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***Keynote Closing Address***

**Prospects for an ASEAN – Gulf Cooperation Council  
'Open Skies' Air Transport Agreement**

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**ASEAN: 10 member states**

**Population: 636 million**

**Aviation Hubs: Singapore, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Manila, Ho Chi Minh City**

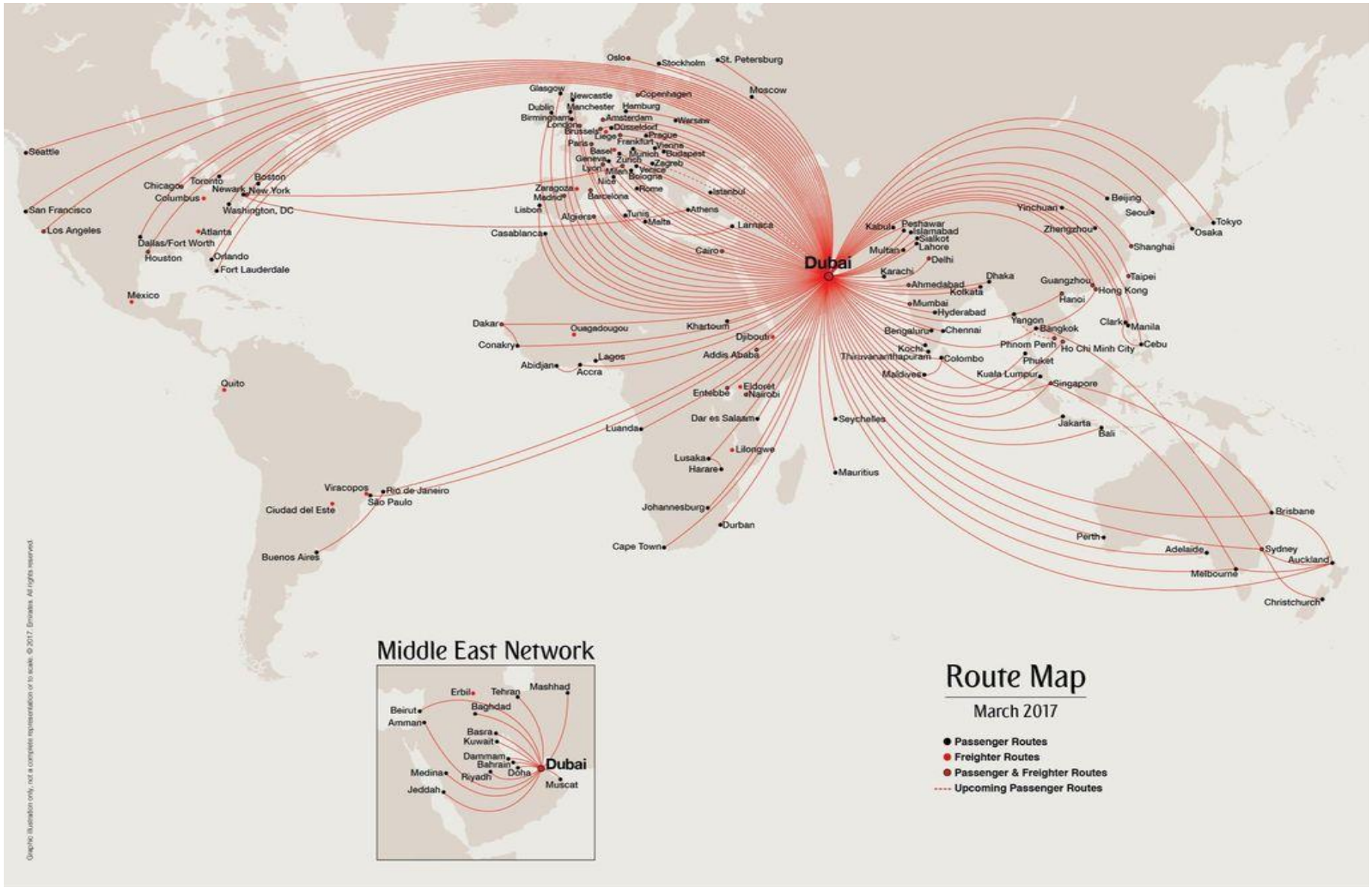
SOUTHEAST ASIA



**GCC: 6 member states**

**Population: 60 million**

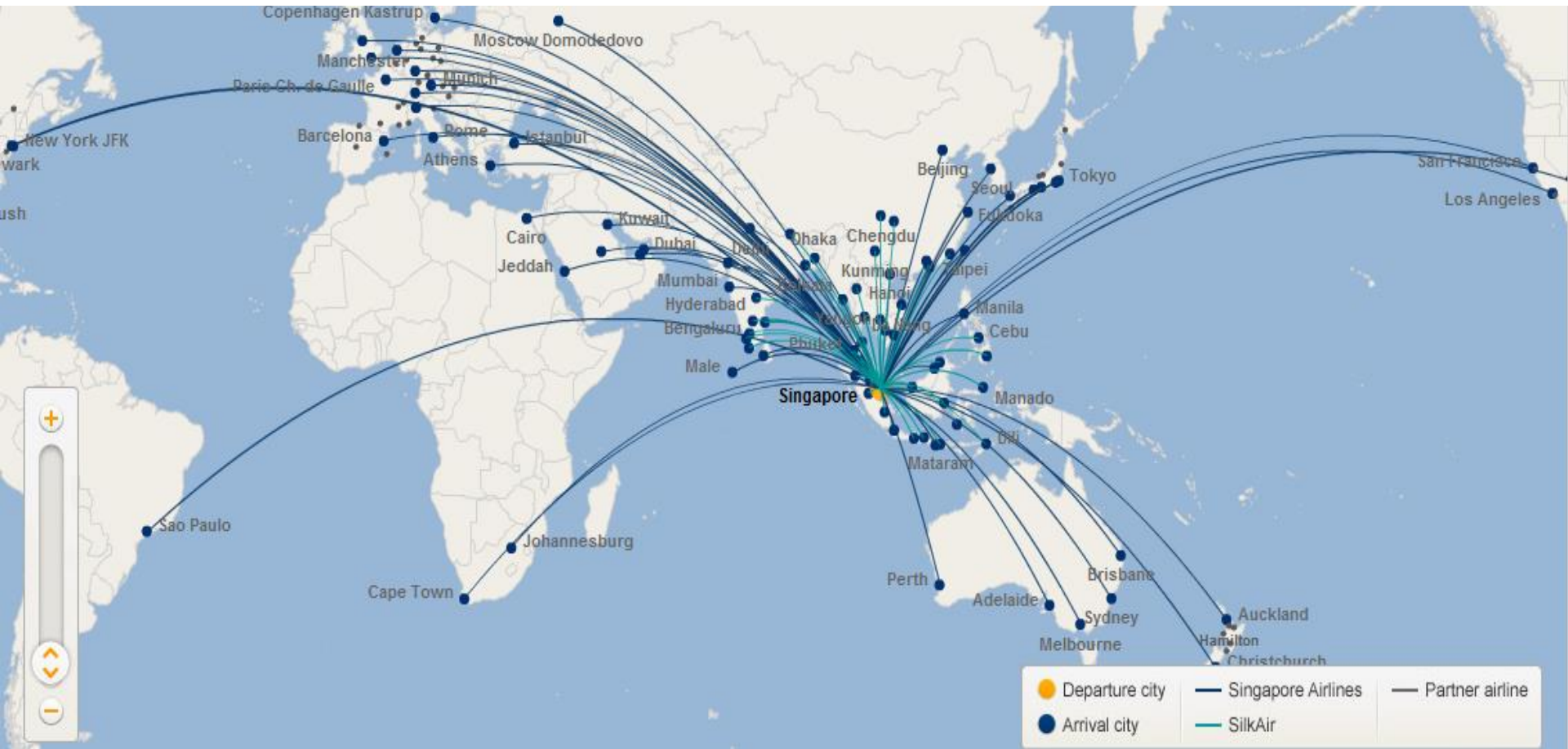
**Aviation Hubs: Dubai, Doha, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Jeddah, Riyadh, Muscat, Kuwait**

