

Special Economic Zones in Myanmar (as of 2011)
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Name	Area	Investor	Description
(i) Dawei Special Economic Zone	Southern Taninthayi region	Thai investors.	<p>A deep-sea port and industrial estate spanning 250 square kilometers are currently being built in the Dawei Special Economic Zone located in Southeast Myanmar along the Andaman coast. The area will be home to several industries, including steel, fertilizer, power and petrochemical plants. There will also be a shipyard for construction and repair of vessels using the port, which is expected to see 100 metric tons of freight each year upon completion. Thailand will contribute 35 percent of the costs for the construction of the deep-sea port.</p> <p>The project has received funding and support from several nations and international companies. Most recently, Thailand has joined Myanmar in contributing capital to the Dawei SEZ project, and it has taken part in an infrastructure development plan for the area.</p> <p>Thailand will contribute 35 percent of the costs for the construction of the deep-sea port. Also, the Italian-Thai Industrial Group will contribute US\$300 million to develop the industrial estate project, and will be given a 25 percent share of the project's management in return.</p> <p>Japan, China, and South Korea will also participate in the development of the SEZ. Tourist, recreational, and residential developments are also planned.</p>
(ii) Kyaukphyu Economic and Technology Zone	Western Rakhine state	China investors.	<p>The Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone is located along the central western coast of Myanmar on Ramree Island. The area already serves as port for export and transportation of Myanmarian goods, such as rice. An oil and gas terminal financed by the China National Petroleum Corporation is in the final stages of construction, and a pipeline linking Myanmar and China is in the works in the area as well. Furthermore, a container port and gas-turbine power plant are also under development.</p> <p>Plans for the SEZ are being finalized this year, and completion of the first phase is expected in 2016. The area will be home to industrial, logistics, and service industries, and will focus on processing local resources, such as agricultural goods and minerals.</p> <p>The Kyaukpyu SEZ has been attractive to Chinese investors due to its strategic location as the quickest trade route by sea between India and China. Also, extensive rail and air infrastructure are currently being developed in the region to increase linkage between China and Kyaukpyu. The area is expected to rival Singapore as the regions petrochemical hub upon completion.</p>
(iii) Thilawa Special Economic Zone	Yangon South	Japan investors.	<p>The Thilawa Special Economic Zone project is located in Myanmar's southern Yangon region and shares its border with Dawei. The project is in the early stages of development, but has already received significant financial commitments from Japanese companies. The SEZ will be home to textile, manufacturing and high-tech industries, as well as a deep-sea port. Myanmar and Japan will jointly develop the area, with Japanese companies holding a 49% stake in the project. The Thilawa project has been attractive to investors due to its proximity to Myanmar's commercial hub and existing ports. The first phase of construction is expected to cost US\$205 million, and it will be completed in 2016.</p>