



## Asia leads the world as broadband grows four percent

At the CommunicAsia 2009 Summit in Singapore, the Broadband Forum announced the latest broadband and IPTV statistics, which show impressive growth in the face of the global economic downturn. Its report, prepared for the Forum by industry analysts Point Topic, shows that broadband grew by 16.6 million lines globally in the last quarter alone, with Asia leading the way.

Broadband lines in the world now top 429.2 million and the last quarter shows growth slightly higher than the previous three month period. 20 countries grew by 10 percent or more in that time period. The biggest growth in the top 20 came from India at 13.4 percent, while the other large gainers were Ukraine (15.2 percent), Egypt (10.6 percent) and Mexico (10.3 percent). Of the total figure, China added 4.8 million lines,



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to top more than 88 million lines, and other fast growing countries in the region were India, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Vietnam, Australia and Singapore.

Asia was again a major factor in the continued IPTV success story, with growth specifically in South and East Asia. The quarterly increase was 10.28 percent and showed a massive 91.28 percent year-on-year increase. There are now nearly seven million lines of IPTV across Asia.

In terms of technology, DSL

continues to be the most popular broadband access technology, although fibre grew by more than three million lines to reflect a 12.4 percent share of the market, while wireless showed a healthy proportionate increase of over one million lines to a total of 5.58 million.

"This report shows that despite the economic situation the world is facing, the demand for both broadband and IPTV continues at pace as people everywhere look to improve the quality and speed of their communications," said George Dobrowski, Chairman and President of the Broadband Forum.

"The Forum continues to drive broadband innovation, and with the release of BroadbandSuite 3.0, which provides new IPTV management and fibre integration tools, we continue to ensure that the industry has all the tools and specifications it needs to optimize networks and to capture the full potential of broadband worldwide. Our capability is enhanced by the recent union with the IP/MPLS Forum, which gives us a much greater end-to-end capability to serve the industry." ■

### Top 10 broadband countries

Country	2008Q1	2009Q1
China	71,034,820	88,088,000
USA	72,581,920	83,968,547
Japan	28,836,100	30,631,900
Germany	21,077,450	24,144,350
France	16,186,996	18,009,500
UK	16,318,300	17,661,100
South Korea	14,970,775	15,709,771
Italy	11,300,077	12,447,533
Brazil	7,949,000	10,065,200
Canada	8,859,868	9,533,500
<b>Global Total</b>	<b>269,115,306</b>	<b>310,259,401</b>

Source: Data provided for the Broadband Forum by Point Topic ([www.point-topic.com](http://www.point-topic.com))

