



# Asia (ex-China) Retail & E-commerce

## Weekly Updates

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*the latest in Asia*

### Japan

#### [Department stores: Takashimaya drops plan to close its only China store](#)

Takashimaya has recently withdrawn its plan to close its only outlet in China after reportedly negotiating a rent reduction with the landlord

#### [Apparel and footwear: Uniqlo plans store expansion in Indonesia](#)

Uniqlo plans to add new outlets in Batam, Jakarta and Bekasi in September 2019; the new store openings will bring the brand's total store count in Indonesia to 29 across nine cities

#### [Beauty and personal care: Shiseido posts strong results for second quarter](#)

Shiseido announced strong results for 2Q19; the stellar performance was mainly driven by its revenue from China and from airport retail outlets

#### [Beauty and personal care: Japan's cosmetics brand Three launches in China](#)

Three, a natural cosmetics brand under Japan's major beauty group Pola Orbis, has launched its first China store in CDF-Sunrise Duty Free store at Beijing Daxing International Airport; the new launch also underlines Pola Orbis's "travel-retail first" strategy in China

### Thailand

#### [E-commerce: Thailand plans to introduce new e-commerce tax in 2020](#)

Thailand plans to introduce a value-added-tax on electronic businesses in 2020, aiming to collect 3 billion to 4 billion baht (US\$98 million to US\$131 million) per year

### Singapore

#### [E-commerce: Shopee kicks off its signature 9.9 Super Shopping Day](#)

Singapore's e-commerce platform Shopee has officially kicked off its signature 9.9 Super Shopping Day; running from 22 August to 9 September, the annual shopping festival features super promotions and entertainment events jointly launched by Shopee and major retailers

## Malaysia

### [Hypermarkets: Giant gives makeover to all its store nationwide](#)

Malaysia's major hypermarket chain Giant has recently opened seven newly refurbished stores in Malaysia; the retailer will continue to upgrade all its stores across the country to enhance its product diversity and create a modern shopping environment for customers

## India

### [E-commerce: Amazon to acquire minority stake in India's major supermarket chain operator](#)

Amazon will acquire a 3.58% stake in India's major supermarket chain operator Future Retail, which operates over 1,500 stores in India and owns several supermarket brands, including grocery store chain Big Bazaar

### [E-commerce: Amazon opens largest campus building in India](#)

Amazon.com has recently opened its global largest campus building in Hyderabad, South India, as part of its local expansion plans aimed to take on its major rival Walmart

### [E-commerce: Amazon offers 2-hour grocery delivery service in Bengaluru](#)

Amazon has launched its online grocery store Amazon Fresh in India; the online store features a 2-hour grocery delivery of daily essentials on Amazon.in for select pin-codes in Bengaluru

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