# Experience of Emergency Management in Response to the Earthquake

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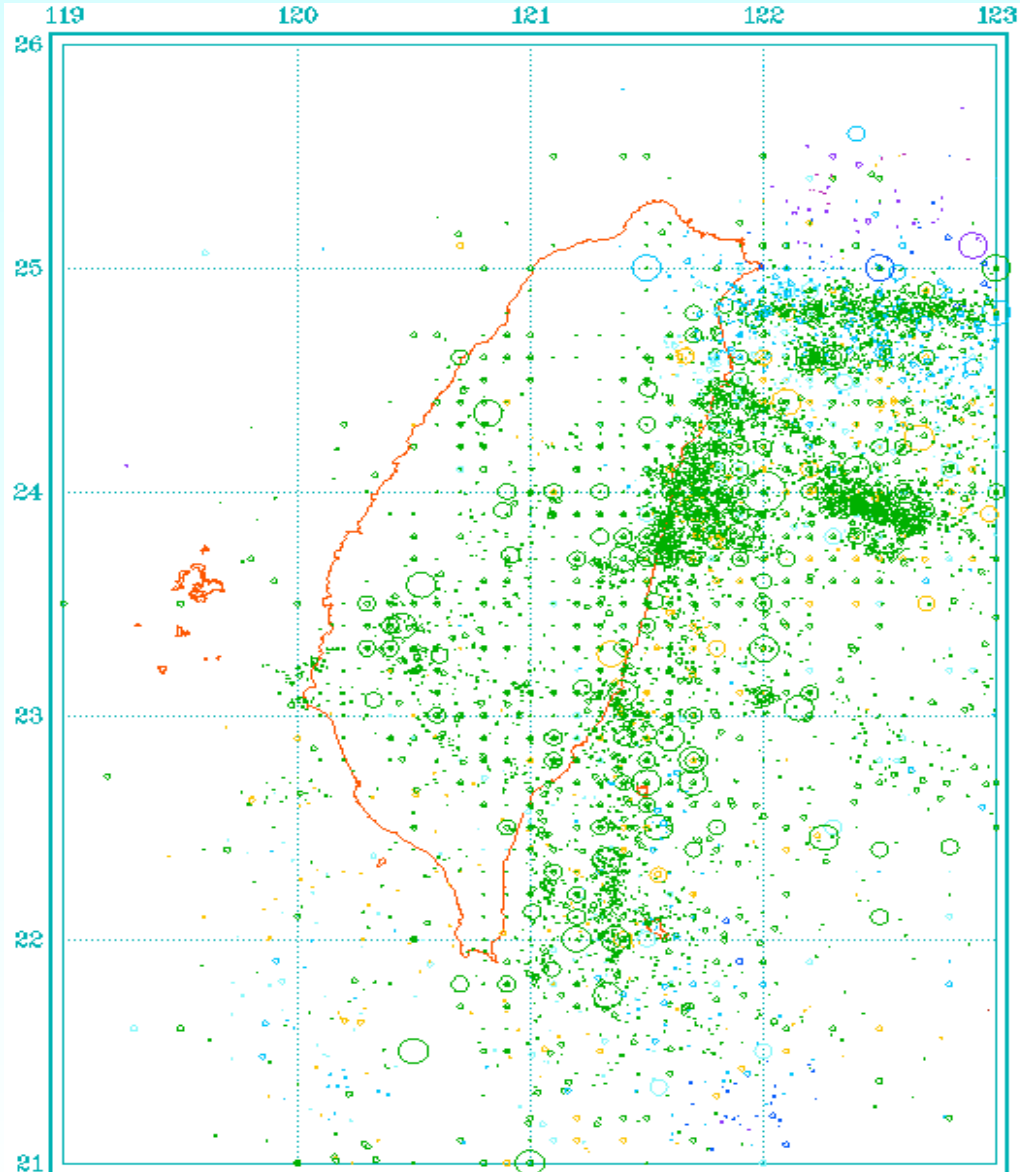
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1.The Earthquake & Its Damage

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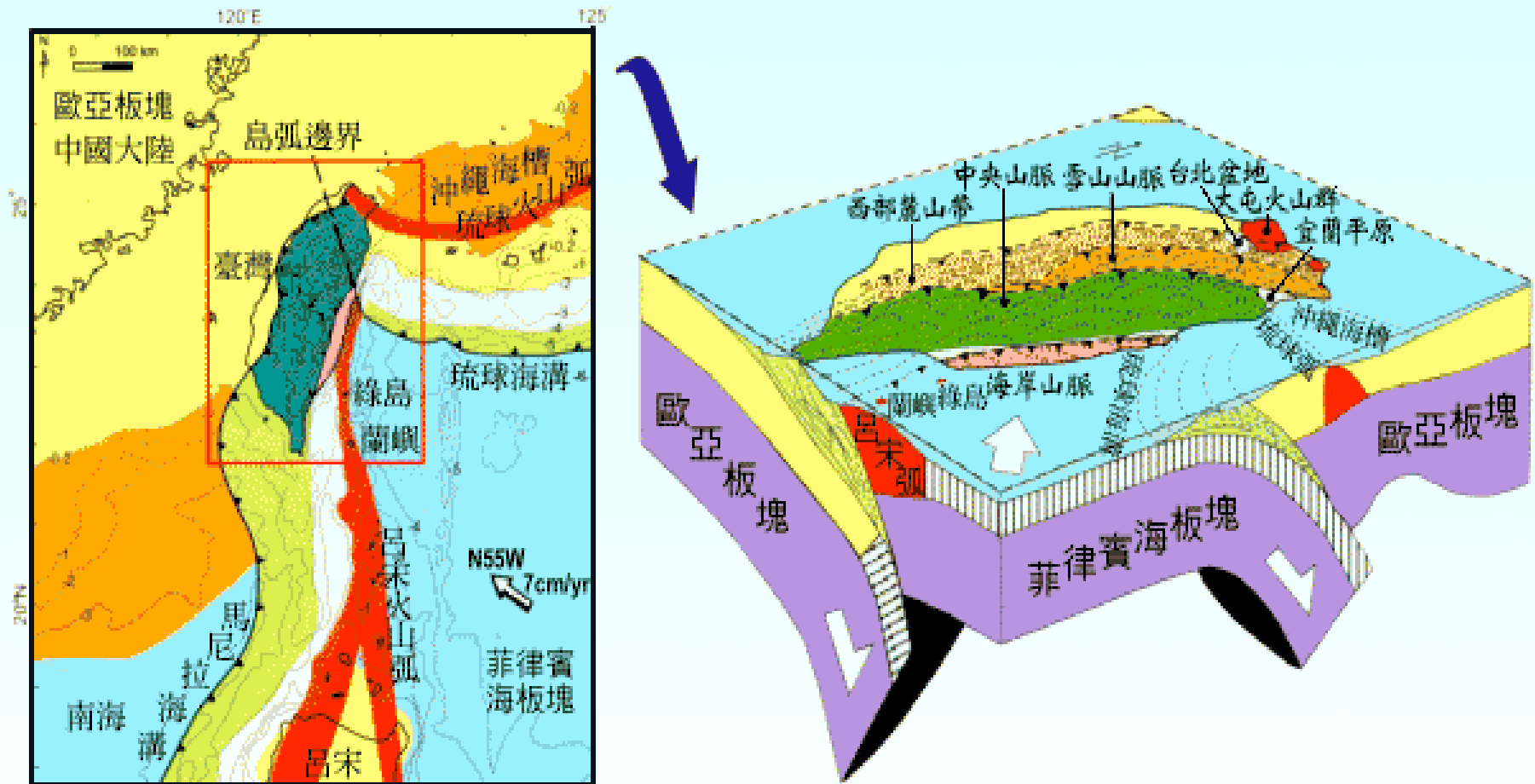
Previous Earthquakes in Taiwan Area

