

Transfer Pricing Issues in Asia: Taxpayers' Perspectives

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Criteria to Evaluate Tax Systems

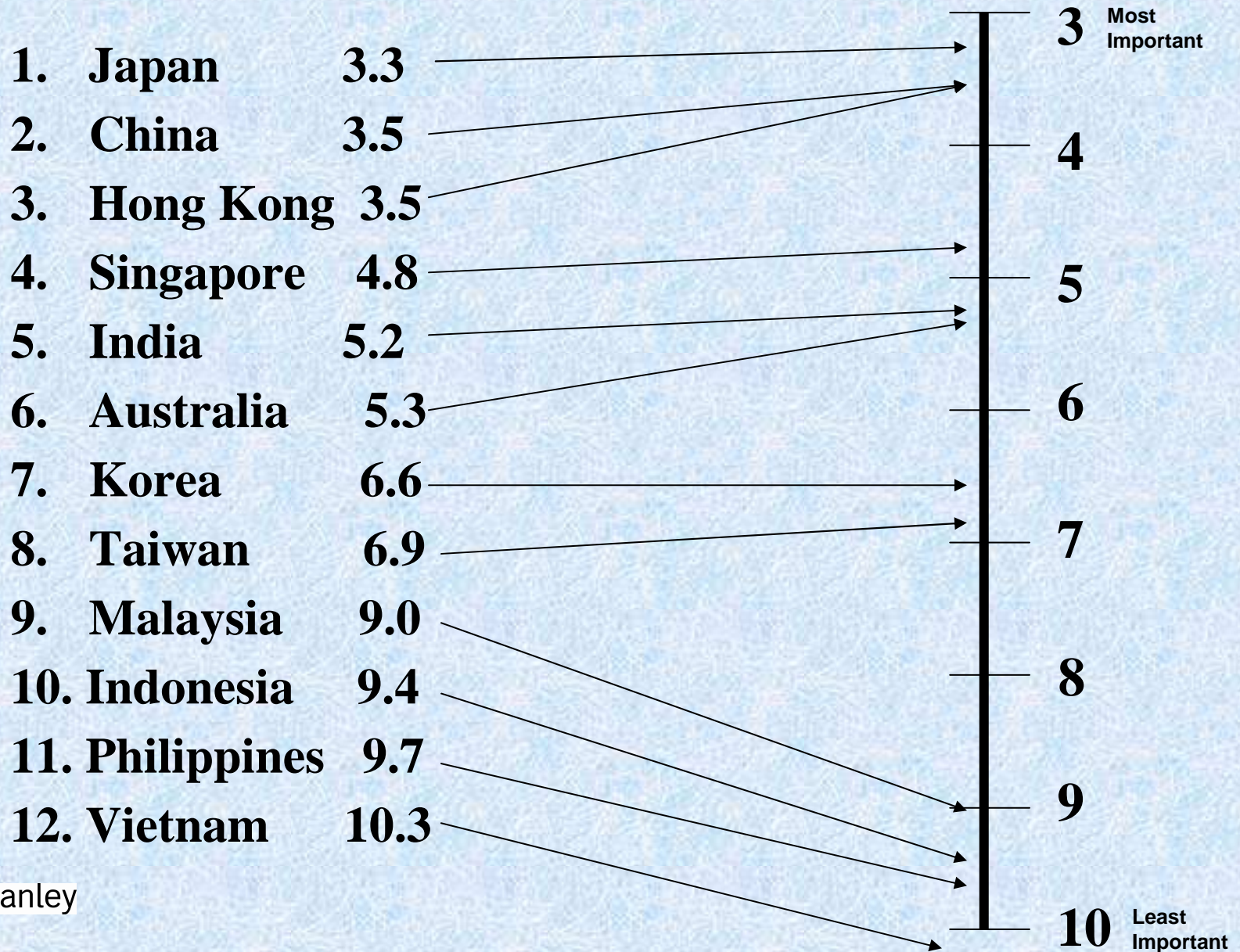
“All nations have endeavoured, to the best of their judgment, to render their taxes as equal as they could contrive; as certain, as convenient to the contributor, both in the time and in the mode of payment, and, in proportion to the revenue which they brought to the prince, as little burdensome to the people.... The evident justice and utility of the forgoing maxims have recommended them more or less to the attention of all nations.”

- *Adam Smith*

SUMMARY: Is the Tax Burden

- ***PROPORTIONATE to Income?***
- ***CONVENIENT to Pay?***
- ***PREDICTABLE?***
- ***Meets NEEDS OF GOVERNMENT?***

IMPORTANCE TO BUSINESS



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TABULATED RESULTS

	<i>Proportionate</i>	<i>Convenient</i>	<i>Predictable</i>	<i>Govt Need</i>	<i>Total</i>
Australia	1.6	1.9	1.3	1.9	1.7
China	2.1	2.7	2.9	2.3	2.5
Hong Kong	1.0	1.1	1.6	1.5	1.3
India	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.8
Japan	2.7	2.2	1.8	2.3	2.2
Korea	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.1
Singapore	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2
Taiwan	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.7

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