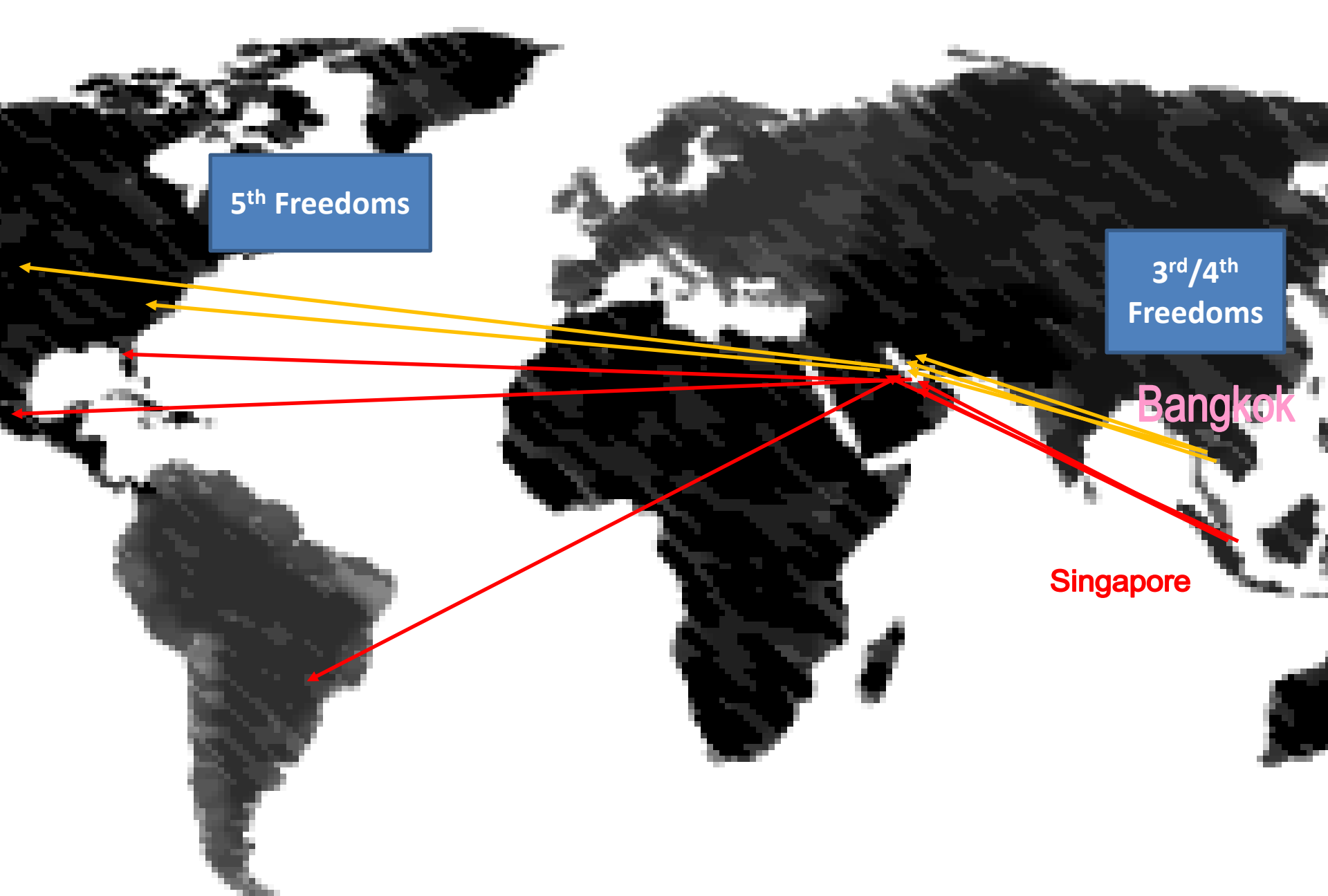


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# The Battle of the Hubs





5<sup>th</sup> Freedoms

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>  
Freedoms

Bangkok

Singapore

## Destinations

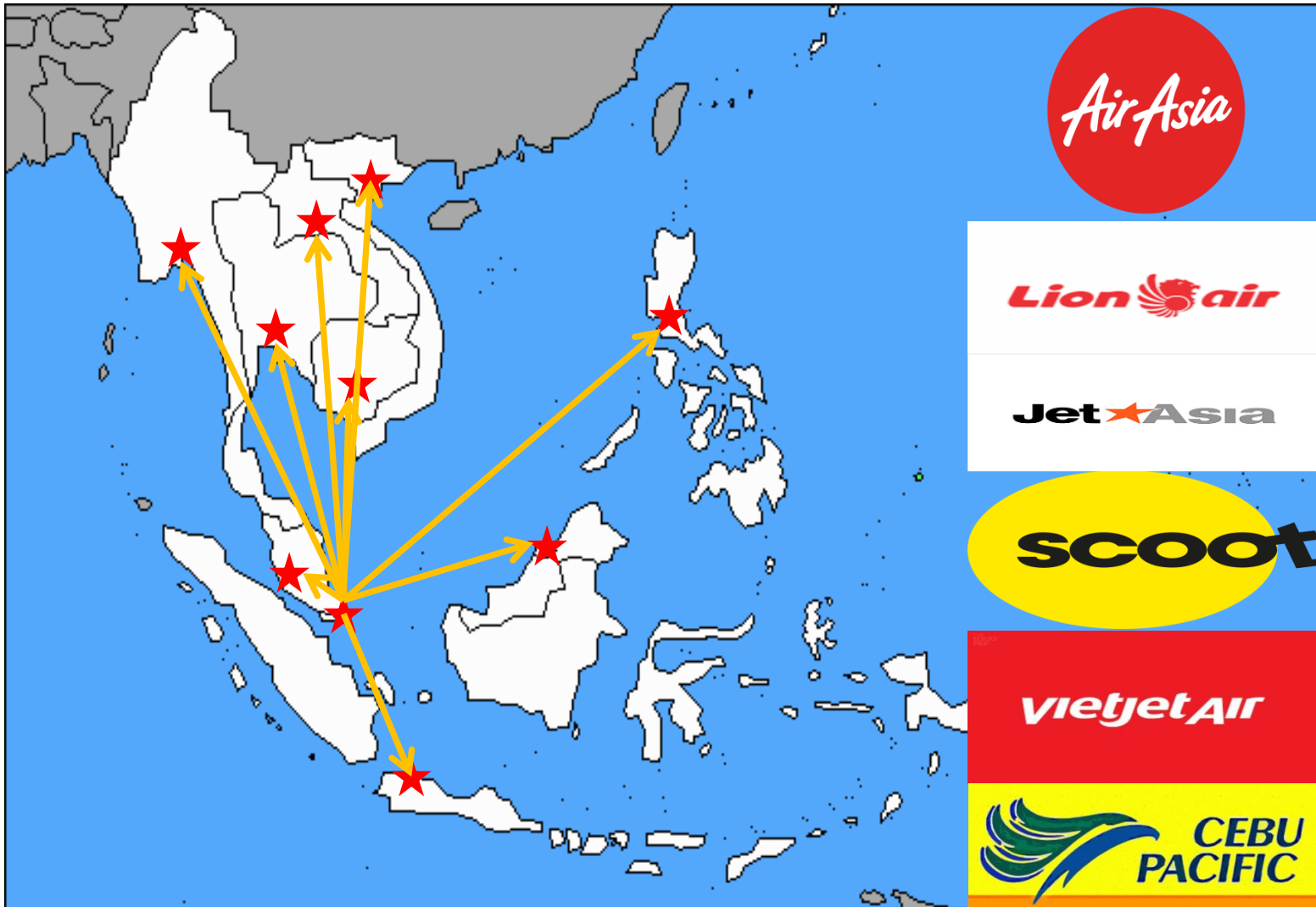