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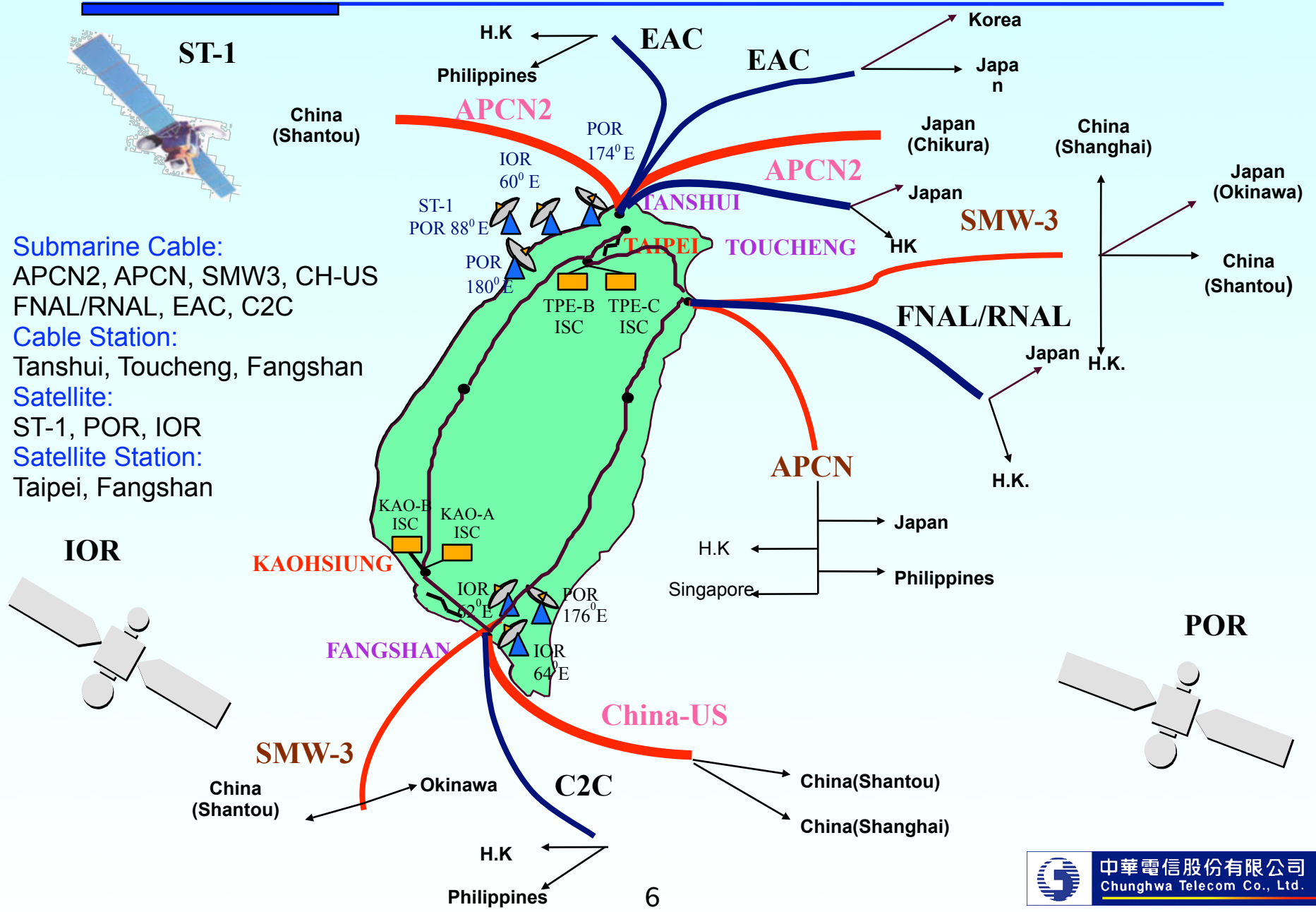
Recent Cable Failures

- **Mar. 31, 2002 Earthquake**
  - APC, APCN, SMW-3： Three outage points
- **Aug. 28-29, 2002 Earthquake**
  - APCN, APCN2, SMW-3, China-US：Four outage points.
- **Dec. 10, 2003 Earthquake**
  - APCN, APCN2, SMW-3, China-US：Six outage points
- **Dec. 26, 2006 Earthquake**
  - APCN, APCN2, SMW-3, China-US：Nine outage points, more serious than ever.

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CHT International Network

ST-1

China (Shantou)

APCN2

POR 174⁰E

IOR 60⁰E

ST-1 POR 88⁰E

POR 180⁰E

TANSHUI

TAIPEI

TPE-B ISC

TPE-C ISC

Submarine Cable:
APCN2, APCN, SMW3, CH-US
FNAL/RNAL, EAC, C2C
Cable Station:
Tanshui, Toucheng, Fangshan
Satellite:
ST-1, POR, IOR
Satellite Station:
Taipei, Fangshan

IOR

KAO-B ISC   KAO-A ISC

KAOHSIUNG

IOR 62⁰E   POR 176⁰E

FANGSHAN

IOR 64⁰E

SMW-3

China (Shantou)

H.K.
Philippines

EAC   **EAC**

Korea

Japan

Japan (Chikura)

APCN2

Japan

HK

TOUCHENG

SMW-3

China (Shanghai)

Japan (Okinawa)

China (Shantou)

FNAL/RNAL

Japan

H.K.

H.K.

APCN

H.K
Singapore

Japan
Philippines

China-US

China(Shantou)

China(Shanghai)

Okinawa

C2C

H.K

Philippines

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2. 2006 Hengchun Earthquake

Time: December 26, 2006 at 12:26 UTC (20:26 local time)

Location:
epicenter off the southwest coast of Taiwan (21.89° N 120.56° E), 22.8 km west southwest of Hengchun, Pingtung County, Taiwan

Depth:
hypocenter 21.9 km deep in the Luzon Strait, which connects the South China Sea with the Philippine Sea.

Magnitude:
Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau marked it at 6.7

News Reporting:
the strongest earthquake to hit Hengchun in one hundred years, caused casualties and building damages,
damaged several undersea cables, disrupting telecommunication services in Asia.

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Earthquake Report (1/2)

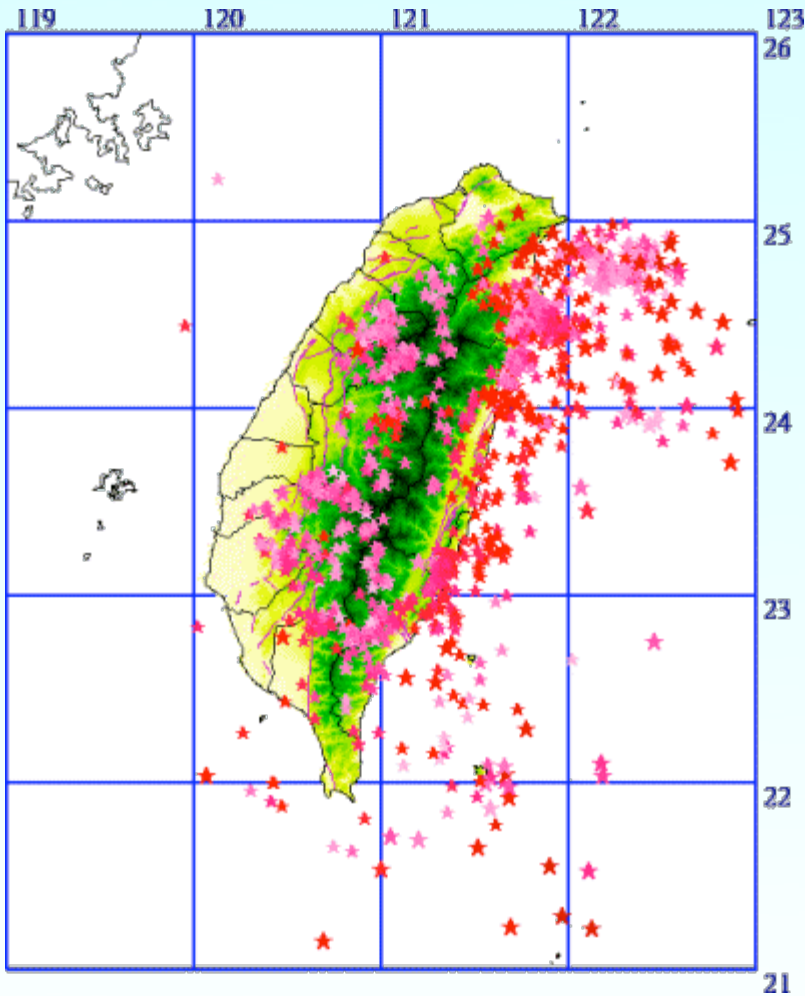Source: Central Weather Bureau, Taiwan

Earthquake Report (2/2)

CWB EARTHQUAKE REPORT

Earthquake No.: 95107

Origin time (Taiwan Standard Time: GMT+08:00):
12/26/2006 20:34:21.1

Location: 22.40N, 120.51E
i.e. 27.9 km SE of Kaohsiung City

Depth : 21.3 km

Magnitude(ML): 6.4

Local Largest Intensity :

Kaohsiung City	5	Hualien City	3
Pingtung City	5	Miaoli City	2
Kaohsiung County	5	Hsinchu County	2
Pingtung County	5	Taipei City	1
Taitung County	4	Yilan City	1
Taitung City	4	Kinmen County	1
Tainan County	4		
Chiayi County	4		
Chiayi City	4		
Yunlin County	4		
Douliou City	4		
Penghu County	4		
Changhua County	4		
Nantou County	4		
Changhua City	4		
Hualien County	3		
Taichung City	3		

