

Key events in Asia next week

Besides trade war noise, economic releases on GDP, manufacturing, and inflation will be the highlights of the Asian economic calendar in a shortened trading week



Next round of US-China trade tariffs kicks off

First some good news. Latest media reports of trade negotiations resuming between the US and China by the end of August lift hopes of trade tension being averted. However, this comes as the US gets ready to implement the second round of tariffs on \$16bn of Chinese goods. The kick-off date is set for next Thursday (23 August).

Markets should have taken the next batch of tariff implementation into their stride by now, but with the consultation for the next phase of tariffs already underway and set to be completed by early September, trade war concerns are unlikely to fade from being an overhang so soon - a small tweet-trigger by President Trump is enough to unsettle markets.

Thailand's economy to get 2Q report card

Thailand's GDP data for the second quarter comes in on Monday (20 August). We think the

economy performed better than expected in the last quarter, drawing support from continued strong exports and manufacturing. We [recently raised our second quarter GDP growth forecast](#) for Thailand from 4.0% to 4.5%, implying only a modest slowdown from 4.8% growth in 1Q.

Thailand's July trade data is also due next week and is likely to reveal exports strength continued at least in the second half of the year. Trade war risk makes things uncertain for the rest of 2018, and with the likelihood of inflation falling short of the central bank's 1-4% in the coming months, an on-hold Bank of Thailand monetary policy looks like a safe bet.

[Read: Thailand: Second quarter ends on a positive note](#)

4.5% Thai GDP growth forecast
Consensus for 2Q is 4.3%

A slew of manufacturing and inflation data elsewhere

July manufacturing data from Singapore and Taiwan comes as an initial guide to 3Q GDP performance for these countries. The heavy reliance on exports makes these economies vulnerable to the US-China trade war contagion. Judging by the already existing July trade data from Asia, there hasn't been an obvious dent in exports just yet. Singapore non-oil domestic exports (NODX) for July due tomorrow (17 August) will be key for manufacturing growth.

Malaysia and Singapore report July CPI data next week, but that shouldn't be a cause for concern.

In Singapore, weak housing and transport CPI components are likely to have had a further negative boost in July. The rebate of Services and Conservancy Charges (S&CC) for public housing depressed the accommodation CPI component, while lower cost of Certificate of Entitlements (COE) for vehicle ownership weighed on the private road transport component. Stripping these two components from the total, core CPI inflation is likely to be steady in July but still close to the top end of the central bank's 1-2% forecast range.

The balance of economic risks is tilted toward growth as trade tensions dampen export outlook. We think Singapore's policy tightening will prove to be one-off for some time.

In Malaysia, the lingering effect of the Goods and Services Tax removal is expected to keep inflation low. Like Thailand, low inflation should be accompanied by firmer GDP growth. Look out for Malaysia's 2Q GDP report tomorrow (17 August) – supporting our baseline of no change to the central bank (BNM) policy in the remainder of the year.

A short trading week for Southeast Asian markets

It will be a short trading week for South and Southeast Asian markets - the Philippines has a public holiday next Tuesday (21 August) and India, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore markets are closed on Wednesday.

Asia Economic Calendar

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Friday 17 August					
Singapore	0130	Jul Non-oil Domestic Exports (MoM/YoY%)	4.4/11.8	0.8/7.4	-10.8/1.1
Taiwan	1000	2Q F GDP (YoY%)	3.3	3.3	3.29
Malaysia	0400	2Q F GDP (YoY%)	5.2	5.2	5.4
South Korea	0000	Jul Unemployment Rate (% SA)	3.7	3.7	3.7
Monday 20 August					
Taiwan	0900	Jul Export Orders (YoY%)	0	-	-0.1
	0920	2Q Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	25000	-	20079
Thailand	0230	2Q GDP (QoQ/YoY%)	1.0/4.5	-/-	2/4.8
South Korea	2200	Jul PPI (YoY%)	-	-	2.6
Tuesday 21 August					
Hong Kong	0815	Jul Composite CPI (%YoY)	2.4	-	2.4
Malaysia	0800	Aug 15 Forex Reserves- Month End (US\$bn)	-	-	104.5
Thailand	0430	Jul Imports (Cust est, YoY%)	11	-	10.8
	0430	Jul Exports (Cust est, YoY%)	12.8	-	8.19
Wednesday 22 August					
Philippines	-	Jul Budget Balance (PHP bn)	-	-	-54.3
Thursday 23 August					
Singapore	0600	Jul CPI (YoY%)	0.5	-	0.6
	0600	Jul CPI Core (YoY%)	1.7	-	1.7
Taiwan	0900	Jul Industrial Production (YoY%)	2.2	-	0.36
Friday 24 August					
Malaysia	0500	Jul CPI (YoY%)	1	-	0.8
Singapore	0600	Jul Industrial production (MoM SA/YoY%)	0.4/7.2	-/-	3.9/7.4
Taiwan	0920	Jul Money supply (M2) (YoY%)	-	-	4.1

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