

### Asia Pacific Networks in 2020: COVID-19 & Geopolitics

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### Managing Network Capacity Amid Surging Demand in Asia-Pacific

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**COVID-19's impact will evolve the telecommunications industry** 



# COVID-19 accelerated internet bandwidth growth by 4% in Asia and 12% in Oceania

#### Impact of COVID-19 on International Internet Bandwidth Growth, 2019-20

|               |            |          | Implied COVID-19    |
|---------------|------------|----------|---------------------|
|               | Forecasted | Observed | Acceleration Effect |
| Africa        | 42%        | 45%      | 2%                  |
| Asia          | 36%        | 41%      | 4%                  |
| Europe        | 23%        | 34%      | 9%                  |
| Latin America | 26%        | 32%      | 5%                  |
| Middle East   | 34%        | 39%      | 4%                  |
| Oceania       | 24%        | 39%      | 12%                 |
| U.S. & Canada | 23%        | 30%      | 5%                  |
| Global        | 26%        | 35%      | 8%                  |



### Networks are running hotter as they become increasingly utilized

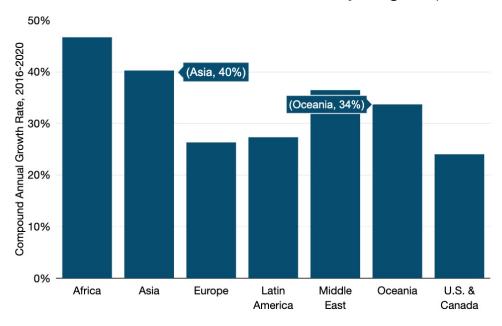
#### International Internet Bandwidth and Traffic Growth, 2019-20

|               | Bandwidth | Peak Traffic |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| Africa        | 46%       | 49%          |
| Asia          | 41%       | 51%          |
| Europe        | 34%       | 44%          |
| Latin America | 32%       | 51%          |
| Middle East   | 39%       | 42%          |
| Oceania       | 39%       | 50%          |
| U.S. & Canada | 30%       | 44%          |
| Global        | 35%       | 47%          |



# Asia is the second fastest growing region for international internet bandwidth

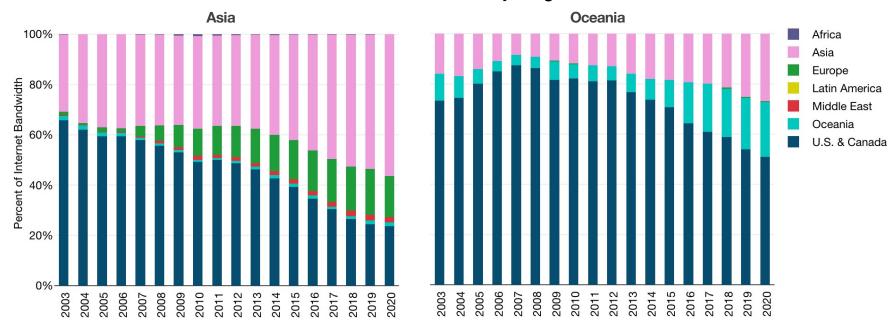
#### International Internet Bandwidth Growth by Region (2016-2020)





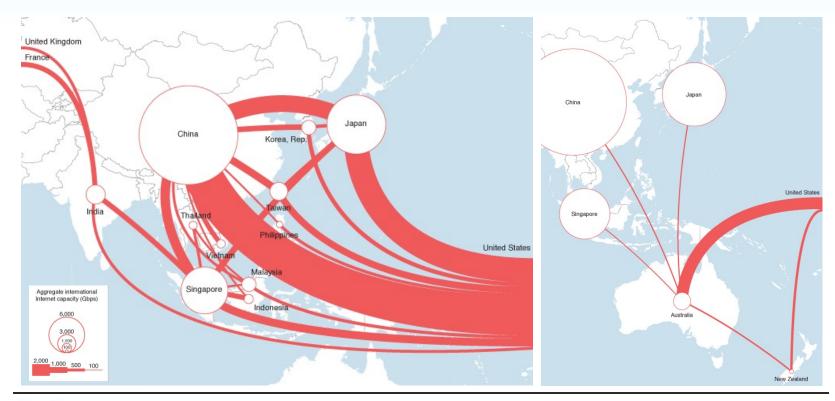
### Interconnectivity within APAC is steadily increasing







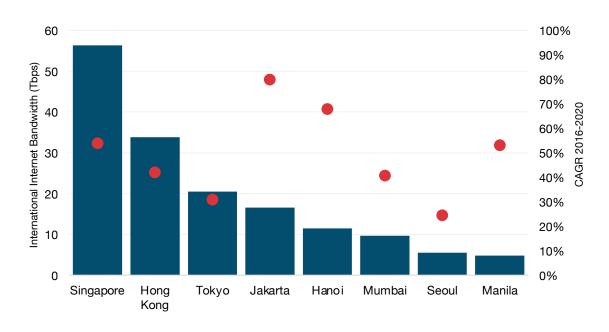
# China (inclusive of Hong Kong), Japan, and Singapore continue to act as APAC's internet hubs