LEGENDS ★ : epicenter, No. : intensity

Source: Central Weather Bureau, Taiwan

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Earthquake Statistics in December

December, 2005

December, 2006

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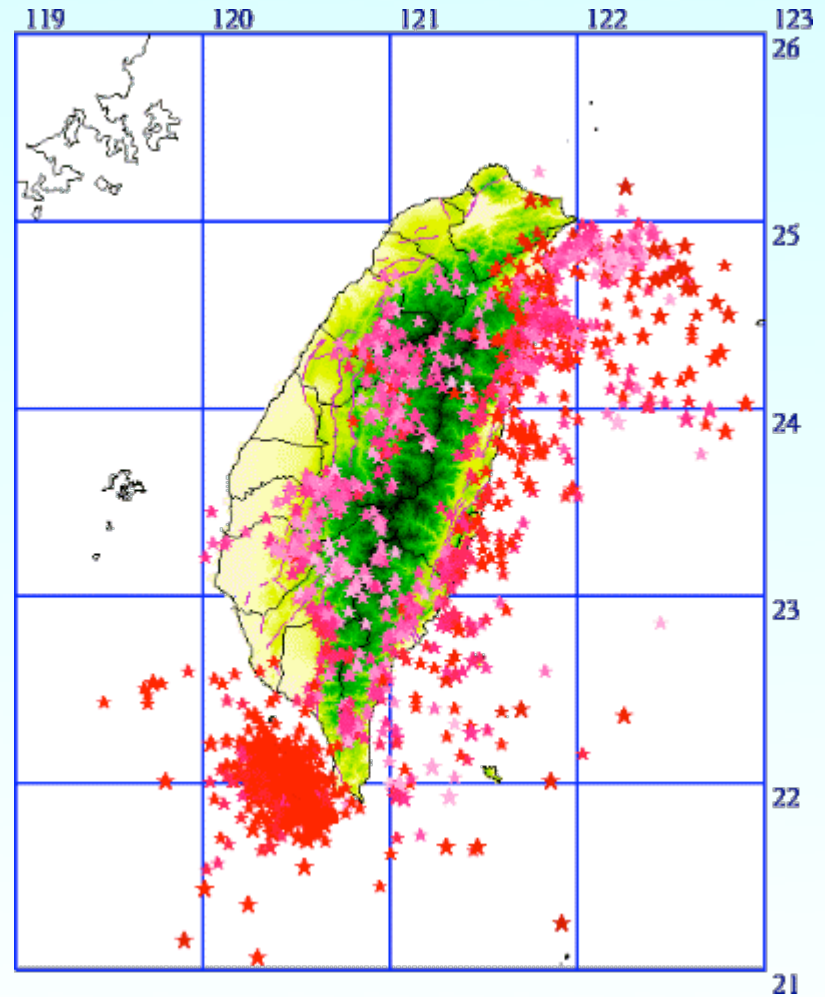
Cable Failures after Hengchun Earthquake

Earthquake Time (Local Time, UTC+8)	Cable System	Failure Time (Local Time, UTC+8)
2006/12/26 20:26 ML 6.7 **2006/12/26 20:34 ML 6.4** 2006/12/26 20:40 ML 5.1 2006/12/26 22:53 ML 4.9 2006/12/26 23:41 ML 5.5	CH-US (W2)	2006/12/26 20:27
	SMW3 (S1.8)	2006/12/26 20:27
	SMW3 (S1.7)	2006/12/26 20:41
	APCN2 (S7)	2006/12/27 00:06
2006/12/27 00:10 ML 4.5 **2006/12/27 01:35 ML 5.0** 2006/12/27 06:54 ML 4.4 2006/12/27 07:10 ML 4.3 2006/12/27 10:30 ML 5.8	APCN2 (S3)	2006/12/27 02:00
	APCN System 1 (B17)	2006/12/27 02:16
	CH-US (S1)	2006/12/27 03:02
	APCN System 2 (B5)	2006/12/27 04:55
	CH-US (W1)	2006/12/27 10:04
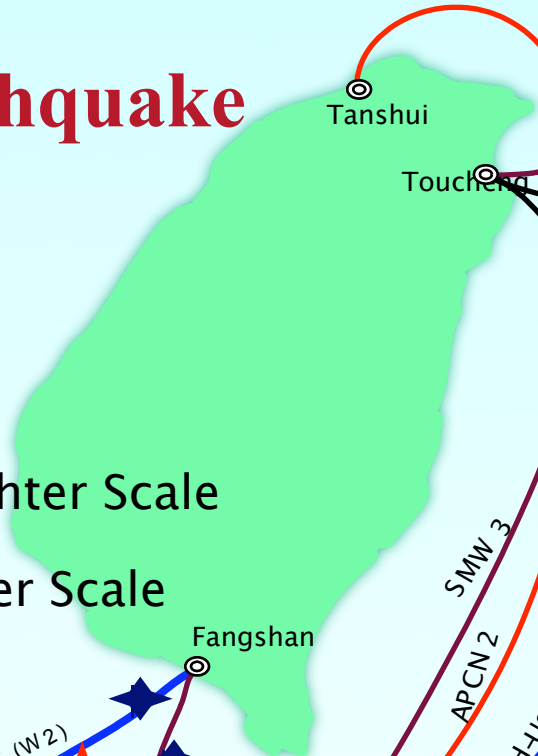
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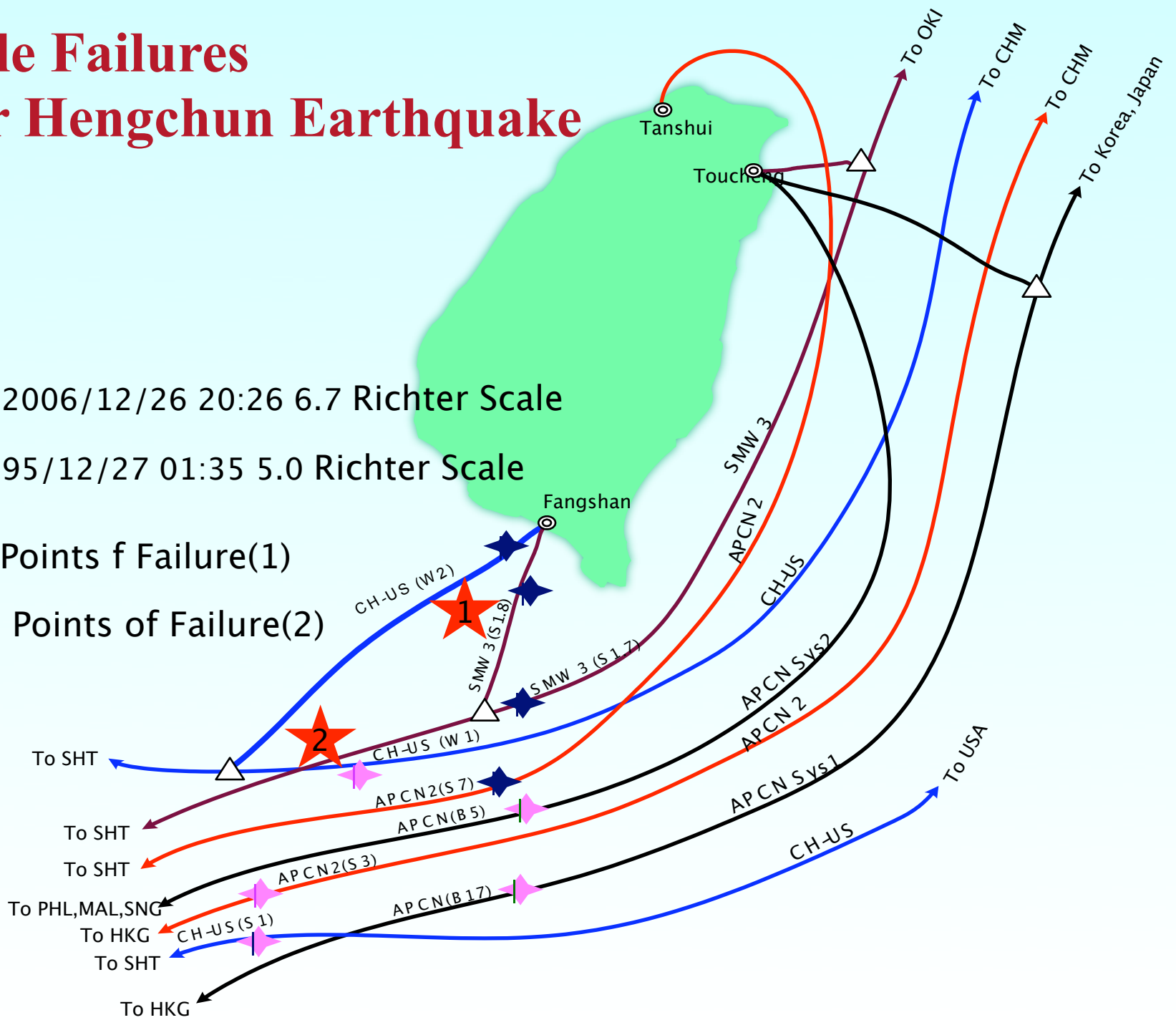
3. Emergency Measures & Restoration

