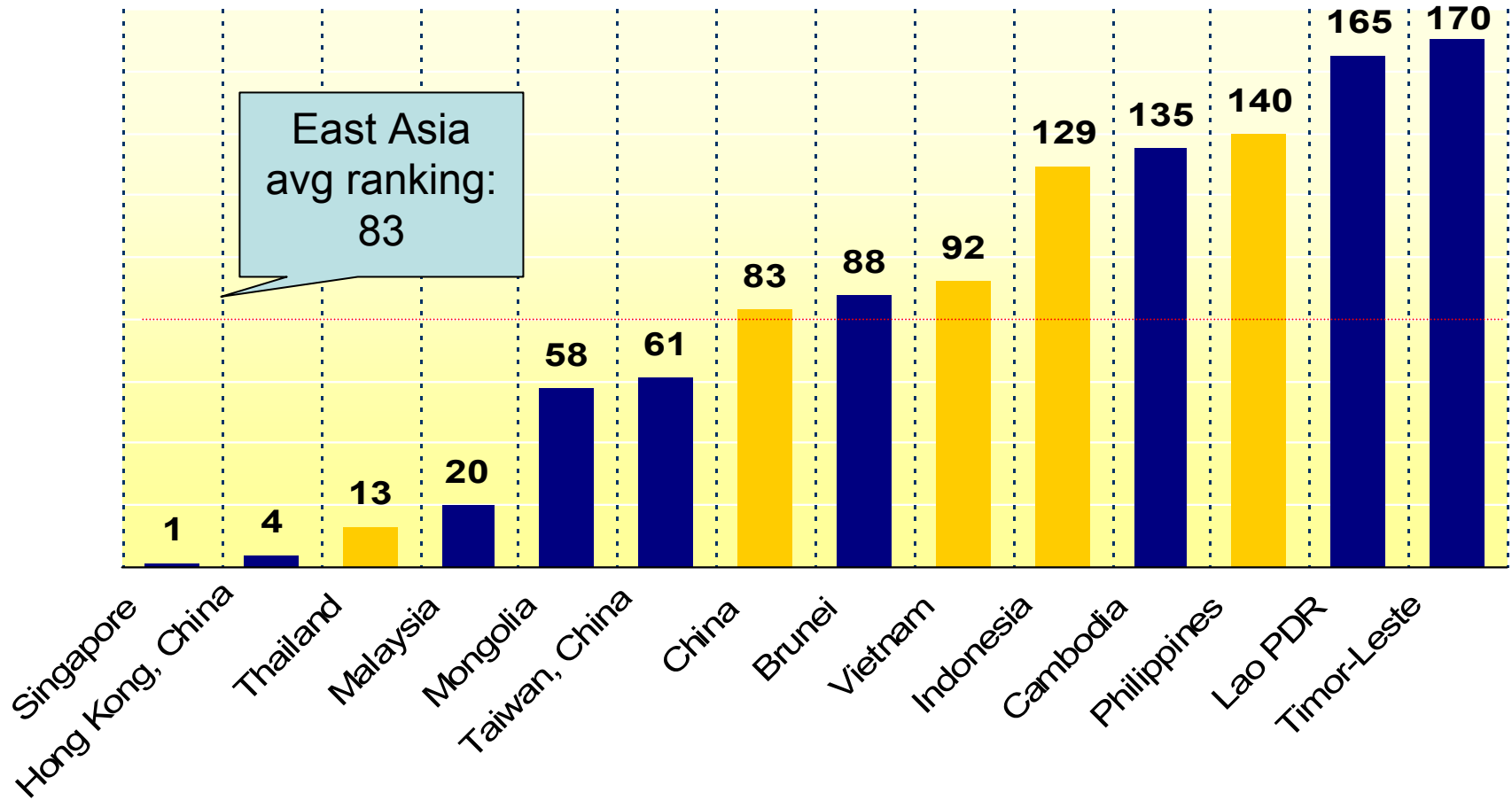
Top Reformers in East Asia : 11 reformers

✓ Positive Reform

✗ Negative Reform

Economy	Starting a Business	Dealing with Construction Permits	Employing Workers	Registering Property	Getting Credit	Protecting Investors	Paying Taxes	Trading Across Borders	Enforcing Contracts	Closing a Business	Total number of reforms
Brunei											0
Cambodia					✓					✓	2
China			✗		✓		✓		✓		2
Hong Kong, China		✓								✓	2
Indonesia	✗				✓						0
Lao PDR											0
Malaysia	✓						✓				2
Mongolia							✓	✓			2
Philippines								✓			1
Singapore	✓	✓									2
Taiwan, China					✓						1
Thailand				✓		✓	✓	✓			4
Timor-Leste											0
Vietnam					✓						1

