

## 2007 Corruption Perceptions Index Regional Highlights: Asia Pacific Region

The 2007 Corruption Perceptions Index ranks thirty-two countries from the Asia Pacific region, seven more than last year's index. Countries not included in previous versions of the index are: Afghanistan, Kiribati, Maldives, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.

This year's CPI clearly demonstrates that corruption remains a serious challenge in the region. Out of the 32 countries ranked, 22 register scores below 5 indicating that most of the countries in the region face serious perceived levels of domestic corruption.

Among the countries with a significant worsening in scores are Bhutan, Laos, and Macao. The increase in the perceived levels of corruption of these countries highlights the need for governments to engage more actively with civil society in fighting corruption. Papua New Guinea and Thailand also saw an increase in the perceived levels of domestic corruption.

Country Rank	Regional Country Rank	Country /Territory	CPI Score 2007	Confidence Intervals	Surveys Used
1	1	New Zealand	9.4	9.2 - 9.6	6
4	2	Singapore	9.3	9.0 - 9.5	9
11	3	Australia	8.6	8.1 - 9.0	8
14	4	Hong Kong	8.3	7.6 - 8.8	8
17	5	Japan	7.5	7.1 - 8.0	8
34	6	Macao	5.7	4.7 - 6.4	4
34	6	Taiwan	5.7	5.4 - 6.1	9
43	8	Malaysia	5.1	4.5 - 5.7	9
43	8	South Korea	5.1	4.7 - 5.5	9
46	10	Bhutan	5.0	4.1 - 5.7	5
57	11	Samoa	4.5	3.4 - 5.5	3
72	12	China	3.5	3.0 - 4.2	9
72	12	India	3.5	3.3 - 3.7	10
84	14	Maldives	3.3	2.3 - 4.3	4
84	14	Kiribati	3.3	2.4 - 3.9	3
84	14	Thailand	3.3	2.9 - 3.7	9
94	17	Sri Lanka	3.2	2.9 - 3.5	7
98	18	Vanuatu	3.1	2.4 - 3.7	3
111	19	Solomon Islands	2.8	2.4 - 3.1	3
123	20	Vietnam	2.6	2.4 - 2.9	9
123	20	Timor-Leste	2.6	2.5 - 2.6	3
131	22	Nepal	2.5	2.3 - 2.7	7
131	22	Philippines	2.5	2.3 - 2.7	9
138	24	Pakistan	2.4	2.0 - 2.8	7
143	25	Indonesia	2.3	2.1 - 2.4	11
162	26	Bangladesh	2.0	1.8 - 2.3	7
162	26	Papua New Guinea	2.0	1.7 - 2.3	6
162	26	Cambodia	2.0	1.8 - 2.1	7
168	29	Laos	1.9	1.7 - 2.2	6
172	30	Afghanistan	1.8	1.4 - 2.0	4
175	31	Tonga	1.7	1.5 - 1.8	3
179	32	Myanmar	1.4	1.1 - 1.7	4

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