(1) Restoration Plan Consideration

- Backup Capacity for Voice and IPLC

- Universal Restoration Manual, URM

- Private Bilateral Restoration, PBR

- Ad hoc Restoration

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(2) Impact on Communications

- Phone call completion rate: USA 40%、 Japan 11%、 China 10%、 South East Asia < 5%

- International Private line: 275 links disrupted

- Internet (HiNet):
  Available capacity – USA 100%、 Japan 98%、 China 26%、 Hong Kong 0%

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(3) Emergency Measures

(a) Priority order: voice, air traffic control, financial sector

(b) Reroute traffic through other cables or rent capacity from private cable operators to connect to HK, China, Singapore, Malaysia

(c) Set up communication links with Singapore, Macau, Thailand and Indonesia via ST-1 & Intelsat satellites

(d) Detour int'l private lines through SingTel, CT, Reach, TM and other partners

(e) Install terrestrial links to transit traffic through Taiwan for other carriers

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(3) Emergency Measures - HiNet

(a) Contact ITMC to confirm the status of submarine cables

(b) Monitor the traffic of direct peering partners by MRTG

(c) Monitor the BGP advertisement from peering partners

(d) Monitor the top 100 AS's traffic by netflow

(e) Monitor the network quality to the well known web sites by checking round trip time and packet loss rate

(f) Monitor the traffic volume of some well known applications which consume more bandwidth

(g) Contact peering partners to arrange detour

(h) Contact peering partners to see if needing any help

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(4) Service Disruption & Restoration

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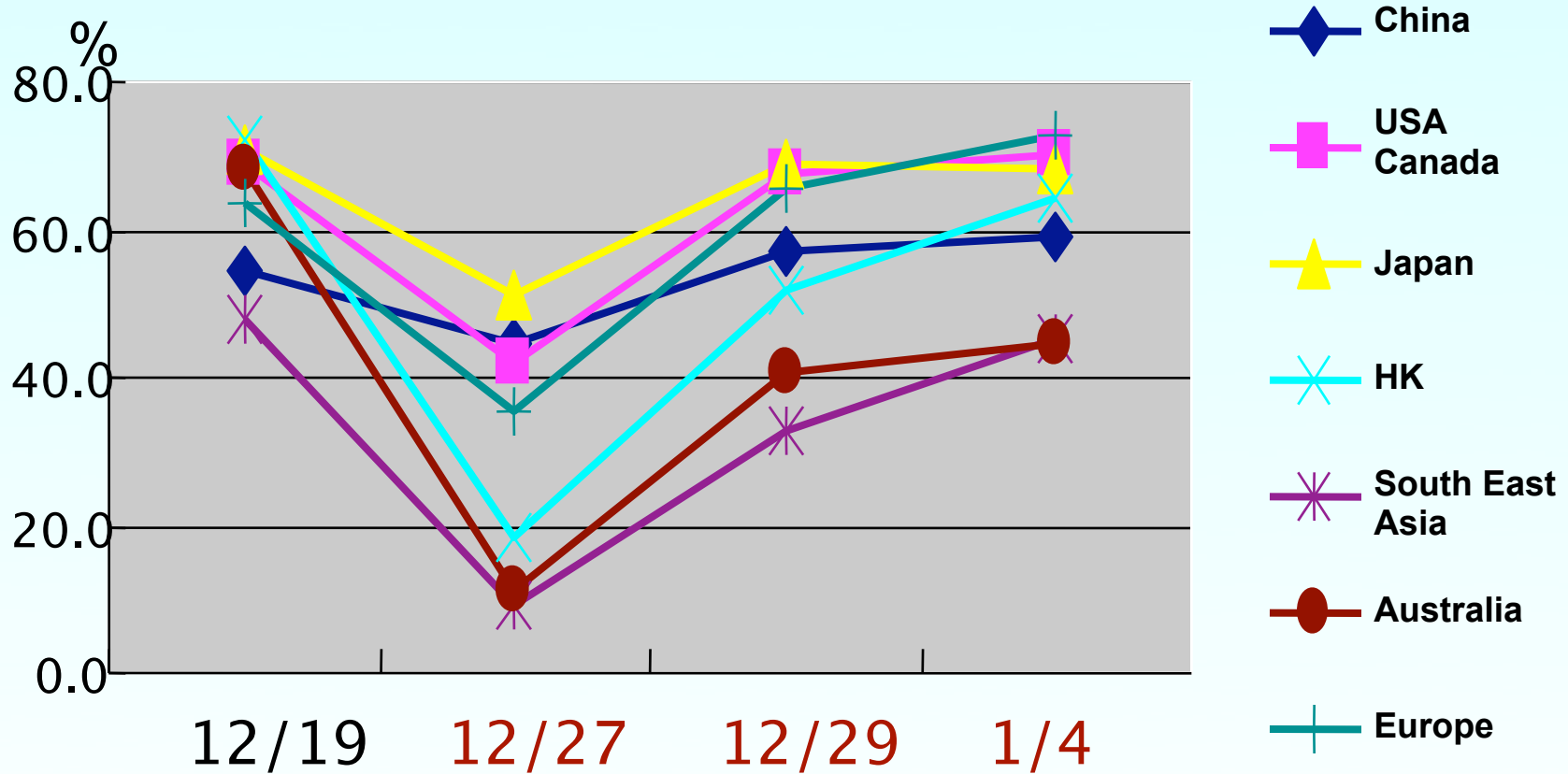
(4) Service Disruption & Restoration

IPLC & IP-VPN

- **275 CHT's corporate data lines affected**
- **Most of them restored up to 1/6 with only two still under repair**

Tabulation of restored links

# of lines

	12/26	12/27	12/28	12/29	12/30	12/31	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/5
□ Disrupted	275	106	83	61	45	32	29	15	10	5
■ Restored		169	23	22	16	13	3	14	5	5
Restored %		61,5%	69.8%	77.5%	83.6%	88.4%	89.5%	94.6%	96.4%	98.2%

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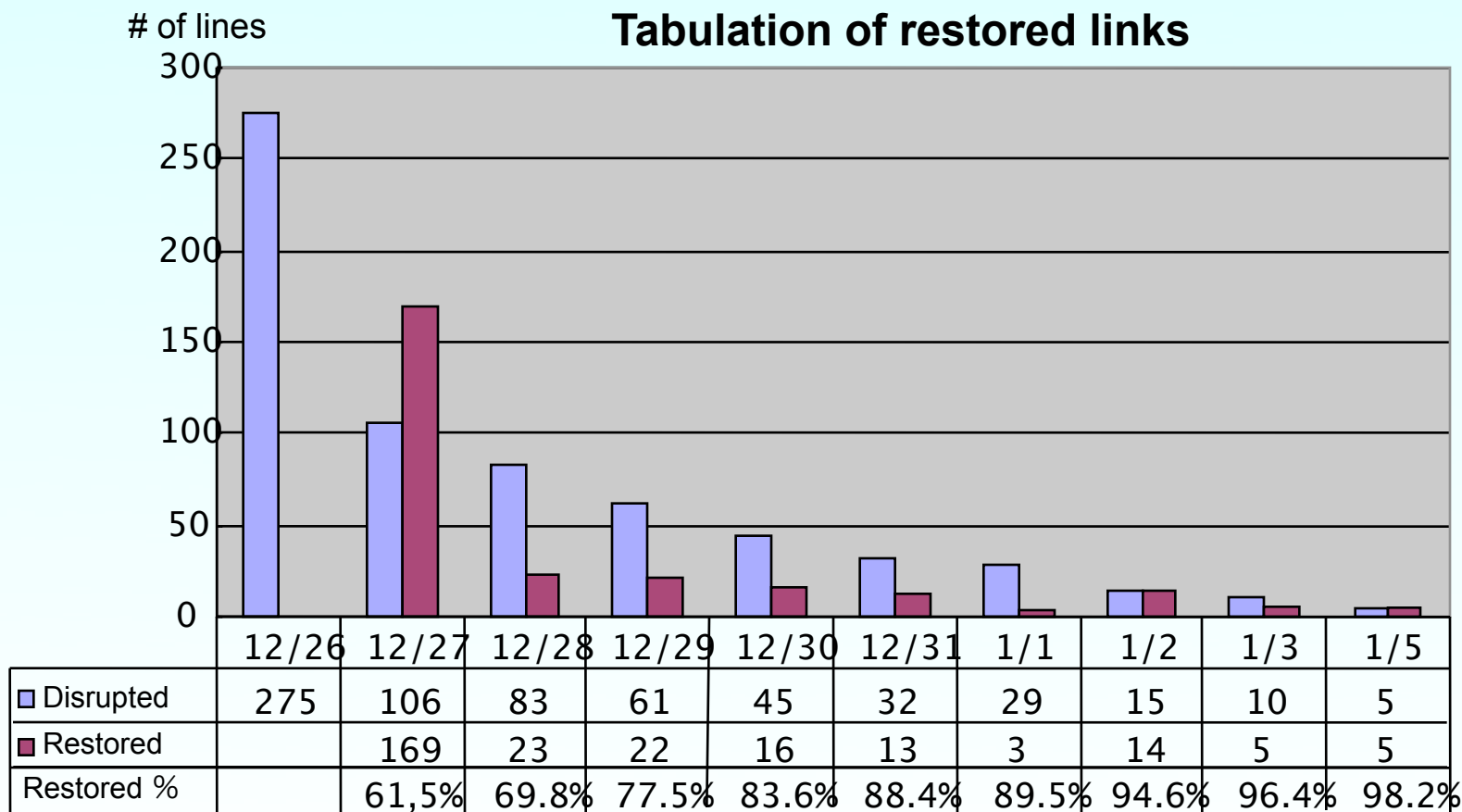
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Internet (HiNet)

