

Global City: Asian Aspirations

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Abstract

Global cities following globalisation have been characterised as network nodes, with multiple and intensive global flows of people, goods, services, ideas, and images. Given the myriad external linkages and orientation, this paper will argue that progress of some Asian cities progress is not only aimed at economic and social emancipation, which are only tools to attain global city status. This was often overtly expressed by the city authorities; in their quest for the status they have also competed with each other to attract economic and human resources by building necessary infrastructure, systems and spaces. This paper will specially highlight the aspiration of three Asian cities for becoming global cities.

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