

# Working in Asia

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## Working in Asia - Employer

Unlikely to be an Australian company

Could be:

- Life insurance multi-national company
- Actuarial consulting firms
- Big 4 accounting and advisory firms
- Reinsurers
- Banks (wealth management, investment solutions, risk management)

## Working in Asia – the “reality”

Focus is on work; work life balance is a myth.

With the exception of countries such as Indonesia and Vietnam, ex-pat packages are almost extinct.

Australian ex-pats will be competing with Asian, UK, Europe and North American ex-pats.

## Working in Asia – the Environment

Competitive market as foreign companies are seeking growth outside their home market.

In practice, alignment of interests between the Asian business unit and the parent company may be difficult.

Differences in social interests

## Working in Asia – the Opportunity

The ever changing environment provides opportunities.

Opportunity for breadth of experience and work.

Opportunity varies for different geographical location (e.g. Korea, Vietnam and Indonesia are quite different)

## Working in Asia – the Risk

Family and personal considerations

Prior perception as “greener pastures”

Demands are more intense

It is a small place.....