Availability of HiNet International Links

Area	12/26	12/27	12/28	1/5	1/31
USA	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Japan	100%	98.08%	98.08%	98.08%	100%
China	100%	25.83%	41.94%	45.17%	100%
Hong Kong	100%	0%	27.28%	27.28%	100%
Total	100%	76.92%	82.67%	82.97%	100%

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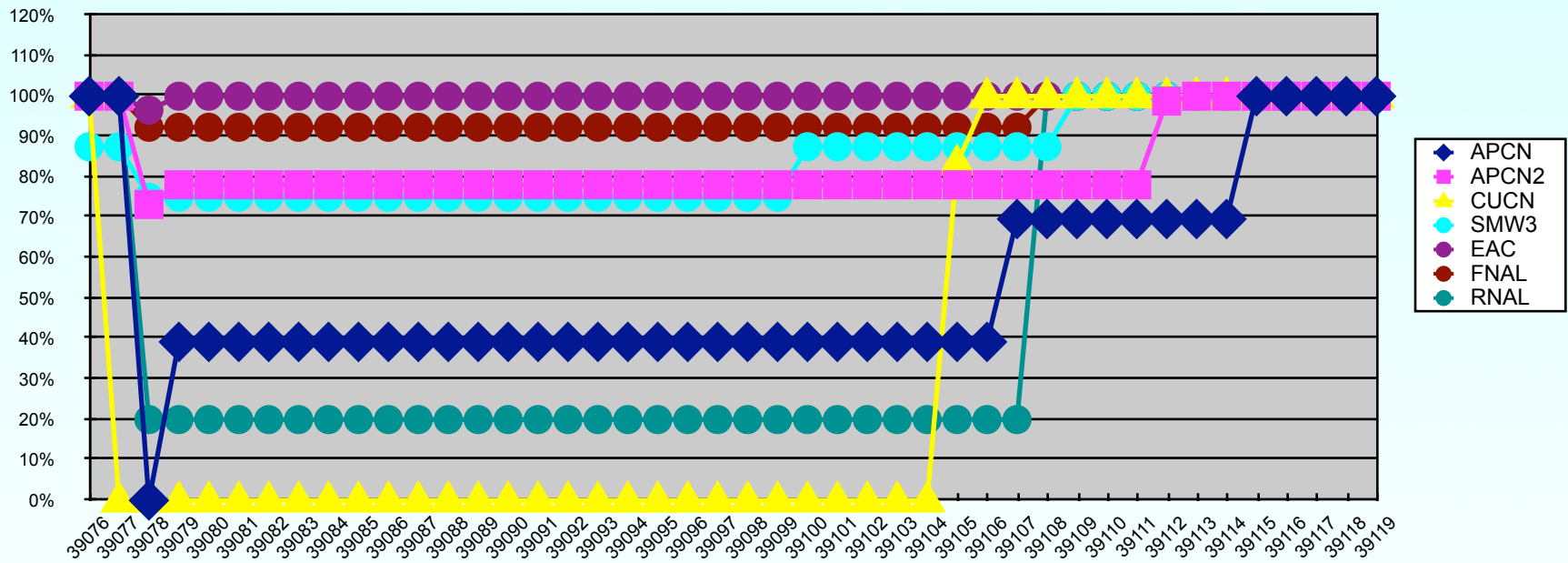
(4) Service Disruption & Restoration

Internet (HiNet)

Traffic changes between HiNet and major Asia Pacific Countries after / before 2006/12/26 Hengchun Earthquake

Country/Area	US+ others	JP	KR	HK	CN	SG	AU	MA	Total
Traffic thru direct links **before earthquake** 2006/12/25 23:00 (Mbps)	16,706	8,034	1,210	5,433	9,446	307	152	279	41,567
Traffic thru direct links **after earthquake** 2006/12/27 23:00 (Mbps)	19,376	8,735	1,069	1761	2,405	193	222	72	33,833
Traffic Ratio **after/before**	115.98 %	108.73 %	88.35 %	32.41 %	25.46 %	62.87 %	146.05 %	25.81 %	81.39 %

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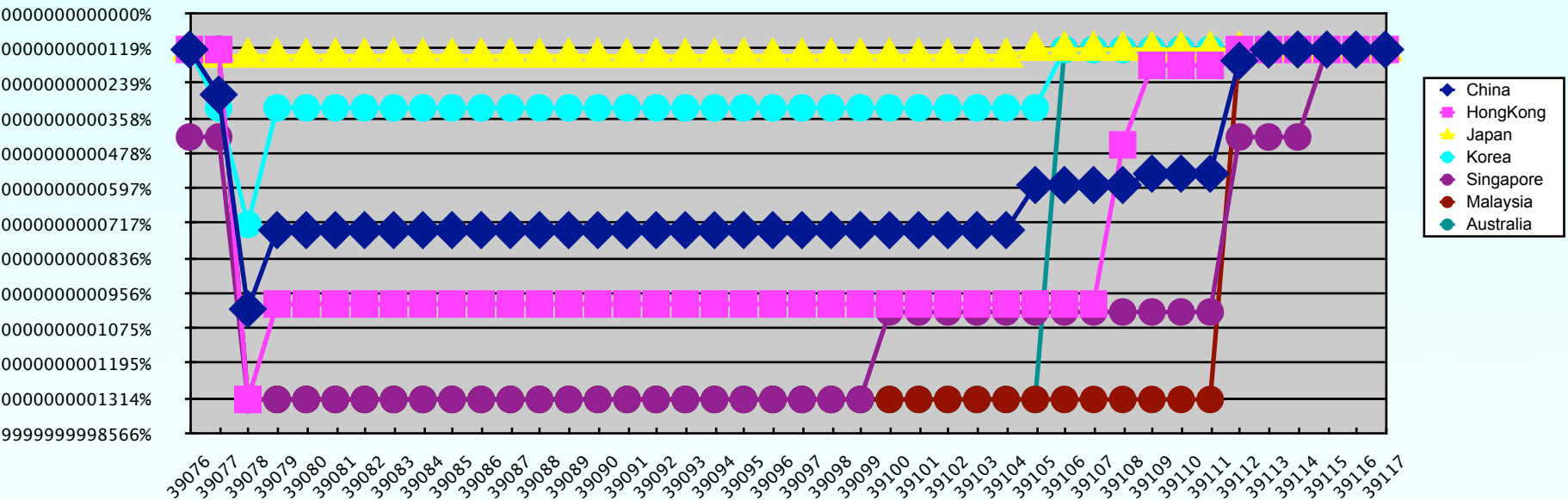Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd.

(4) Service Disruption & Restoration

■ Internet (HiNet)

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Cable System	Failure Time	Recovery Time	Effect
CH-US	2006/12/26 20:28	2007/01/23 21:49 2007/01/24 17:47	China, Japan Korea
SMW3	2006/12/27 00:07 2006/12/29 02:17	2007/01/27 09:40 2007/01/18 07:24	China, Japan
APCN2	2006/12/27 00:07 2006/12/27 02:01	2007/01/30 17:58 2007/01/31 01:08	China, HK, Singapore, Malaysia China, HK, Singapore
APCN	2006/12/27 02:16 2006/12/27 04:56	2006/12/27 20:47 2007/01/24 17:43	Korea Singapore, Australia
EAC	2006/12/27 01:29 2006/12/27 06:18 2006/12/27 11:31	2006/12/27 21:46	China, Japan
RNAL	2006/12/27 03:42	2007/01/26 23:25 2007/01/27 03:13	Hong Kong

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4. Cable Repair Work

From Jan. 3rd, **five repair ships** (**KOL, Retriever, KPL, Segero, Restorer**) reached damage sites separately to conduct repair work. It will take 2~3 weeks to complete the work.