# Singapore dominates APAC with highest internet bandwidth usage and fastest growth rate

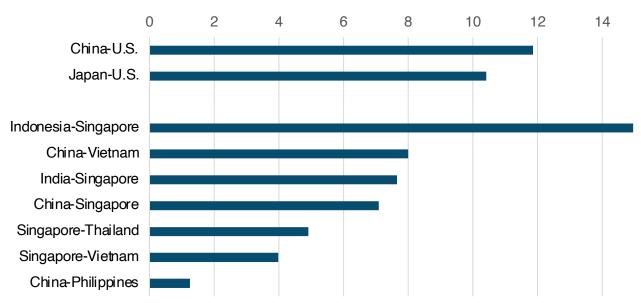
#### International Internet Bandwidth of Asia Pacific Cities, 2020





#### An intra-Asian route overtook trans-Pacific route for the first time in 2020



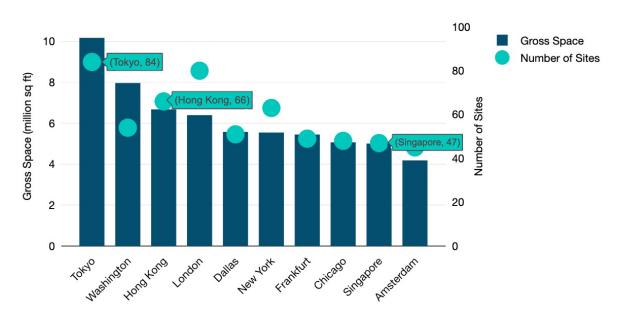


\*China is inclusive of Hong Kong in our country level datasets.



### Where networks converge, the data center market grows

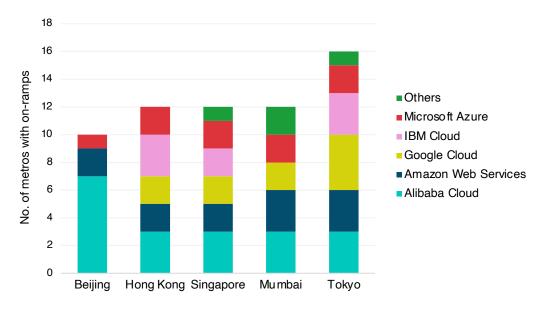
#### 10 Largest Metro Areas for Colocation Globally, 2020





### Tokyo features the most on-ramp services to major cloud service providers

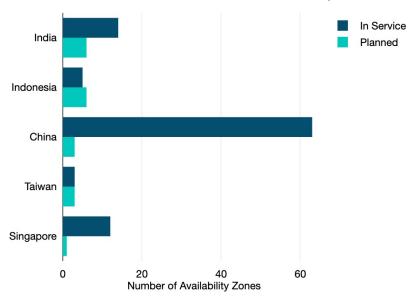
#### On-Ramp Services to Major Cloud Service Providers in Asia Hubs, Q1 2021





# CSPs continue to build out zones in Asia with promising internet demand growth

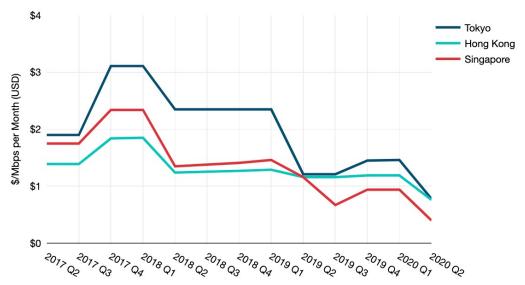
#### Planned Cloud Data Centers in Asia, Q1 2021





# As 100 GigE IP transit becomes increasingly prominent in Asia, prices will continue to erode

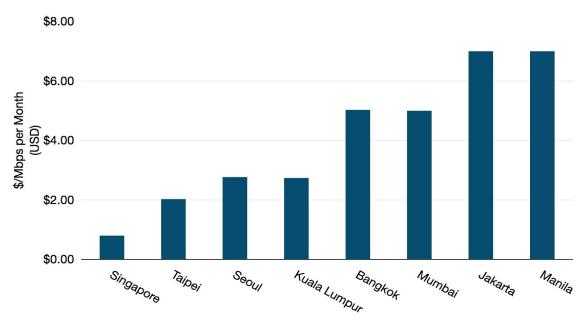
#### Weighted Median 100 GigE IP Transit Prices in Key Asia Pacific Hubs





# IP Transit prices are generally falling in the region, but still vary significantly in different cities







### **Moving Forward**

- 1. Thus far, Asia Pacific carriers have managed to cope with COVID-19's impact by employing a wide variety of measures. The rate of traffic acceleration show signs of moderating, but new capacity will continue to be needed.
- 2. Hong Kong, Singapore, and Tokyo will remain dominant hubs, but there is an increasing focus to develop secondary hubs in the region.
- 3. The postponement of several subsea cables to Hong Kong is leading providers to focus alternative trans-Pacific routes, but new intra-Asian cables to the city are still planned.
- 4. Price erosion remains constant and within our expected bounds, suggesting that COVID-19 has thus far not caused disruption to pricing schemes.



## Thank you!

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