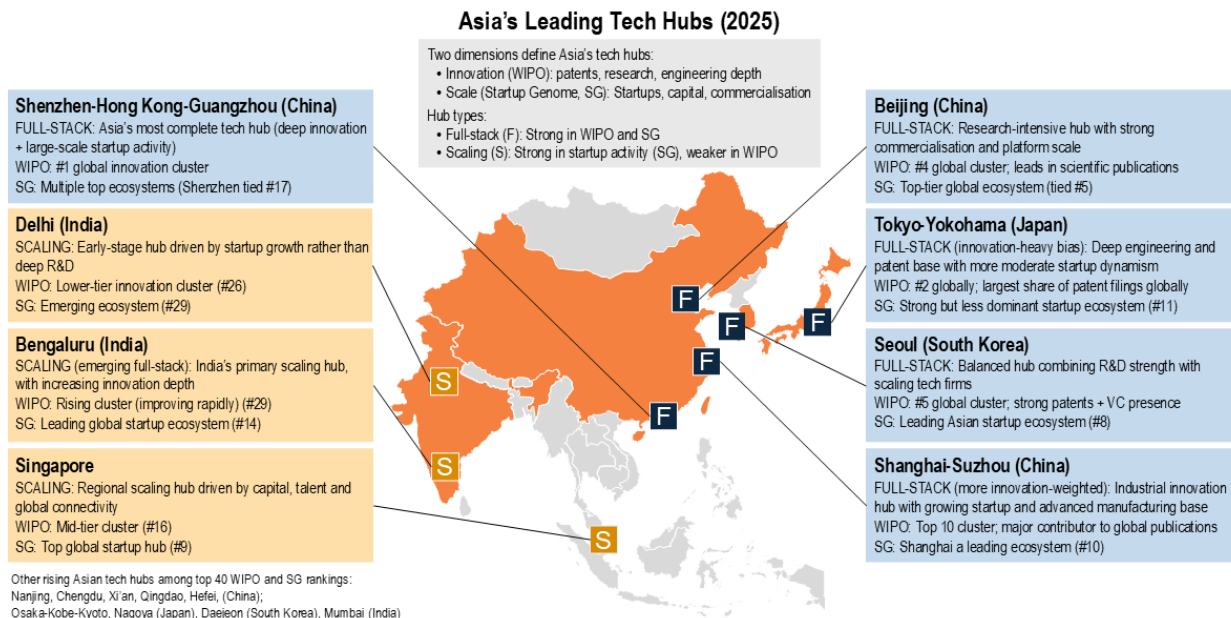


Asia's Tech Hubs: Innovation Depth and Startup Scale

Asia's tech landscape is anchored by a handful of full-stack hubs in China, Japan and South Korea, while India and Singapore drive the region's startup expansion.



Note: The Global Innovation Index 2025 by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) tracks innovation clusters based on patents, research output and inventor activity; the Global Startup Ecosystem Ranking 2025 by Startup Genome (SG) ranks startup ecosystems based on funding, scale, talent and exit performance. Source: WIPO Innovation Cluster Ranking 2025, SG Global Startup Ecosystem Ranking 2025, ANDAMAN PARTNERS Analysis

Asia's tech hubs are no longer following global innovation; in 2026, they are helping define it, with China, Japan and South Korea anchoring depth while India and Singapore drive startup scale.

Asia's leading tech hubs in 2026 are defined by a two-speed model: a small set of deep innovation clusters in China, Japan and South Korea, and a second wave of scaling ecosystems led by India and Singapore. WIPO's 2025 cluster rankings show the region's strongest research and patent density concentrated in a few metropolitan belts, while Startup Genome's 2025 report highlights how capital formation, exits and startup velocity are increasingly shifting toward rising Indian and Chinese growth hubs.

- Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou remains Asia's most complete tech cluster, combining research depth with strong commercialisation.
- Beijing is a research-heavy hub with exceptional scientific output and rising startup scale.
- Shanghai-Suzhou stands out for industrial innovation, advanced manufacturing and an increasingly robust startup base.
- Tokyo-Yokohama remains one of Asia's deepest engineering hubs, with unmatched patent intensity but a slower startup tempo.

- Seoul combines strong R&D with a highly competitive startup environment, making it one of the region's most balanced hubs.

On the scaling side, Bengaluru is the standout Indian hub, with global startup momentum and rising AI and deep-tech activity. Delhi is still early in its journey, but it is becoming an important gateway for startup formation and talent. Singapore remains the region's most international scaling platform, benefiting from access to capital, talent and connectivity.

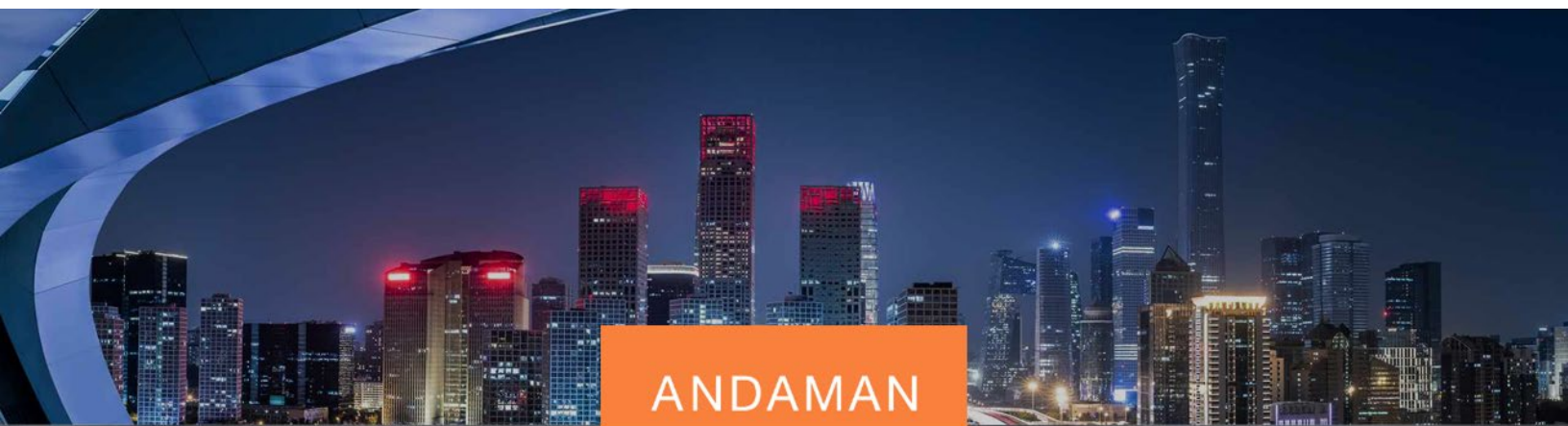
Together, these eight hubs show that Asia's innovation story is no longer just about manufacturing strength or patents; it is increasingly about how research, startups and capital are converging into globally competitive ecosystems.

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