Cable	Failure Point	Failure Point	Failure Point
CH–US	**Point #1**	**Point #2**	**Point #3**
SMW3	**Point #4**	**Point #5**	
APCN2	**Point #6**	**Point #7**	
APCN	**Point #8 (System 2)**	**Point #9 (System 1)**	

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KDD OCEAN LINK

Arrived on Jan.3rd
CUCN (W1, W2)

Arrived on Jan.2nd
SMW3 (S1.7, S1.8)

Cable Retriever

Arrived on Jan. 6th
CUCN (S1)

SEGERO

Arrived on Jan. 9th
APCN2 (S7, S3)

KDD PACIFIC LINK

ASEAN
Cableship

- Submarine Cable Laying
- Submarine Cable Repair & Maintenance
- Jointing Support
- Cable Engineering Consultancy

Arrived on Jan. 10th
APCN (B5, B17)

ASEAN RESTORER

Cable Repair Information (1/2)

Point	Cable System	Location	Depth (m)	Repair Start Time	Repair Finish Time	Cable Ship
1	CH-US (W1)	152 KM south of Fangshan	3,307	2007/01/04	2007/01/11	KDD OCEAN LINK
2	CH-US (W2)	11.1 KM SW of Fangshan	562	2007/01/11		
		68.5 KM SW of Fangshan	1,928		2007/01/23	
3	CH-US (S1)	192 KM south of Fangshan	3,700	2007/01/06	2007/01/14	SEGERO
4	SMW3(S1.7)	100 KM south of Fangshan	2,700	2007/01/02	2007/1/18	CS Retriever
5	SMW3(S1.8)	44 KM south of Fangshan	900		2007/01/27	

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Cable Repair Information (2/2)

Point	Cable System	Location	Depth (m)	Repair Start Time	Repair Finish Time	Cable Ship
6	APCN2 (S3)	218 KM SSW of Fangshan	2,894	2007/1/29	2007/2/10	KDD Pacific Link
7	APCN2 (S7)	904.5 KM away from Tansui	3,243	2007/1/11	2007/1/30	
8	APCN System 1 (B17)	180 KM south of Fangshan	3,444	2007/01/10	2007/1/24	Asean Restorer
9	APCN System 2 (B5)	220 KM south of Fangshan	3,500	2007/01/25	2007/02/02	

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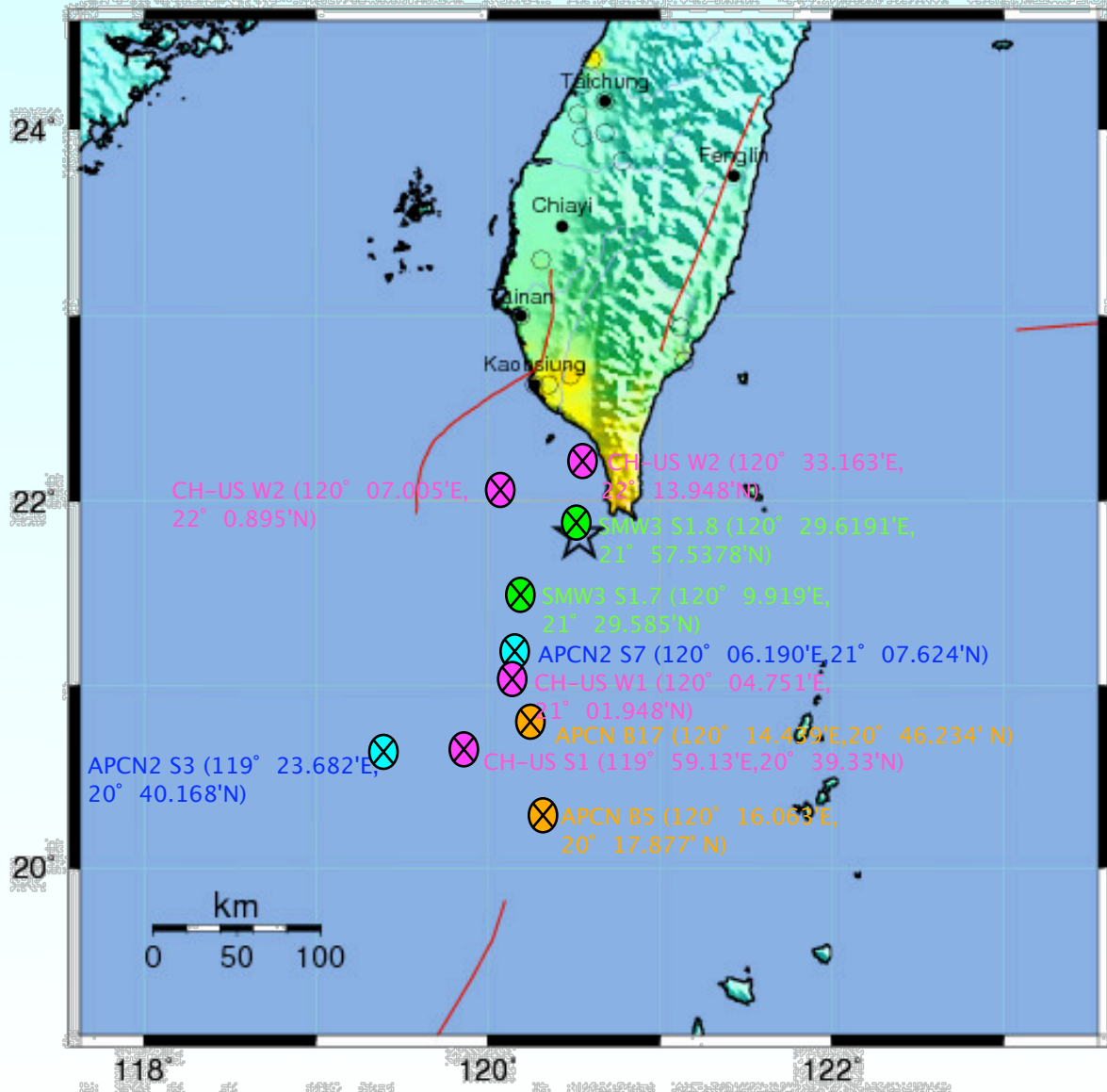
Cable Failure Position

