

SingTel sole S'pore winner at tech awards

It was named service provider of the year in Asia-Pacific

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SINGAPORE Telecommunications was the republic's sole winner at the Frost & Sullivan (F&S) Asia-Pacific Technology Awards that also saw 22 other companies being recognised in a range of technology categories.

The winners include six from the US, three each from China and Japan, and two each from Hong Kong and Australia. SingTel won under the "service provider of the year" category.

"A total of 65 leading in-

focomm companies in the Asia-Pacific were short-listed and benchmarked to determine the winners in each category," said Manoj Menon, an F&S partner. "The benchmarking study was conducted by our team of research analysts and consultants based across the Asia-Pacific region."

The key measurement criterion was based on actual market performance indicators, including revenue growth, market share, growth in market share, leadership in product innovation, breadth of products and solutions, major customer acquisitions, and business and market strategy.

The awards were given

out by Balaji Sadasivan, Senior Minister of State for Information, Communications and the Arts, and Health. Dr Balaji said the latest preliminary figures from the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore's annual survey show that the revenue for the infocomm industry grew 5 per cent to \$34 billion last year.

"Companies surveyed also gave a positive revenue growth forecast of 3-5 per cent over the next two years," he said. "Given such a positive outlook, the demand for infocomm jobs is anticipated to increase by 3-4 per cent in the next two years."

The winners Asia's best tech companies*

NO	CATEGORY	WINNER	COUNTRY
1	Broadband service provider	PCCW	Hong Kong
2	Competitive service provider	Optus	Australia
3	Datacom service provider	AsiaNetcom	Hong Kong
4	Mobile content service provider	Cybird	Japan
5	Next-gen network service provider	Telstra	Australia
6	Wireless service provider	DoCoMo	Japan
7	Business intelligence	SAS	Scandinavia
8	Billing solutions	CSG	USA
9	Broadband equipment	Alcatel	France
10	Call centre applications	Avaya	USA
11	Enterprise telephony	Cisco	USA
12	Network security	Juniper	USA
13	Next-gen network infrastructure	Huawei	China
14	Operational customer reln mgt	SAP	Germany
15	Optical	Huawei	China
16	Data storage	EMC	USA
17	Wireless infrastructure	Huawei	China
18	Solution of the year	SK Comm	S Korea
19	Service provider of the year	SingTel	S'pore
20	Most promising service provider	True Corp	Thailand
21	Vendor of the year	Cisco	USA
22	Most promising vendor	LG	S Korea
23	CEO of the year	KDDI	Japan

* according to Frost & Sullivan