Asia Pacific Hub Newsletter

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New gTLD Road Show

In support of efforts of industry partners, ICANN was present at the New gTLD road shows put up in Taipei, Hong Kong and Beijing. Special thanks go out to our industry friends who helped promote awareness and share information on brand protection in the domain name space. At the sessions in Taipei and Hong Kong, Kuek (VP, Asia) invited greater APAC participation in ICANN's policy process. Over 100 participants were at the sessions including major brands such as Hutchison, CSL, TVB and Alibaba.

In Beijing, there were also more than 100 attendees including New gTLD applicants, registrars, IP law firms, and domain name investors. ICANN's Head of China, Song Zheng, stressed the importance ICANN attaches to China and the role of Beijing Engagement Center as a direct contact point to expand cooperation with Chinese stakeholders.

> **Taipei: 8 October ✔**
> **Hong Kong: 11 October ✔**
> **Beijing: 15 October ✔**

Engagement in India

Internet, Mobile & Digital Economy Conference (IMDEC)– 17 Oct
IMDEC is a conference organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in association with the Ministry of Communications and IT. The topic of the conference is "Internet to Equinet: Empowering a Billion OnLine". The Guest of Honor Address was given by ICANN President and CEO, Mr. Fadi Chehadé.

ICANN CEO Fadi Chehadé, and Dr. Rajat Moona, Director General of CDAC, signed a letter of intent. Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Kapil Sibal, oversaw the signing ceremony.

Indian Center for DNS Security Announced at IMDEC

ICANN, in partnership with the Center for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), announced plans to create a Center of Excellence in Domain Name System Security in India.

The Center for Excellence will strive to solve critical Domain Name System (DNS) security issues by designing research projects together with ICANN security staff, as well as house a state-of-the-art research laboratory to evaluate and test security solutions.

Please see press release at www.icann.org/en/news/press/releases/release-17oct13-en for more details.

Youth Matters in Internet Governance

ICANN President and CEO Mr. Fadi Chehadé gave an opening statement at Amity College and participated in a conversation with Professor Subi Chaturvedi including topics such as, what is ICANN, how to amplify digital policy literacy amongst the youth as well as the role that he envisages for Indian youth in the Global Internet Governance dialogue.
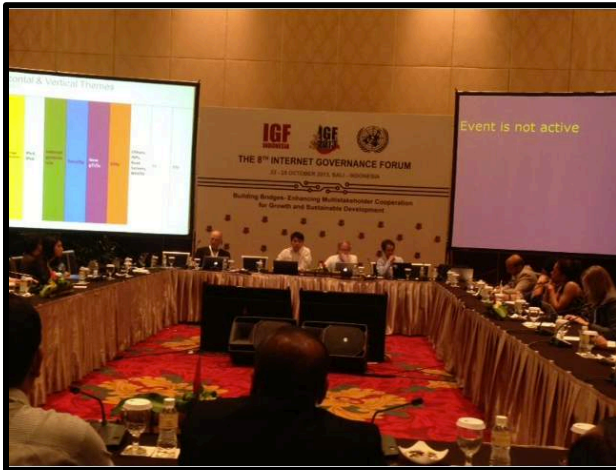
NASSCOM-DSCI 8th Annual Information Security Summit (AISS) in New Delhi

With over 100 speakers, 40 sessions, plenaries, multiple parallel track sessions, roundtables, breakfast meets and 10 keynote sessions to address contemporary trends and evolutions, the event attracted approximately 450 industry professional participants. Kuek Yu Chuang took part in a Panel discussion on the topic '**Critical Internet resources- contentious global policy issue'.**

Bali Internet Governance Forum

The APAC region played host to the Global Internet Governance Forum this year. Held in Bali, Indonesia on 22 – 25th October, the 8th IGF was themed "Building Bridges – Enhancing Multi-stakeholder Cooperation for Growth and Sustainable Development".

The sub-themes are:

- Access and Diversity – Internet as an engine for growth and sustainable development.
- Openness – Human rights, freedom of expression and free flow of information on the Internet.
- Security – Legal and other Frameworks: Spam, Hacking and Cyber-crime.
- Principles of Multistakeholder Cooperation.
- Internet Governance Principles.

For more information, please visit: http://blog.icann.org/2013/10/icann-at-igf-2013/

Australian Internet Governance Forum (auIGF)

The Australian Internet Governance Forum 2013 was held in Melbourne and hosted by .au Domain Administration Ltd.

It brought government, industry and community members together to discuss Internet-related policy issues, exchange ideas and best practices, as well as help shape the future of the Internet in Australia.

Participation from ICANN included Board Chair Stephen Crocker as keynote speaker, as well as Board Member Chris Disspain, Theresa Swinehart (Sr. Advisor to the President) and Savenaca Vocea (VP, Australasia/Pacific Islands).

Macao Internet Governance Forum

Macao held its inaugural IGF from 7-8 November 2013, hosted by MONIC and the Macao Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation. The Macao IGF provided a platform for exchange of information and best practices on Internet governance and ccTLD operations not only within the Macao community, but together with TWNIC and HKIRC as well. Jia-Rong Low (Head, Strategy & Initiatives) gave an opening speech on Internet governance. We would like to congratulate Macao for the successful hosting of its first IGF, and we continue to support the building of such dialogue in the region.

ICANN 48 In Buenos Aires

Hosted by NIC Argentina in the Capital city Buenos Aires, the ICANN 48 Meeting held over 200 separate sessions in 5 days covering a myriad of topics from Internet Governance, New gTLDS and Security Updates, to Accountability and Transparency, IDN Variant TLDs followed by a Public Forum as well as the Public ICANN Board Meeting. Specifically, the APAC region had a break out session to discuss ICANN's APAC strategy. This is still open for comments via the community wiki: https://community.icann.org/display/gseasiawkspc/Asia+Engagement+Strategy

The next ICANN meeting is from 23-27 March 2014: http://singapore49.icann.org/en/

Internet Week in Tokyo

Organised and sponsored by JPNIC.

ICANN was a proud sponsor of "Internet Week", an annual event that JPNIC hosts. Together with Deloitte, discussions were made with regard to the New gTLD program and the Trademark Clearing House system. A separate session was conducted on name collisions.

Separately, JPRS and ICANN co-hosted a briefing session to Keidanren on brand protection in the domain name space.

New ccTLD Members from the Pacific to join the ccNSO

.ck for Cook Islands
.tv for Tuvalu (television)
.ki for Kiribati

Regional Participation in October/November/December

Timeline	Activities
8-15 October	New gTLD Roadshow in Taipei, Hong Kong and Beijing
16-17 October	Australian IGF in Melbourne, Australia
17-18 October	Internet, Mobile & Digital Economy Conference (IMDEC) and ResellerClub Hosting Summit in New Delhi, India
22-25 October	8th IGF Meeting in Bali, Indonesia
7-8 November	Macao IGF in Macao
17-21 November	ICANN 48 in Buenos Aires, Argentina
26-29 November	Internet Week 2013 in Tokyo, Japan
8-12 December	NASSCOM-DSCI 8th Annual Information Security Summit (AISS) in New Delhi, India

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