

Frost & Sullivan names CenturyLink as Asia Pacific's top Hybrid IT Service Provider for fourth consecutive year

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Award reinforces CenturyLink's unique position as a trusted hybrid IT services provider helping businesses drive growth and achieve digital transformation

SINGAPORE, Aug. 20, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- For the fourth consecutive year, **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) has been named the Asia Pacific Hybrid IT Service Provider of the Year by Frost & Sullivan. The award recognizes CenturyLink's role in empowering Asia Pacific businesses to successfully manage different IT environments through its comprehensive portfolio of hybrid IT services that are bolstered by a secure, fiber-rich global network.

As digital transformation continues to be a key organizational goal for Asia Pacific businesses, it is even more crucial to address challenges such as finding a suitable, cost-effective network hosting service that can seamlessly integrate the various technology platforms, applications and services a business uses.

CenturyLink is well positioned to support businesses in their digital transformation by offering them unparalleled control and agility over their cloud environments. In addition, the company's **multi-layered security service**, backed by threat intelligence and security experts, allows businesses to be agile while adopting a proactive posture towards evolving threats. This is made possible thanks to CenturyLink's significant network and strong Asia Pacific presence.

"Digital transformation has become a top priority in Asia-Pacific, with an increasing number of companies implementing formal strategies to support their efforts," said Yu Xuan Ng, industry analyst, digital transformation, Frost & Sullivan. "With IT departments moving towards agile infrastructures, businesses are exploring the competitive advantages of operating across hybrid IT environments. CenturyLink is well-positioned to meet the growing market demand for hybrid IT services. In 2017, CenturyLink acquired Level 3 Communications, becoming a

significant provider in the global network services market to support enterprises in their hybrid IT journeys."

"CenturyLink is committed to helping Asia Pacific businesses achieve their hybrid IT goals and continue on their digital transformation journeys," said Francis Prince Thangasamy, vice president, IT services and managed hosting at CenturyLink. "By offering a wide range of services such as network, security, hybrid IT and cloud management, CenturyLink aims to equip enterprises with the most effective tools to help them adapt to business changes, achieve scalability quickly as they grow into new markets, and deliver superior customer experiences."

Additional Resources

- For more info on CenturyLink's hybrid IT solutions: <https://www.centurylink.com/business/hybrid-it-cloud.html>
- For more info about CenturyLink's security services: <https://www.centurylink.com/business/managed-services/managed-security.html>
- For more info on CenturyLink's APAC data centers: <https://www.centurylink.com/business/colocation/data-centers/asia.html>

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink (NYSE: CTL) is the second largest U.S. communications provider to global enterprise customers. With customers in more than 60 countries and an intense focus on the customer experience, CenturyLink strives to be the world's best networking company by solving customers' increased demand for reliable and secure connections. The company also serves as its customers' trusted partner, helping them manage increased network and IT complexity and providing managed network and cyber security solutions that help protect their business.

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