**Emirates:** 35 in E.U., 11 in ASEAN

**Qatar:** 32 in E.U., 10 in ASEAN

**Etihad:** 16 in E.U., 6 in ASEAN

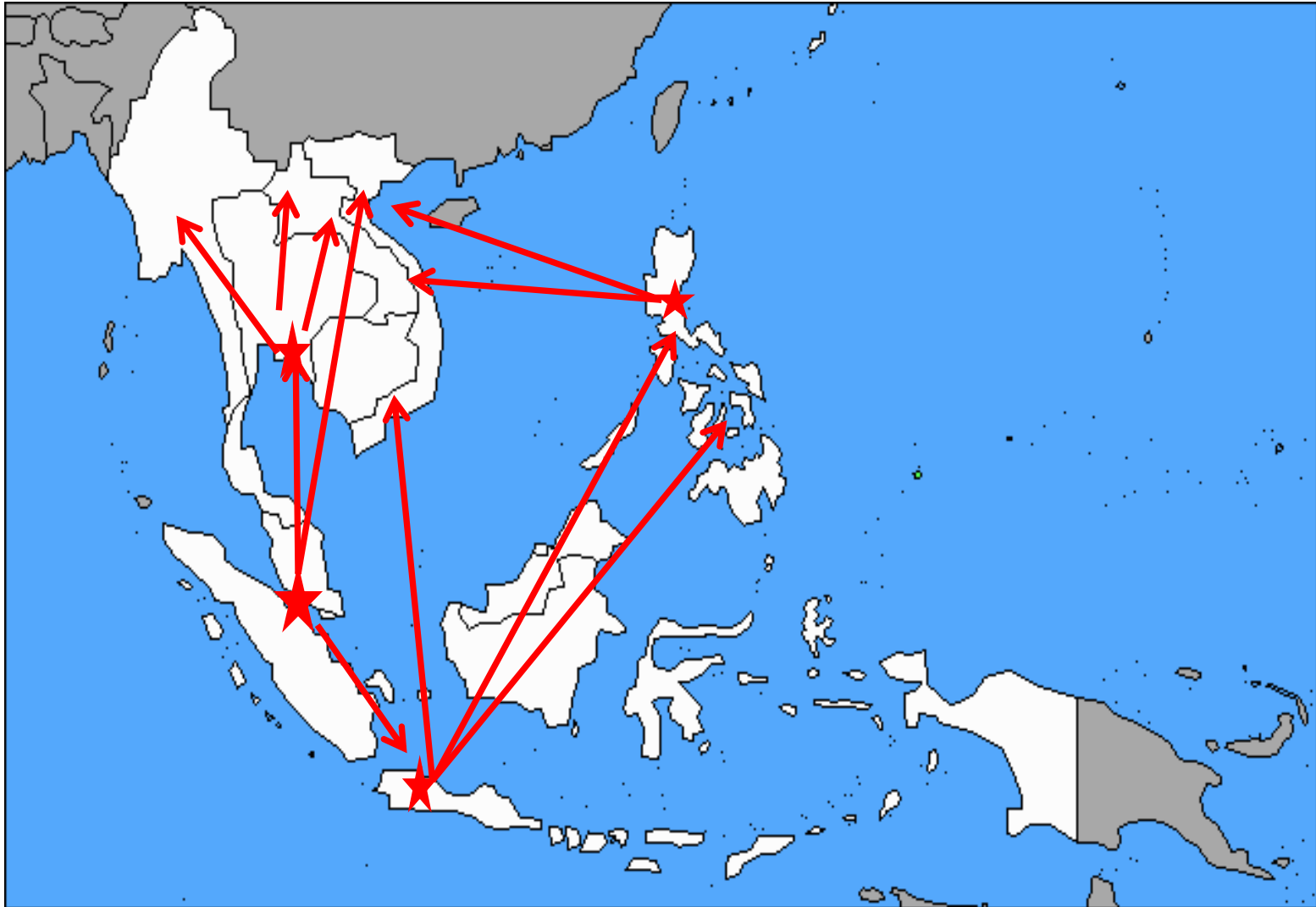
**Turkish:** 67 in E.U. (!!), 10 in ASEAN

Intra-ASEAN – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> freedoms now fully open.  
*But slot restrictions in Jakarta and Manila*





## What's NOT in ASEAN Single Market – 7<sup>th</sup> Freedom and Multiple Bases





# League of Arab States – 2004 Damascus Convention on the Liberalization of Air Transport Between Arab States

