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APAC DATA CENTRE WEEKLY

Asia's AI data centre boom met a reality check this week as power constraints, tighter regulation and community opposition collided with ambitious capacity plans.



1 GW
GINGERAH

500 MW
STARTUP

50 MW
KT BREAKS GROUND

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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Power Delays Finally Have a Price

Australia finally priced power delay this week. NEXTDC shares fell 40% after the M3 electricity delay raised questions over FY27 guidance. In April 2020, its A$2.35bn financing package made capital look like the main constraint; now the grid is setting the date. Our 22 October database shows Australia with 2.73GW under construction against roughly 1.6GW live. Malaysia and Thailand are tightening rules for the same reason. Aolani's non-binding 500MW Malaysia LOI remains paper, while GreenSquare's Sydney opening, Chief's 16MW Taiwan groundbreaking and SC Capital's 40MW Pohang build are smaller but real, dated progress.

WATCH

Watch for a firm energisation date at NEXTDC's M3, because it will show whether this is a short scheduling shock or a broader reset to Australia's build timetable.

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SINGAPORE / SEA

Malaysia tightened data centre rules as operators identified power consumption requirements as a major concern, W.Media reported on 2026-10-21 and w.media on 2026-10-23.

500 MW

Startup neocloud Aolani signs LOI for 500MW of capacity in Malaysia

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KT broke ground on a 50MW data centre in Ansan, South Korea, according to Data Center Dynamics on 2026-10-23.

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Gingerah is seeking an anchor tenant for a Western Australian project of up to 1GW, with a 240MW first-phase investment decision targeted for 2029, w.media reported on 2026-10-23.

1 GW

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This week's developments show that securing power, approvals, community acceptance and credible financing is becoming as decisive as securing AI demand.

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Which constraint revealed this week—Malaysia's tighter power rules, NextDC's community dispute or public-market pressure—will most reshape APAC project pipelines?

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