# Asia Pacific Hub Newsletter



**Getting the APAC hub off the ground** – The APAC hub is now a reality, with a physical office in the city, as well as open communication channels for local stakeholders to access ICANN staff.

Currently, the office has four staff - two in the regional GSE team (Kuek and Jiarong), an operations manager (Linda) and a facilitator (Philadel) for the entire region.  We have a registry manager (Han Chuan) and the head of China (Song Zheng) joining in October.  Together with Save and Terry in Brisbane, we have 8 confirmed staff in the region and more in the pipeline. Such moves underscore ICANN's commitment to the region and we look forward to closer interaction with the regional community to see how we can better meet the needs on the ground.

## ICANN Singapore Office Opens!

The Asia Pacific Hub has found a home in the heart of Singapore. Located in an accessible part of the central district it is within easy reach via public transport.

Housed in Ocean Financial Centre, visitors will be in close proximity to Singapore's financial district, the Singapore River and iconic structures of Marina Bay Sands and The Esplanade.

For those who are dropping by, this area has no lack of dining options from fine restaurants to charming cafés and cheap eats, ensuring infinite meal options and hosting venues.
Please visit http://www.yoursingapore.com for more information.

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## Highlights

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## APrIGF 2013 in Seoul, Korea

The Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum was held in Seoul from 4-6 September with the Theme, "**Towards a Better Internet: A More Secured, Convenient, Vibrant and Desirable Internet**"

## PacINET 2013 in Tonga

PacINET is an annual event that brings Internet experts from around the Pacific Islands together.

This year, they met in Nuku'alofa in the Kingdom of Tonga on September 10-13 to discuss ICT development and the relevant issues.  This year's theme "Gateway of Opportunity" showcases Tonga's new fibre optic cable system as the latest example of its advancement in technology.
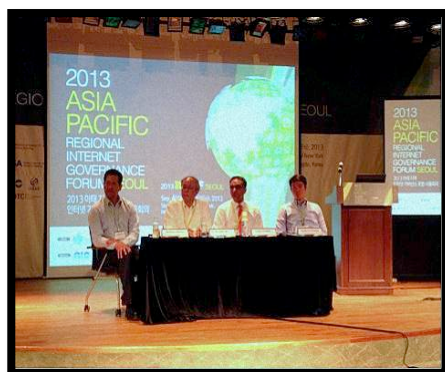
# Asia Pacific Regional Governance Forum – APrIGF in Seoul, Korea

Fadi with the APrIGF organisers.

Fadi with the Youth IGF in Seoul.

At our workshop on APAC engagement.

VP of Global Stakeholder Engagement, APAC, Kuek Yu Chuang shared a strategy framework for APAC engagement at the APrIGF.  The framework is centered on three engagement pillars – "awareness", "participation" and "collaboration".

# Youth for Information Technology – Y4IT in Manila, Philippines

The 11th Philippine Youth Congress on Information Technology (Y4IT) was held from 17-19 September in Manila.

This year's run saw the biggest turnout in the history of the Y4IT – a total of 25,000, with some 10,000 participants sitting in the sessions each day. Attendees were mostly IT students from not only Manila, but all over the Philippines and the organisers partnered most of the higher learning IT institutions to participate. It was described as an 'IT rock party'.

APAC Head of Strategy and Initiatives, Low Jia Rong, made a keynote speech on ICANN and its multi-stakeholder model, as well as the importance of Asia and ICANN's commitment to the region.

# Beijing Engagement Center Contact Information

The Beijing Engagement Center is now live with a customer service phone-line and a dedicated email channel to take queries and feedback in Chinese language, within the local time-zone. This has brought about new channels of engagement for China. SONG Zheng, has been appointed as Head of China and will take on responsibilities from October 14. We will be sharing new updates on the engagement center more shortly.

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## Regional Participation in August/September

| Timeline | Activities |
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| 1 August | Singapore hub office operationally ready |
| 5-7 August | SANOG Conference in Mumbai, India |
| 26-27 August | ICANN Registrar Event in Xiamen, China |
| 20-30 August | AP*/APTLD/APNIC Meetings in Xi'An, China |
| 4-6 September | APrIGF 2013 Seoul, South Korea |
| 10-13 September | PacINET 2013 Tonga |
| 11-16 September | WEF Summer Davos in Dalian, China |
| 18-19 September | Youth for IT Conference in Manila, Philippines |

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