



**ASIA LEADS THE WORLD AS BROADBAND GROWS FOUR PERCENT
GROWTH DESPITE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN**

*China increases lead but also strong growth in Australia, Singapore, India, Sri Lanka,
Vietnam and the Philippines*

16 June 2009 - Today, at the CommunicAsia2009 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 (GBS database at <http://point-topic.com/home/gbs/>), shows that broadband grew by 16.6 million lines globally in the last quarter alone, with Asia leading the way.

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
Global Total	269,115,306	310,259,401

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

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, 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 country-by-country snapshot

Region	Country	2008Q1 Total	2008Q4 Total	2009Q1 Total	1Qtr Growth	Growth in Year
South and East Asia	China	71,034,820	83,366,000	88,088,000	5.66%	24.01%
Asia-Pacific	Japan	28,836,100	30,325,900	30,631,900	1.01%	6.23%
Asia-Pacific	South Korea	14,970,775	15,474,931	15,709,771	1.52%	4.94%
Asia-Pacific	Australia	5,737,500	6,603,000	7,014,500	6.23%	22.26%
South and East Asia	India	3,626,166	5,387,338	6,109,091	13.40%	68.47%
Asia-Pacific	Taiwan	4,659,000	4,666,000	4,659,000	-0.15%	0.00%
South and East Asia	Hong Kong	2,148,954	2,242,654	2,262,654	0.89%	5.29%
South and East Asia	Vietnam	1,492,000	2,077,000	2,219,900	6.88%	48.79%
Asia-Pacific	Malaysia	1,400,000	1,603,000	1,650,000	2.93%	17.86%
Asia-Pacific	Philippines	706,053	1,045,716	1,136,288	8.66%	60.94%
Asia-Pacific	Singapore	918,100	965,100	1,007,550	4.40%	9.74%
Asia-Pacific	New Zealand	784,500	858,000	888,500	3.55%	13.26%
Asia-Pacific	Thailand	748,299	824,818	835,993	1.35%	11.72%
Asia-Pacific	Indonesia	298,500	756,500	722,500	-4.49%	142.04%

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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 per cent year-on-year increase. There are now nearly seven million lines of IPTV across Asia.

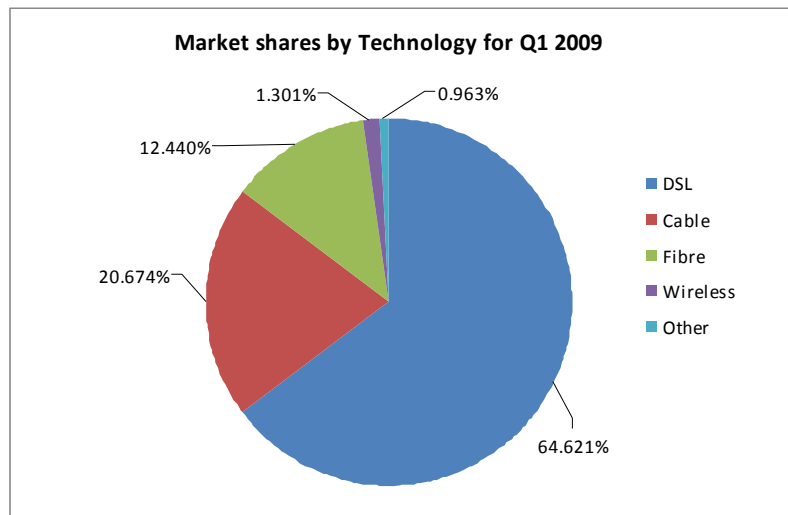
IPTV subscriptions per region

Region	2008Q1	2008Q4	2009Q1	Quarterly Growth	Yearly Growth
	Total	Total	Total		
Western Europe	7,799,449	10,367,586	11,375,200	9.72%	45.85%
North America	2,283,601	3,830,507	4,435,102	15.78%	94.22%
South and East Asia	2,086,000	3,618,000	3,990,000	10.28%	91.28%
Asia-Pacific	2,619,035	3,058,182	3,005,015	-1.74%	14.74%
Eastern Europe	553,394	955,234	1,158,673	21.30%	109.38%
Latin America	11,183	21,495	23,467	9.17%	109.85%
Middle East and Africa	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.00%	0.00%

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In terms of technology, DSL continues to be the most popular broadband access technology, although fiber 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.

Technology market share



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“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 fiber 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.”

For further information about the Broadband Forum and BroadbandSuite 3.0 mentioned here, visit www.broadband-forum.org.

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