5. Case Study #1 (1/3)
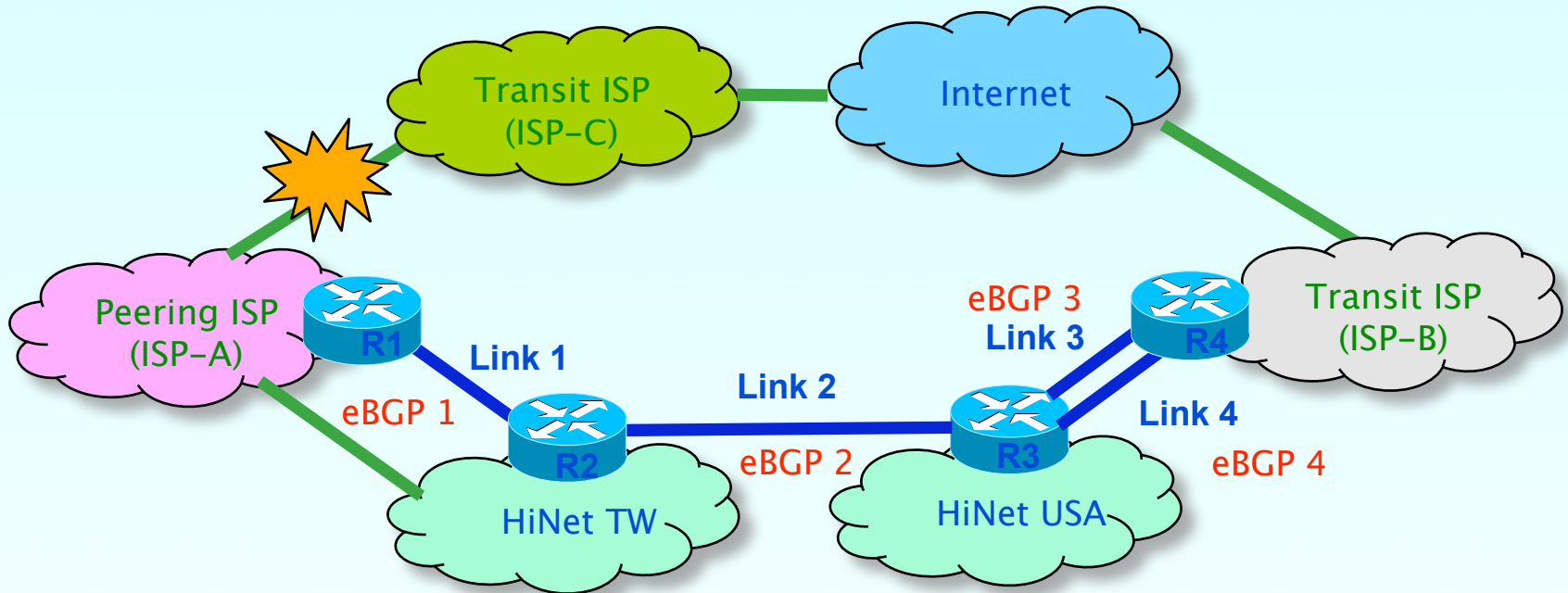
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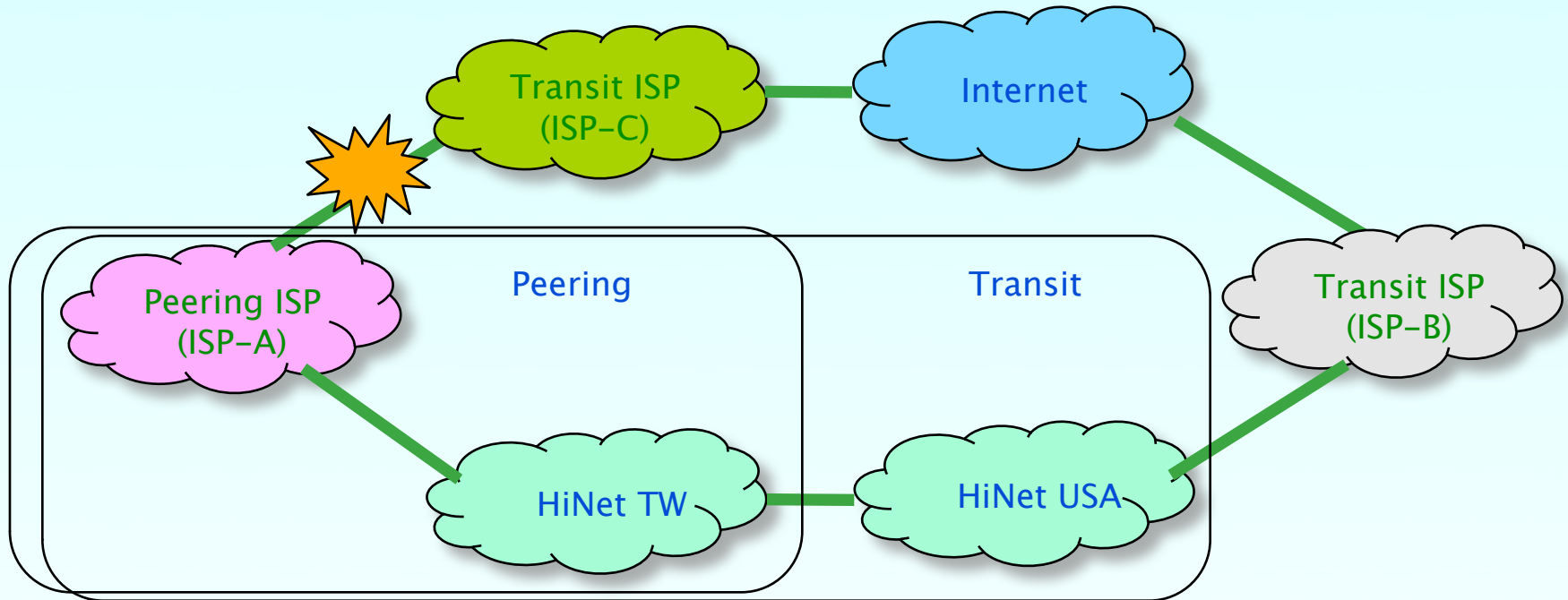
Origination:

• Peering ISP lost significant amount of capacity to the Internet after the undersea cable cut.

• Peering ISP asked for HiNet's assistance to set up a transit route to Internet

## Set up a transit route for a peering partner

Arrangement:
- Peering ISP (ISP–A) arranged a new undersea cable (Link 1) to Taiwan
- ISP–A and HiNet set up a new eBGP on Link1
- HiNet USA learned ISP–A's prefixes thru existing eBGP on Link 2 between HiNet TW and HiNet USA
- HiNet USA advertised ISP–A's prefixes to Transit ISP (ISP–B) thru eBGP 3 and eBGP4

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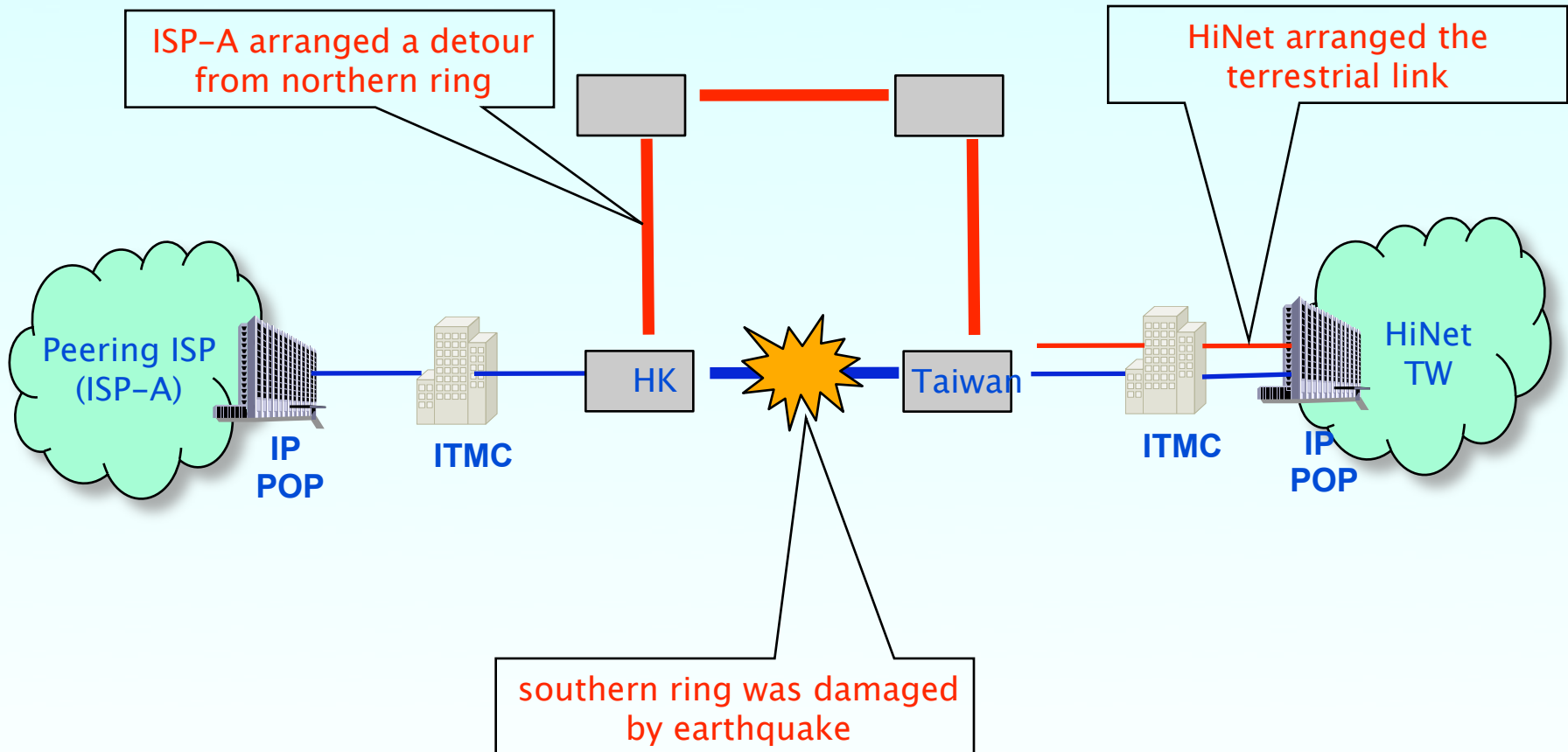## Set up a transit route for a peering partner
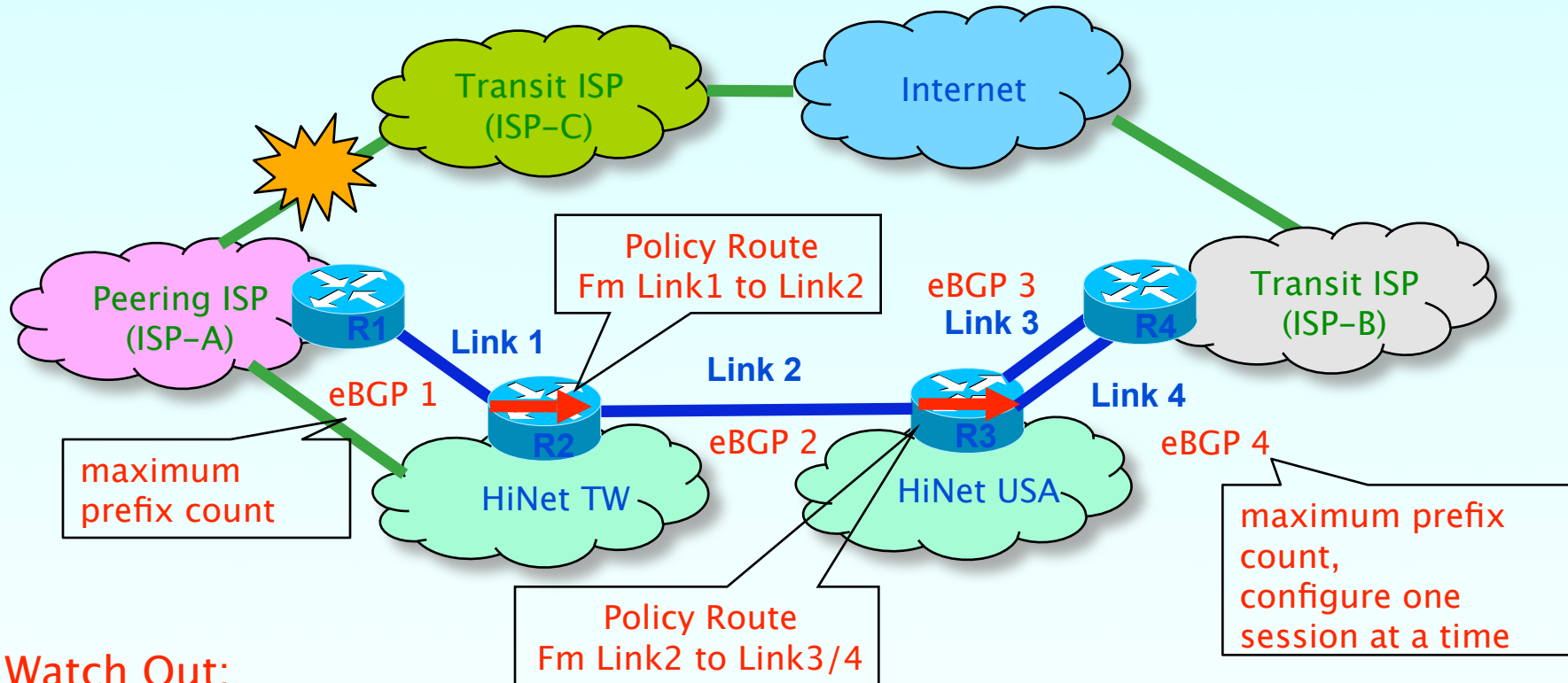
Watch Out:
- Maximun prefix count should be careful in eBGP1
- Policy route should be implement in R2 and R3, but remember to exclude interface IP
- Maximun prefix count should also be careful in eBGP3 and eBGP4 and change the BGP configuration one session at a time

