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Key to Abbreviations: (B) Myanmar (Burma); (C) Cambodia; (H) Hong Kong; (I) Indonesia; (L) Laos; (M) Malaysia; (P) the Philippines; (S) Singapore; (T) Thailand; (V) Vietnam.

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