



Asia (ex-China) Retail & E-commerce

Weekly Updates

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the latest in Asia

Japan

[Convenience stores: Seven-Eleven Japan launches in Okinawa](#)

Seven-Eleven Japan has recently opened its first Okinawa store, expanding its presence to all 47 prefectures in Japan; the retailer also plans to add about 250 stores in Okinawa within five years

[Discount stores: Don Quijote debuts in Hong Kong](#)

Don Quijote has recently opened its first store for Hong Kong in Tsim Sha Tsui's Mira Mall, offering a full range of discount products as in Japan

[Apparel and footwear: Fast Retailing's quarterly profit misses estimates](#)

Fast Retailing posted a smaller-than-expected quarterly profit for its third quarter through the end of May 2019, due mainly to Uniqlo's weakened sales at home

[Beauty and personal care: Japan's drugstore chain Sugi in merge talks with rival Cocokara Fine](#)

Japan's major drugstore chain Sugi Holdings is in talks with its local competitor Cocokara Fine to merge their operations in a bid to boost their competitiveness

South Korea

[Duty-free shops: The Shilla Duty Free doubles its Chinese membership base via WeChat](#)

South Korea's Shilla Duty Free has announced that the company has doubled its Chinese membership base since launching an extended WeChat-based payment service in March 2019

[Beauty and personal care: Innisfree to expand into Canada](#)

Amorepacific's skincare brand Innisfree will open its first standalone store for Canada in Toronto's Yorkdale Shopping Centre

Singapore

[Retail in general: Singaporean shoppers still prefer in-store shopping](#)

Singaporean shoppers still favor in-store shopping, especially when it comes to food and groceries (79%), furniture and home furnishing (69%) and household appliance (61%), according to U.K. mobile tech firm Blis' Real Retail Study

Thailand

[E-commerce: Tencent to launch first overseas video streaming service in Thailand](#)

Tencent will launch its first overseas video streaming service in Thailand on 19 July, a move to ramp up its presence outside China

India

[Hypermarkets: Walmart to boost fresh food business in India](#)

Walmart is expanding its fresh food business India, where it plans to open collection and distribution hubs in North India and strengthen its supply chain

[Beauty and personal care: Nivea plans customized products for India](#)

Nivea, a skincare brand under German personal care company Beiersdorf, plans to introduce in India products customized for tropical and dry weather, hoping to grow faster in the country over the next five years through continuous innovations

[Consumer electronics: Hong Kong's Nexstgo to open 50 stores in India](#)

Hong Kong's consumer electronics brand Nexstgo will open 50 stores in India; the brand entered India last year selling Avita- and Nexstgo-branded computers online and via retail stores in Delhi, Ambala, Chennai and Jaipur

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