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While the upward tick in procurement job ads follows the general one in the region, Robert Walters was cautious not to equate this with a sustained economic recovery. "Advertising for professional positions across Asia in Q2 2009 showed a moderate increase overall, although the monthly figures in each of the territories shows a very mixed performance. The Easter period in April had some impact in Hong Kong and Singapore, while the May holiday had more of an affect in China," the report said.

"As a result, it would be premature to regard the increase in the number of advertisements in Q2 as the start of a sustained recovery. It is clear that organisations remain cautious as to the general economic outlook, although there has undoubtedly been a pick-up in recruitment advertising activity," the report said.

In China, the number of job ads for procurement and merchandising positions went down 27.1%. In Hong Kong, this figure went up 13.8%.

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