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APAC DATA CENTRE WEEKLY

Vietnam's international bandwidth just took a 30% hit as four of its eight subsea cables fault simultaneously — a stark reminder that APAC's AI ambitions run on infrastructure still this fragile.

\$3.4bn

BLUE OWL

200 MW

APPLICATION

81 MW

GATEWAY CAPITAL





EDITOR'S NOTE

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Singapore's 200MW Beats Anyone's Gigawatt

Singapore allocated 200MW this week — four operators, 50MW each, on Jurong Island. The 2023 pilot round handed out about 80MW in total, GDS taking roughly 20MW at Jalan Buroh. Three years on, the tranche is 2.5x bigger, it comes with a site, and a third round is being floated. Singapore runs circa 1.05–1.1GW live with only 160MW under construction, so this award is larger than the whole live build book. Where permission is the scarce input, an allocation sits closer to funded than most gigawatt announcements ever get. Vietnam, meanwhile, lost STT GDC.

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Whether the four DC-CFA2 winners turn their 50MW allocations into signed supply agreements and construction starts before Singapore floats a third round — that's the difference between a working rationing system and a queue.

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Vietnam is reeling from faults across four subsea cables (SJC2, AAE-1, AAG, IA), slashing international capacity by ~30%.

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SK Telecom's biggest move yet: spinning off AI data center and subsea assets into 'SK Horizon,' backed by \$2.24B from KKR and IMM.

\$630m

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As AI workloads scale faster than subsea and grid infrastructure can keep up, expect capital to keep flowing toward resilience — cable ships, redundancy, and next-gen cooling — as much as toward GPUs themselves.

OVER TO YOU

With Vietnam losing 30% of its international bandwidth to cable faults, is APAC investing enough in subsea resilience relative to its AI compute buildout?

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