Tourism Trends and Implications for the Asia-Pacific Region

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Asia Pacific Tourism Trends Analysis

- Tracking tourism trends in Asia/Pacific region since 2005
- Initially a Joint Project between Hong Kong PolyU and UNWTO
- Content Analysis of travel industry news
- 499 articles total from TTGAsia, Travel Weekly US, Travel Weekly UK, BBC News reported in 2013
Global Hotel Construction
Asia = nearly 50% in Pipeline

Total of 508k Rooms Under Construction in STR Database (Dec 2013)

Source: STR
Asia Pipeline by Countries & Phases - China = nearly 60% of Asia Pipeline

As of December 2013, in thousands

- Countries shown with existing number of rooms in thousands,
- Number of rooms under construction indicated on graph, in thousands

New Zealand (39)
Taiwan (53)
Singapore (54)
South Korea (55)
Australia (241)
Vietnam (47)
Japan (439)
Phillipines (42)
Thailand (166)
Malaysia (113)
Indonesia (144)
India (199)
China (1,642)

Source: STR
Experience Economy and World Tourism

Experience Economy
Service Economy
Industrial Economy
Experience economy

✓ Experience economy demands activity-oriented travel

**History/Culture tourism**

**Nature-Based Tourism**  **Culinary tourism**

**Events/Festivals/Sport**  **Sightseeing**  **Wellness/Medical Tourism**

**Leisure Travel**  **Beach holiday**  **Shopping Tourism**  **Adventure tourism**

**Cruise Tourism**  **Spiritual/Religious tourism**  **Marine Tourism**  **Theme Parks**

**Wine Tourism**  **Wedding/Honeymoon**  **Film-Induced Tourism**  **Integrated Resorts**  **Rural Tourism**  **Urban Tourism**
# Shifts in Major Trends

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Implications

• Innovations
• Technologies
• Capacity building (capacity handling)
• People development
• Tuning to changing consumers
• Cooperation
INNOVATIONS
Red Ocean Strategies

1. Competing in existing market place.
2. Beat the competition.
3. Exploit existing demand.
4. Make the value-cost trade off.
5. Align the whole system of activities with strategic choice of differentiation or low cost.

Blue Ocean Strategies

1. Create uncontested market space.
2. Make the competition irrelevant.
3. Create and capture new demand.
4. Break the value-cost trade off.
5. Align the whole system of activities in pursuit of differentiation and low cost.
Hotel ICON in First Three Years of Operation

- ADR USD290+, 90+ occupancy; operating profit in first 3 month of operation
- TripAdvisor: Ranked among top 3 hotels out of 570 hotels in Hong Kong
- 30+ Awards and Prizes
  - Wallpaper Magazine
  - CNN.Go
  - Conde Nest Traveler
  - Michelin Guide
  - TripAdvisor
  - “Architecture of the Year”
  - McCool Breakthrough Award
  - Design Hotel of the Year
  - UNWTO Ulysses Award
Need for Greater Connectivity between Technology and Tourism
Responsiveness to Market Need

• International tourists wish to have 24 hours mobile Internet access in destinations
• Providing Internet abled smart phone to every guestroom
People Development

- Personnel management
- Human resources management
- Human capital development
Generation Y Economy
Cooperation vs. Competition: Coopetition

Despite the competitiveness of tourism sector, cooperation remains important!
In Conclusion

“The industry needs to promote and pursue sustainable growth, which ensures benefits for consumers, businesses, local people and the environment.” (Travel Weekly UK, 08/04/2013)
Thank you and stay connected!

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