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Results for 218 Asian firms (own-firm changes expected during the next 12 months)

	Jun 2010	Feb 2010	Dec 2009	Sep 2009	May 2009
Weighted Averages for Earnings growth*	Expected growth in next 12 months	Expected growth in next 12 months	Expected growth in next 12 months	Expected growth in next 12 months	Expected growth in next 12 months
	10.2%	14.2%	24.3%	1.4%	3.3%
Capital spending	11.5%	15.9%	16.0%	0.7%	-3.4%
Technology spending	6.8%	8.6%	8.0%	1.1%	0.7%
R&D spending	8.3%	6.5%	5.7%	1.7%	2.0%
Advertising and marketing spending	5.6%	9.5%	6.4%	0.1%	-3.7%
Employment	6.7%	6.8%	4.9%	0.1%	-1.4%
Outsourced Employment	5.6%	7.6%	7.5%	-0.2%	0.8%
Wages and Salaries	5.9%	7.7%	6.4%	5.2%	3.0%
Productivity	4.0%	7.0%	6.3%	2.2%	1.4%
Inflation (Chg in prices of own-firm products)	2.4%	4.5%	2.6%	-0.4%	-0.9%
Health Care Costs	4.6%	5.2%	5.5%	3.9%	1.1%
Dividends*	5.4%	9.5%	17.8%	5.2%	-2.2%
Share Repurchases*	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Cash on balance sheet*	4.4%	9.5%	0.2%	2.2%	7.2%
Mergers and Acquisitions	Not asked.	28.9% plan to acquire. 9.9% plan to sell part or all of firm.	Not asked.	Not asked.	Not asked.

* indicates public firms only. All other numbers for all survey respondents (including private)

ASIA BUSINESS OPTIMISM

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	Compared to last qtr.	Compared to last qtr.	Compared to last qtr.	Compared to last qtr.	Compared to last qtr.
Optimism about the country's economy	More optimistic: 70.2% Less optimistic: 19.3% No change: 10.6%	More optimistic: 77.3% Less optimistic: 9.9% No change: 12.7%	More optimistic: 74.0% Less optimistic: 13.8% No change: 12.3%	More optimistic: 74.7% Less optimistic: 9.8% No change: 15.5%	More optimistic: 62.5% Less optimistic: 21.8% No change: 15.7%
Optimism about own company	More optimistic: 66.8% Less optimistic: 18.2% No change: 15.0%	More optimistic: 75.2% Less optimistic: 12.7% No change: 12.1%	More optimistic: 72.4% Less optimistic: 17.7% No change: 9.9%	More optimistic: 68.9% Less optimistic: 14.0% No change: 17.1%	More optimistic: 56.3% Less optimistic: 23.5% No change: 20.2%

Top Concerns for Asian Businesses

MACRO CONCERNS

- Price Pressure from Competitors
- Consumer Demand
- Global Financial Instability
- Currency Risk

INTERNAL TO OWN FIRM

- Ability to Maintain Margins
- Attracting and Retaining Qualified Employees
- Ability to Forecast Results
- Maintaining Morale / Productivity