



Megacities in the Indo-Pacific Region



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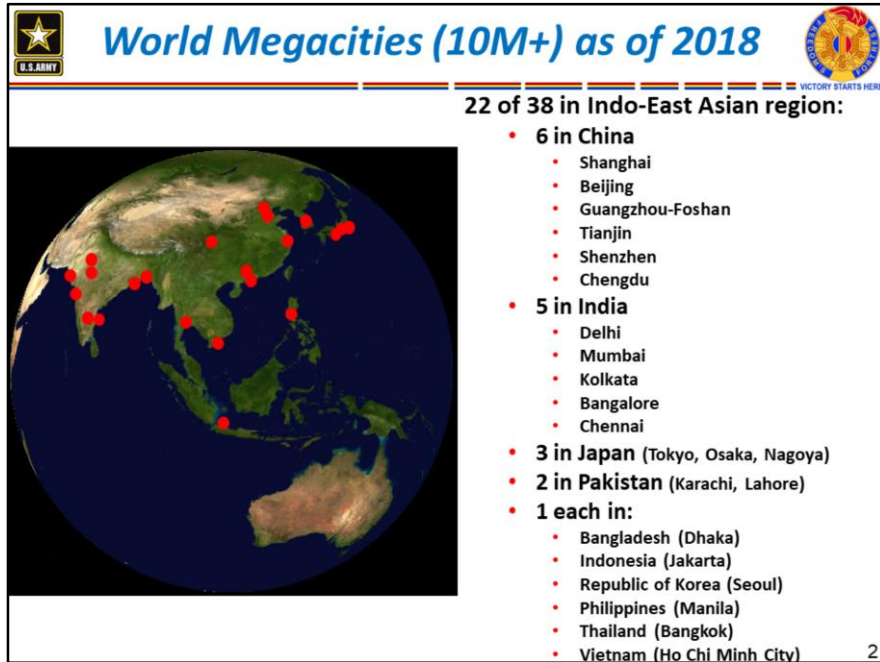
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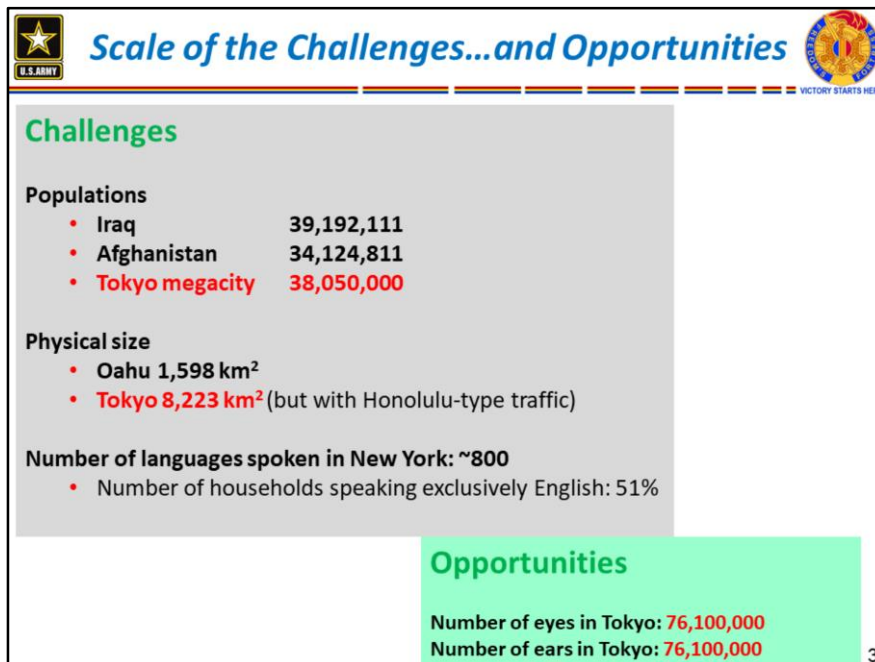
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Oahu size from <http://www.city-data.com/states/Hawaii-Location-size-and-extent.html>


Dates of population estimates: July 2017 for Iraq and Afghanistan, 2018 for Tokyo. 2018 is also the year of the geographic spread estimates.

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Proposed: We Need a more Operationally Helpful Definition



Megacity: An urban area of extraordinary population size, geographic spread, physical and social complexity, interconnectedness, and similarly exceptional characteristics, to include influence with at least broader regional scope.

An example:

Singapore (2017 population ~ 6M)

- World's top oil bunkering (ship fueling) port by volume
- Second largest container port
- 130,000 ships call annually
- Singapore Strait monitored by the country's Maritime and Port Authority's Port Operations Control Centre

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