

PC sales in Asia-Pacific rise to 23.4 million in Q3: report

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Major government contracts in China and Taiwan boosted the July-September sales, which were up 18 percent from the previous quarter, information technology research firm IDC said in a statement.

The IDC data, which does not include Japan, covers 16 markets including India, [South Korea](#), Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and New Zealand.

"It's great to see the PC market picking up here in the region," said Bryan Ma, IDC's director for regional personal systems research.

"Even though a lot of the momentum may be coming specifically from [China](#), the enthusiasm should start to spread to the point where the entire region gets off on the right foot next year."

China's [Lenovo](#) retained its ranking as the region's number one PC vendor with a market share of almost 20 percent during the September quarter, followed by US-based Hewlett-Packard at 18.3 percent, IDC said.

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