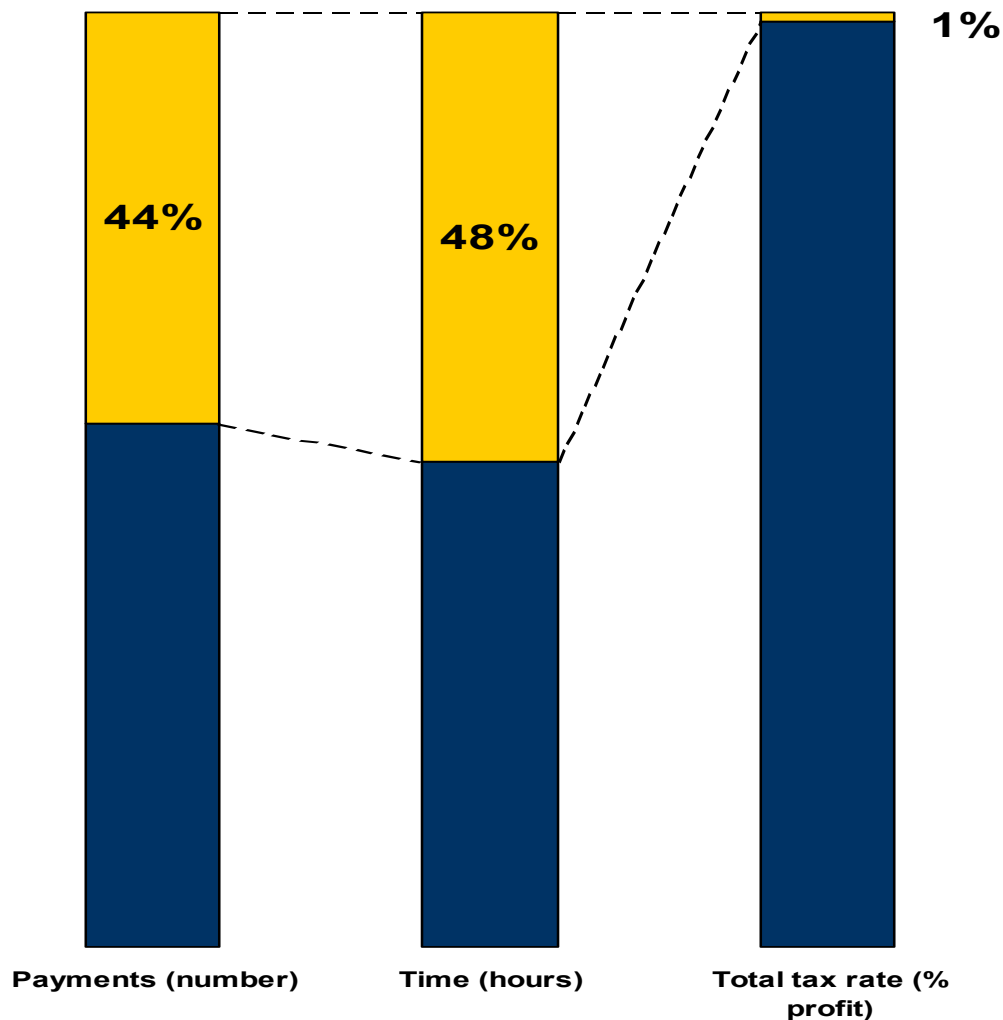
East Asia : Ease of Doing Business



Select country rankings...

Indicator	China	Indonesia	Philippine s	Thailand	Vietna m
Starting a business	151	171	155	44	108
Dealing with constr. permits	176	80	105	12	67
Employing Workers	111	157	126	56	90
Registering property	30	107	97	5	37
Getting credit	59	109	123	68	43
Protecting investors	88	53	126	11	170
Paying taxes	132	116	129	82	140
Trading across borders	48	37	58	10	67
Enforcing contracts	18	140	114	25	42
Closing a business	62	139	151	46	124
Ease of Doing Business	83	129	140	13	92