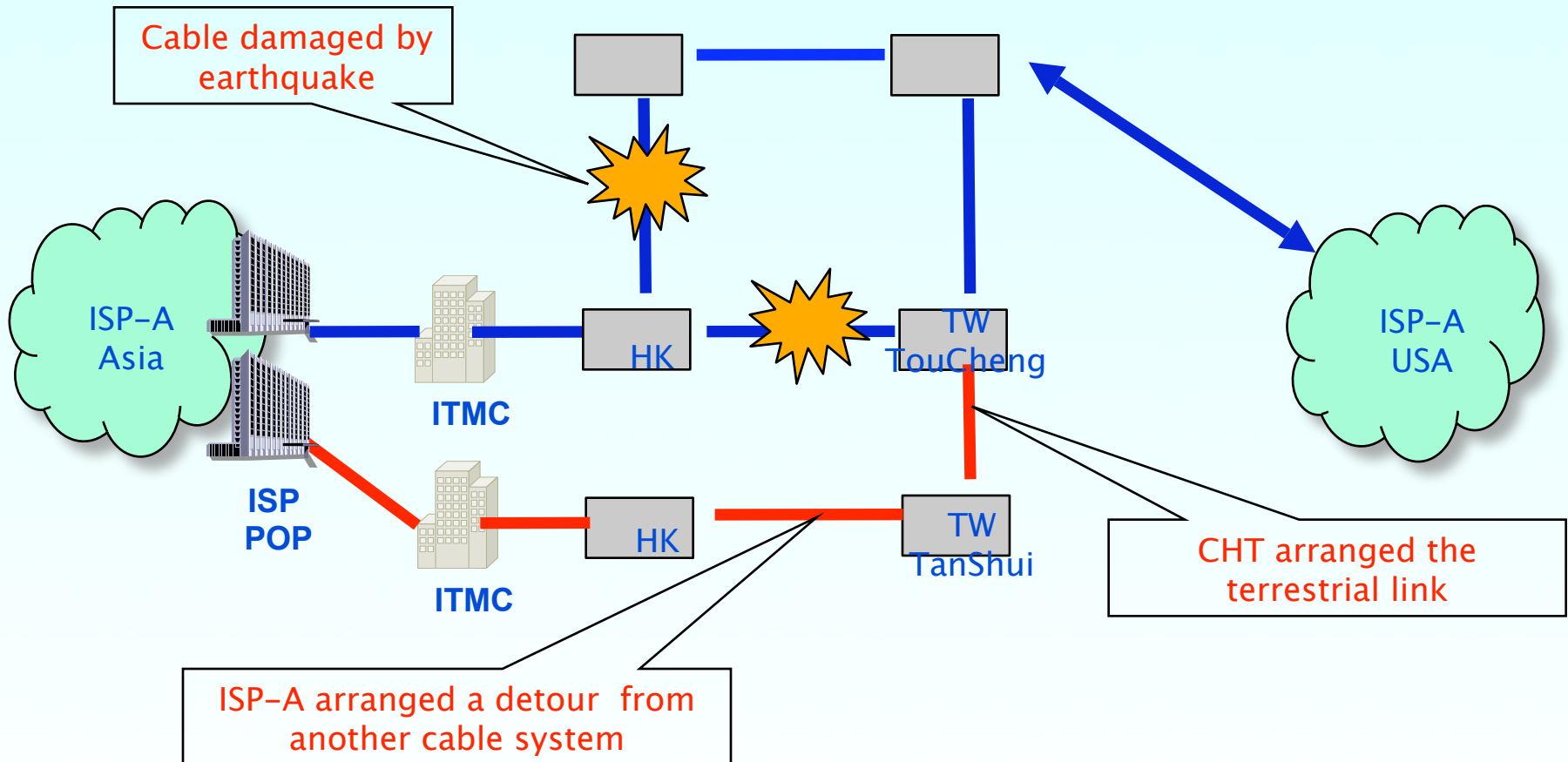# 5. Case Study #2

Set up a detour from the same cable system to recover part of the peering connections between HiNet and its peering partner

ISP-A arranged a detour from northern ring

HiNet arranged the terrestrial link

Peering ISP
(ISP-A)

IP POP

ITMC

HK

Taiwan

ITMC

IP POP

HiNet
TW

southern ring was damaged by earthquake

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5. Case Study #3

Set up a detour from different cable system to recover the links between POP in Asia and POP in US

Cable damaged by earthquake

ISP–A Asia

ISP POP

ITMC

ITMC

HK

HK

TW TouCheng

TW TanShui

ISP–A USA

CHT arranged the terrestrial link

ISP–A arranged a detour from another cable system

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6. Recommendations and Conclusion

(1) Establish a Mechanism to Share Communications Resources

- – Mutual backup between consortium & private cables
- – Terrestrial link backup for submarine cable
- – Reciprocal backup between satellite and cable systems

(2) Set up a Function within Int'l Organizations to facilitate the restoration work

- – Working groups to map out detailed restoration procedures
- – Update and share the contact information
- – Consider the use of satellite phone

6. Recommendations and Conclusion

(3) Construct the network with disperse routes and more detailed restoration plan

- Construct the international connections on different cable systems to alleviate the damage from the natural disaster or accident

- Consider higher ratio of traffic exchanged in local Asia Pacific region

- HiNet uses multiple links to single peering partner on different cable systems

(4) Enhance the cooperation between peering partners when experiencing damage from disaster

- Consider the Private Bilateral Restoration (PBR) between Internet peering partners, like cable operators

- Provide mutual temporary transit, terrestrial link backup for peering partners or third party

- Prioritize the important customers or services for peering partners when exchange traffic under emergency conditions

- HiNet shares its resources and helps its peering partner to transit the traffic to Internet in this cable cut accident

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