



Asia (ex-China) Retail & E-commerce

Weekly Updates

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the latest in Asia

Japan

[Convenience stores: 7-Eleven records first sales decline in nearly a decade](#)

Japan's 7-Eleven has posted its first year-on-year sales decline in nearly a decade, due mainly to heavy rains and the hack of its doomed 7Pay e-payment platform last month, which prompted customers to use rival services

[Apparel and footwear: Uniqlo opens first roadside store in the Philippines](#)

Uniqlo has recently launched its first roadside store in the Philippines, stepping outside of its traditional shopping-mall base in the country

[Beauty and personal care: Japan's brewer Kirin Holdings acquires 30.3% stake in Fancl](#)

Japan's brewer Kirin Holdings has acquired a 30.3% stake in local cosmetic firm Fancl Corp for 129 billion yen (US\$1.21 billion), aiming to tap the health food and beverage sector amid the country's wellness boom

[Beauty and personal care: Matsumotokiyoshi reportedly in talks to acquire Cocokara Fine](#)

Japan's major drugstore operator Matsumotokiyoshi is reportedly in talks to acquire local drugstore chain Cocokara Fine; the merger is expected to create the largest drugstore chain in Japan

[Beauty and personal care: Japan's drugstore Welcia-BHG to add 29 stores in Singapore](#)

Japanese drugstore chain Welcia-BHG plans to open 29 new stores in Singapore over the next five years, starting with two new stores in Singapore's downtown in 2019

South Korea

[Duty-free shops: The Shilla Duty Free and Clarins to jointly launch vegan-friendly skincare line](#)

South Korea's The Shilla Duty Free and French skincare brand Clarins have jointly launched a vegan-friendly skincare line "My Clarins", which is exclusively available at The Shilla Duty Free stores in South Korea, Singapore, and Hong Kong

Taiwan

[Duty-free shops: Taiwan's Ever Rich Duty Free offers shuttle bus service in Taipei](#)

Taiwan's Ever Rich Duty Free has teamed up with Taipei City Government to add the Ever Rich Downtown Shop to selected open-top bus routes in Taipei, aiming to enhance customer shopping experience and to improve traffic in downtown Taipei

Singapore

[E-commerce: Zalora to launch fashion pop-up event in Singapore](#)

Singapore's fashion e-tailer Zalora will launch a pop-up event – Zalora Fashion Festive at Singapore's art gallery DECK in September 2019

India

[Retail in general: India's traders body CAIT calls for boycott of Chinese goods](#)

India's traders body Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has called for a boycott of Chinese products and sought lofty customs duties of up to 500% on these goods as China supported Pakistan's case on abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir at the UNSC

[Retail technologies: Robot Restaurant to launch in Bengaluru](#)

India's smart catering service provider Robot Restaurant has announced to launch in Bengaluru; able to accommodate 50 dinners, the restaurant will have a team of 6 robots, which can interact with dinners and provide food services including picking up food from the kitchen and deliver it at customer's table

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