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## Singapore IT job ads up in second quarter 2009

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IT jobs advertised in Q2 2009 in Singapore were up by 16.5% from April to June, compared to dips of 5.8% in Hong Kong and 9.2% in Japan. China saw a smaller increase of 3.7% in IT jobs for the same period.

Other key findings of the Robert Walters Asia Job Index for the second quarter of 2009 include:

- The total number of job advertisement placed in Q2 2009 increased by 6.4% compared with Q1 and increased by 2.9% during the quarter.
- Q2 saw an overall decline in job advertisements in May compared with April, before moving up again in June. The May holiday season in China was the main reason for this downturn.
- Increased IPO activity in Hong Kong in June drove an upturn in financial services recruitment advertising.
- Singapore saw an increase in both corporate and consumer spending, creating higher demand for jobs.
- In China, hiring times are accelerating. High levels of activity in retail and IT sectors.
- The severe decline experienced in Japan in Q1 was arrested, but the number of advertisements still fell by 3.4% during the quarter, indicating that recruitment activity in Japan remains selective.
- Some evidence of global organisations relocating staff to Asia, reducing demand for external candidates.
- The fluctuation of the advertising figures during Q2 2009 suggests that, while the quarter ended slightly higher, there is still plenty of caution being exercised around recruitment activity.

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