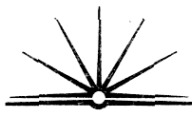


World cities are large cities that have outstripped their national urban networks and become part of an international system. World cities have various roles within their region and internationally - These include their cultural importance, political importance and economic importance. World cities are part of a global network and because of this their operations reflect it. These operations are an important part of the global system and include its forces in global trade and investment, the number of Transnational corporation headquarters it holds and its influence in the country in which it exists.

World cities can be broken down into ~~then~~ three main types:

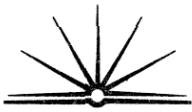
- Dominant world cities: including London, New York and Tokyo.
- Major world cities: including Singapore, Frankfurt and Sao Paulo.
- Secondary world cities: including Sydney, Rome, Johannesburg



and Los Angeles.

Each of these cities are part of a global hierarchy with the dominant world cities being at the top of the global network. The role of world cities can be determined by ~~the city's~~ three main factors:

- Cultural Importance: The ~~city's~~ culture of the city and surrounding region is an important aspect in the role of world cities. For example, the dominant world cities, New York, London and Tokyo can all be identified as having strong work orientated, lifestyles and ethics which is evident in their ^{culture.} ~~extracurricular~~ culture of world city reflects the country it is situated in.
- Political Importance: World cities ~~are~~ largely have political importance as they influence the decisions made by other cities in the region. ~~that~~ The government in office largely affects the role played by world cities. For example, Governments regulate the flow of investment and trade, immigration and the spending of a nation.
- Economic Importance: World cities are ones that are of great economic importance within their



country. World cities are where large amounts of capital are centralised as there are many major corporations operating within the city. World cities also contribute heavily to the gross domestic product because of this and are therefore economically valuable to the nation. World cities are also places where foreign investment is centralised and therefore integrates the economy of other countries together in one ~~place~~^{market}.

The operations of world cities help to integrate the global networks between countries. Recently there has been a trend developing, where the global networks are being specifically orientated towards certain subsystems headed by dominant and major world cities.

The Asian subsystem involves countries such as China, Singapore, Tokyo, Korea and south-east Asia where these economies and trade are being directed ~~between~~ between these countries with Tokyo as



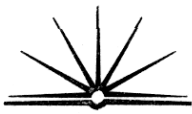
the main provider.

The North American subsystem involves the cities of New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and also Toronto and Mexico to link together North and Central America and also the Caribbean states.

The western Europe subsystem involves countries such as Germany, Holland, Switzerland and France where foreign investment and trade is being encouraged between these countries.

The Southern hemisphere subsystem links together cities such as Sydney, Johannesburg and Sao Paulo into a system of networks.

The operation of world cities within global networks is also determined by the number of Transnational corporation headquarters are ~~houses~~ located in this city. This is important as these corporations link together home and host countries as well as other countries that also contain these corporations and encourages foreign investment in the country.



World cities also hold cultural and social significance in their operations as sporting, entertainment and political events can tend to be held in these cities as they can ~~more~~ cope with the demand. Sporting events such as the Olympics need facilities, ~~as~~ which ~~only~~ World cities can provide and therefore are appropriate places for the events to be held.

World cities operate ~~it~~ in bringing economies and cultures of the world closer together. Their cultural, political and economic influence all aim to do this as ~~a~~ people become aware of their significance in these areas. Operating in global networks, world cities are places where transnational corporations are located, where foreign investment and capital are centralised and where cultural events such as sporting or entertainment are held. World cities are influential in all these areas being financial centres and cultural centres.