

## ■ Acronyms

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| AFTA      | Asian Free Trade Area  |
| APEC      | Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (formed in 1989—members are the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and the ASEAN nations) |
| ASA       | Association of Southeast Asia  |
| ASEAN     | Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Brunei)   |
| CIS       | Commonwealth of Independent States (former Soviet Union)   |
| EAEG/EAEC | East Asian Economic Group/Caucus   |
| EC        | European Community   |
| GATT      | General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade   |
| IAEA      | International Atomic Energy Agency   |
| IMF       | International Monetary Fund  |
| KMT       | Kuomintang (ruling party of Taiwan, aka Nationalists)  |
| LDP       | Liberal Democratic Party (ruling party of Japan)   |
| MIA/POW   | missing in action/prisoner of war  |
| MITI      | Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Japan)   |
| MNCs      | multinational corporations   |
| NAFTA     | North American Free Trade Agreement  |
| NATO      | North Atlantic Treaty Organization   |
| NIC/NIE   | newly industrializing country/economy (South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore)  |
| NPT       | Nonproliferation Treaty (1968)   |
| OECD      | Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development  |
| PBEC      | Pacific Basin Economic Council   |
| PECC      | Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference  |
| PKO       | peacekeeping operation   |
| PRC       | People's Republic of China (mainland China)  |
| R&D       | research and development   |
| ROC       | Republic of China (Taiwan)   |
| SEATO     | Southeast Atlantic Treaty Organization   |
| ZOPFAN    | zone of peace, freedom, and neutrality   |