#### **Digital Clearinghouse - Third Meeting**

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#### **Economic Indicators in Asia**

### Economic pendulum shifted to Asia

#### Asia:

- 59.7% of world's population\*
- 33.8% of world's GDP#
- Contributes to 62.1% of global GDP growth (2017 estimate)^

#### China:

- 19% of world's population\*
- 14.8% of world's GDP#
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest economy in the world#
- Contributes to 33.3% of global GDP growth (2017 estimate)^

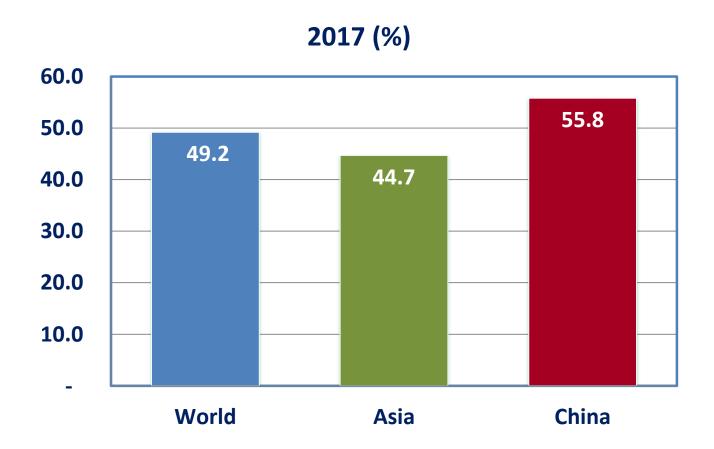
#### **Sources:**

- \* United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2017)
- # World Economic Forum: The world's 10 biggest economies in 2017
- ^ Regional Economic Outlook (April 2018), International Monetary Fund



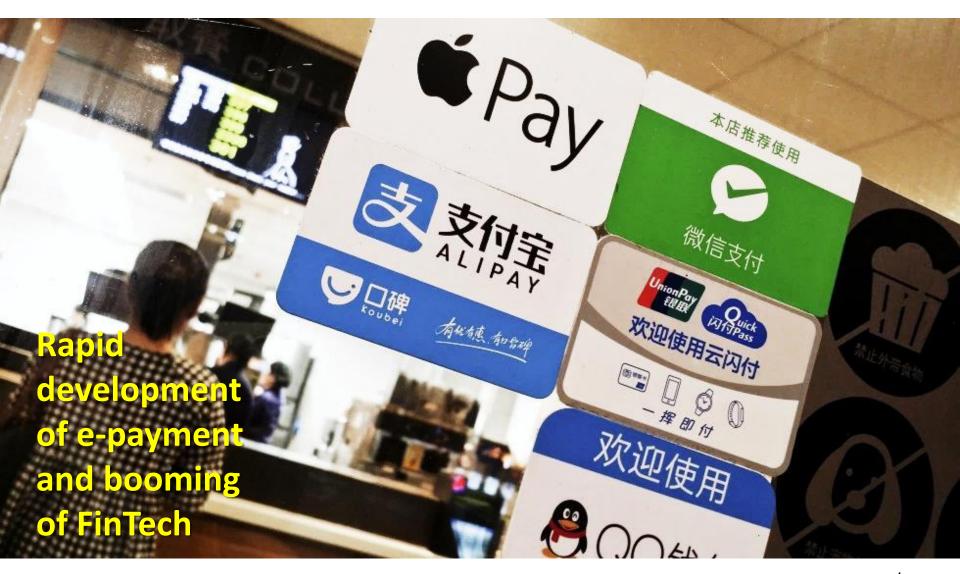


#### **Internet Penetration Rate**



Source: Statista











## WeChat + Begging





# Popular e-Commerce initiatives



Singles' Day in China (2017)







- land-based "Silk Road Economic Belt"
- Seagoing "21st Century Maritime Silk Road"
- than 60
  countries and
  regions from
  China to Europe
  via Southeast
  Asia, the Middle
  East and Africa



**Source: Hong Kong Trade Development Council** 



### Hong Kong's Unique Advantages as Regional Data Hub for Belt & Road Initiative

'One Country, Two Systems' Free flow of information Sound and well-developed legal system Highly stable power supply (reliability > 99.999%)# Ranked no. 2 in Asia in Cloud Readiness Index 2018\* "Super connector" between mainland China and the rest of the world

#### **Sources:**

# CLP Power & HK Electric

\*Asia Cloud Computing Association: Cloud Readiness Index 2018



## eBRAM - Belt and Road e-arbitration and e-mediation

- Complements the Belt and Road initiative by providing a secure technology-enabled platform to facilitate dealmaking and for resolving commercial and investment disputes
- Establishment of a regional dispute resolution body with its administration based in Hong Kong
- Provision of a secure and comprehensive <u>online</u> dispute resolution platform



### **Challenges of Data-driven Economy**

- Hacking
- Data breach

Data Security

Privacy

- Excessive data collection
- Sensitive information
- No meaningful consent

- Abuse of dominant position
- Data protection / privacy

Competition

Cross-discipline and cross-border issues

- Consumer protection
- Cross-border data flow



### **Data Protection Landscape in Asia**

48 countries in Asia

13 countries with data protection laws\*

Room for further and enhanced cooperation

**Sources:** 

\* Graham GREENLEAF - Global Data Privacy Law 2017



### **Cross-jurisdictional Cooperation**

- Multilateral enforcement cooperation arrangements
  - **APEC Cross-border Privacy Enforcement Arrangement (CPEA)**
  - **ICDPPC Global Cross Border Enforcement Cooperation Arrangement** (ICDPPCA)
- International & regional networks for knowledge sharing and policy setting
  - International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC)
  - Global Privacy Enforcement Network (GPEN)
  - **Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities (APPA)**
  - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Data Privacy Sub-group
  - **Asia Privacy Bridge Forum**





### **Cross-jurisdictional Cooperation**

- Bilateral arrangements for cooperation and knowledge sharing – Hong Kong
  - PCPD/HK KISA/KR: MoU for Cooperative Research on Personal Data Protection
  - PCPD/HK PDPC/SG: Exchange programme in discussion
- Connection with mainland China

Meeting and sharing with government officials, NGOs and universities



## Cross-jurisdictional Cooperation: Examples

Case referral and information sharing among DPAs and consumer protection authorities



- Fist discovered by Norwegian consumer protection authority that the IoT toy might be used to spy on children
- Referred to PCPD/HK via Dutch DPA as the toy was manufactured by a Hong Kong company
- Cooperation between PCPD/HK and FTC/US in investigation





## Cross-jurisdictional Cooperation: Examples

Information sharing with other DPAs



- Data breach of HK toy-maker in 2015 affected customers and children in various countries (e.g., US, UK, Canada, the Netherlands, Australia)
- Investigation conducted by PCPD/HK
- Sharing of information obtained from the toymaker with other DPAs by PCPD/HK to facilitate their investigations



## Cross-jurisdictional Cooperation: Examples



 Mobile apps with call-blocking functions developed by overseas companies collected HK users' phone book information and uploaded to the Internet

Case referred by PCPD/HK to DPAs in the relevant countries



- An exhibition in London featured footages of unsecured web-cams installed in HK; some screen shots even sold as art works
- Case referred by PCPD/HK to ICO/UK
- Blurred faces of individuals and ceased selling screen shots by exhibitor after intervention





### Thank you!