Faster and easier to pay taxes in China



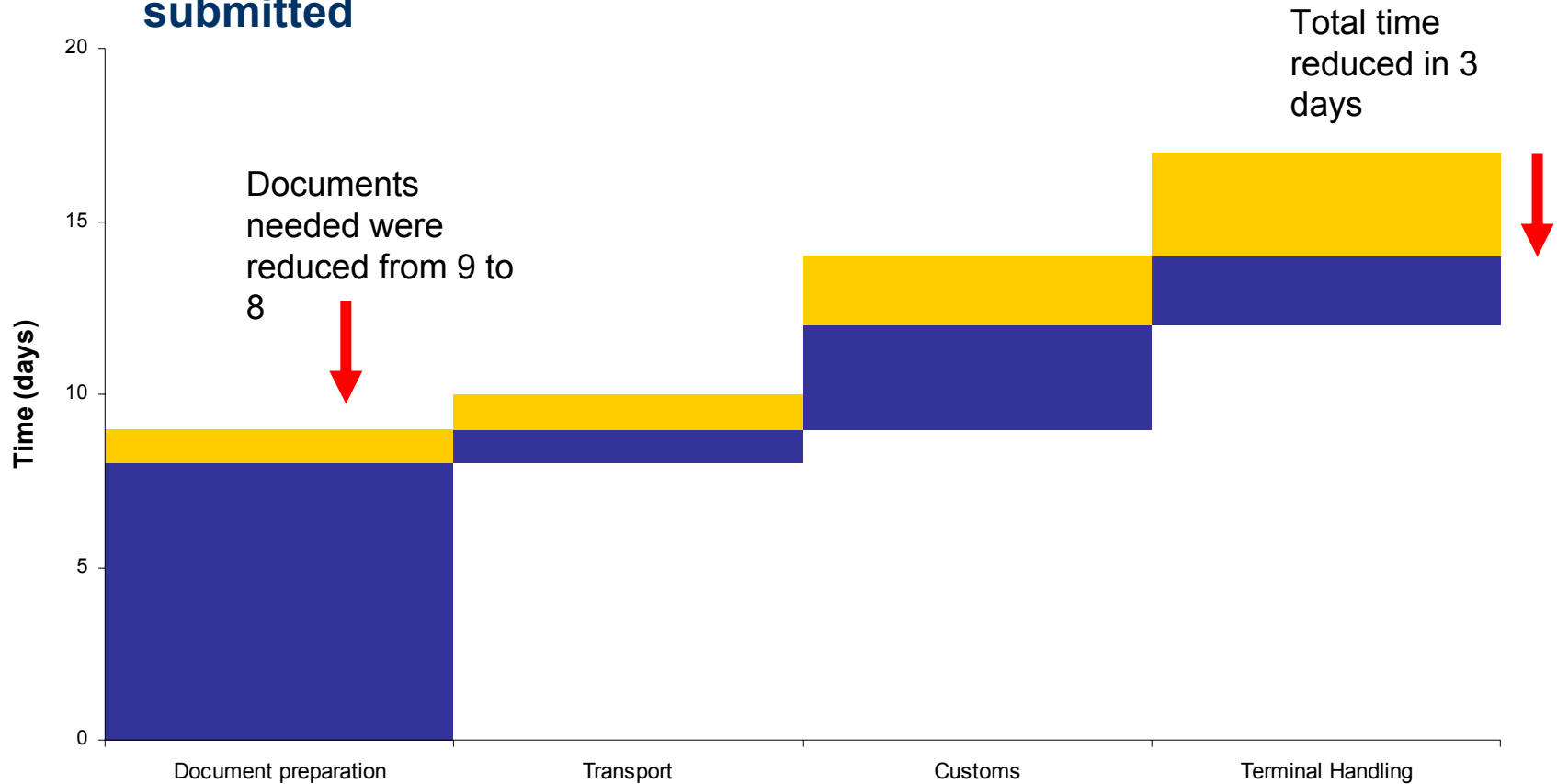
Reduced the corporate income tax rate from 33.3 percent to 25 percent and unified the criteria and accounting methods for tax deductions

Getting Credit: Expanded the range of assets that can be used as collateral through a new property law in October 2007. Accounts receivable and a combination of assets can now be used to secure a loan.

Enforcing Contracts: Tightened the rules on enforcement of judgments, making it harder for debtors to prevent enforcement.

Thailand speeds up exports

Introduced a internet-based customs clearance system that reduced the number of documents that must be submitted



Registering Property: Lowered the cost to transfer property from 6.3 percent of the property value to 1.13 percent.

Enforcing Contracts: Amended the Securities and Exchange Act strengthening minority shareholder rights.

Paying Taxes: Made paying taxes easier by reducing some fees and facilitating online filing and payments. In addition, it applies concessionary 25 % rates for newly listed companies and reduced the corporate income tax rate from 33.3 percent to 25 percent.

Vietnam

Getting Credit: Public credit registry now keeps information on record longer, providing financial institutions with more data on the repayment history and debt capacity of potential borrowers

Philippines

Trade Across Borders: Upgraded the risk management and electronic data interchange system for customs, reducing the time to import by two days

Indonesia

Getting Credit: Made getting credit easier by guaranteeing the right of borrowers to inspect their credit data at the Bank of Indonesia, helping to improve the quality and accuracy of the information financial institutions use in assessing the risk profiles of borrowers

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