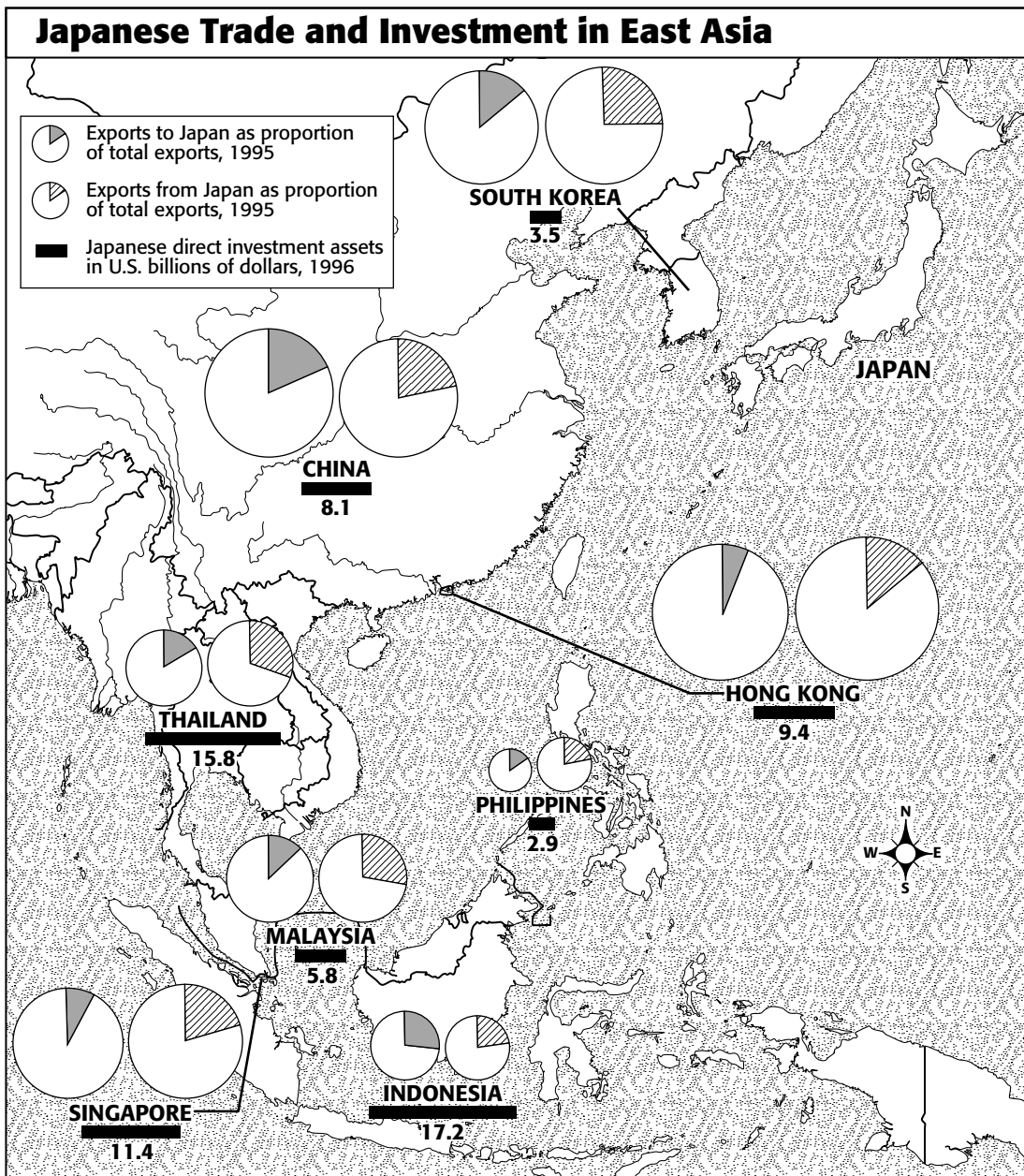


**CHAPTER 28**

Map Activity

**Japan's Economy**

One factor in Japan's economic success has been its active promotion of trade and investment in other countries. The map below provides data on Japanese trade and investment in East Asia. Study the map, the answer the questions on the following page.



**Chapter 28, Map Activity, continued**

1. What is shown on the dark pie graphs? What is shown on the light pie graphs? What do the figures under the bars indicate?

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2. What proportion of South Korea's imports come from Japan? How does that figure compare with its proportion of exports to Japan? How much direct investment did Japan have in South Korea in 1996?

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3. How do China's imports from Japan and exports to Japan compare as a proportion of the totals?

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4. Which country imports the most from Japan as a proportion of total imports? Which country exports the most to Japan as a proportion of total exports?

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5. Which country has the most direct Japanese investment? Which has the least?

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6. **Critical Thinking: Region** What does the map indicate about Japan's economic relationship with the rest of East Asia? Why would this be important to Japan and to East Asia in general?

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**ACTIVITY** Since the 1990s, the Japanese economy has suffered a serious downturn. How has Japan responded to its economic difficulties? How is the Japanese economy doing today? Look for news and information about the Japanese economy in newspapers, periodicals, and other reference sources. Discuss your findings in class.