

Asia week ahead: Data dump from China and India

We'll be watching a raft of economic releases from China and India next week for evidence about GDP growth and the impact of the trade war in the current quarter



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➔ China: Stimulus is helping

China reports most of the economic data for May next week. The combined April-May data will be a good gauge of GDP growth in the current quarter and will be scrutinised for clues about the impact of the ongoing trade war with the US. The economy seems to be experiencing only tremors right now and growth appears to be holding up, as in the first quarter of the year.

This will probably continue to be the case for the second quarter, judging from consensus forecasts for most of the upcoming economic indicators, especially forecasts of steady to slightly better growth of fixed asset investment, retail sales and industrial production. The money and lending data will offer clues about the fiscal stimulus efforts, which remain supportive for the domestic economy at least. Export weakness is just starting to come through but low single-digit export declines are still better than the declines seen in regional economies.

➔ India: Inflation test of latest RBI rate cut

India's trade and industrial production figures will inform our view of where India's GDP growth is heading in the current quarter after a surprisingly weak, five-year low of 5.8% in the last quarter. The weak GDP was a trigger for the Reserve Bank of India's 25 basis points RBI rate cut this week – the third this year.

Consumer price inflation will also be in the spotlight following that decision. Inflation is creeping higher as rising food prices kick in after weak farm output growth in the last quarter, while the favourable base year effect is also nearing its end. We believe the RBI easing cycle is over for now (See "[We were wrong on RBI policy, but for the right reasons](#)").

Asia Economic Calendar

Country	Time*	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Sunday 9 June					
China	-	May Money Supply (M2) (YoY%)	8.5	8.6	8.5
	-	May Aggregate Finance (Yuan bn)	1933.0	1410.0	1359.2
	-	May Financial Institution Loans (Yuan bn)	1450.0	1300.0	1020.0
	-	May Loan Outstanding YoY%	13.5	-	13.5
Monday 10 June					
China	-	May Trade Balance (US\$bn)	-6.2	23.3	13.8
	-	May Exports (YoY%)	-3.8	-3.8	-2.7
	-	May Imports (YoY%)	11.4	-3.0	4.0
Indonesia	-	May CPI (YoY%)	3.1	3.2	2.8
	-	May Core CPI (YoY%)	-	3.1	3.1
Taiwan	0900	May Exports (YoY%)	-6.1	-	-3.3
	0900	May Imports (YoY%)	0.1	-	2.6
Tuesday 11 June					
Malaysia	0500	Apr Industrial production (YoY%)	2.4	2.7	3.1
	0800	May Forex Reserves, Mth-end (US\$bn)	-	-	102.8
Philippines	0200	Apr Exports (YoY%)	-1.8	-	-2.5
	0200	Apr Imports (YoY%)	0.2	-	7.8
	0200	Apr Trade Balance (US\$m)	-3583.0	-	-3138.0
Wednesday 12 June					
China	0230	May CPI (YoY%)	2.0	2.7	2.5
	0230	May PPI (YoY%)	-0.5	0.6	0.9
India	1300	May CPI (YoY%)	3.0	-	2.9
	1300	Apr Industrial Production (YoY%)	0.5	-	-0.1
	-	May Imports (YoY%)	-5.0	-	4.5
	-	May Trade Deficit (US\$bn)	-15.2	-	-15.3
	-	May Exports (YoY%)	-8.0	-	0.6
Singapore	0600	Apr Retail Sales Value (MoM, SA/YoY%)	-/-	-/-	1.0/-1.0
South Korea	0000	May Unemployment Rate (% SA)	-	-	4.1
Friday 14 June					
China	0300	May Fixed Asset Investment, YTD (YoY%)	6.5	6.1	6.1
	0300	May Industrial Production (YoY%)	5.5	5.5	5.4
	0300	May Retail Sales (YoY%)	8.1	8.2	7.2
India	0730	May WPI (YoY%)	3.3	-	3.1

Source: ING, Bloomberg, *GMT

