Asia Pacific Hub Newsletter

Welcome to ICANN49 in Singapore!

For more information on the run-down of events at ICANN49, please visit:
http://singapore49.icann.org/en/

❗ Asia Pacific Events to Note

- ☑ 19 - 21 March, Pre-ICANN meeting DNSSEC training
- ☑ 21 March, 1330-1800hrs, SME Business Conference: "The Internet & Your Business"
- ☑ 22 March, 0900-1100, Multistakeholder Steering Group Meeting (MSG): Asia Pacific Regional IGF (APrIGF)
- ☑ 23 March, 0800-1030, DNS Forum Session
- ☑ 25 March, 1000-1200, ISIF (Information Society Innovation Fund) Asia Presentation on APAC IT Projects
- ☑ 27 March, 0900-1030, ICANN's Engagement in Asia Pacific
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ICANN UPDATE @ APRICOT 2014

The Asia Pacific Hub team participated at the APRICOT 2014 conference in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia (18-28 February 2014). A highlight for us was the organising of our pilot ICANN Update Session on 24 February 2014, in response to earlier feedback to bring ICANN's issues to the APAC community. The session was well-attended with almost 80 participants, with a number of fresh faces who have only heard from the APAC Hub the first time. We would like to thank you for your support in attending and for the lively discussion on our four main topics covering Universal Acceptance of all Top Level Domains; Internationalised Domain Names (IDN) Variants; Refining and Replacing WHOIS; and Updates on the New gTLD Programme. Survey respondents at the session asked us to organise more of such events (we will!), and to continue to be kept in touch with the community (we will and hope that you could help link us up too!).

The presentation slides and notes of discussion of the session can be found on our Community Wiki space (see link at the bottom of the newsletter). Please feel free to share the slides with your community, and if it helps, to have them translated to your community's language(s) as well! We hope that we can continue our discussion online at the Community Wiki space, and also at the upcoming ICANN49 meeting in Singapore. See you then!

L-Root in the Philippines
As of 28 February, 1 L-Root Single Nodes went live for Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT)
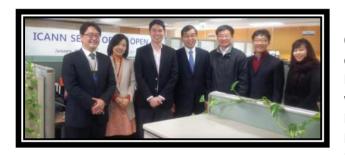
CHINESE NEW YEAR IN BEIJING WITH ICANN PRESIDENT

ICANN CEO and President Fadi Chehadé, together with Kuek Yu Chuang (Vice President of Asia) and Song Zheng (Head of China), paid a visit to Beijing in the midst of the Lunar New Year Festivities to meet with top government officials, industry partners and community stakeholders. Topics discussed included Internet Governance, New gTLD Program, IPv6 deployment, IDNs, internationalization and localization of ICANN. The next steps in cooperation with major Chinese stakeholders and support of the Chinese community's future participation of ICANN were also part of the dialogue to strengthen ICANN's partnership with the Chinese Internet Community.

In Beijing, Fadi communicated the importance of maintaining a single global Internet, as allowing the Internet to fragment would negatively impact the global economy and undermine public interests. This message was well received by participating stakeholders. More information is included in the blog link below.

ICANN SEOUL OFFICE OPENS!

On 2 January 2014, ICANN Seoul Office officially began operations. KISA's (Korea Internet Security Agency) President Lee Ki Joo and Vice-President Lee Kye Nam were present for the opening together with ICANN and KISA employees. We welcome Kelly (Hyeyoung Kang), Head of Korea and Kang Soo Song, Global Stakeholder Engagement Manager to the ICANN Family.

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SHAASTRA 2014

To kick off the New Year, Kuek was invited to give a video lecture on Internet Governance at Shaastra, the technical festival of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IITM) on 6 January. The series of lectures and demonstrations encouraged interaction between collegiate students, academia and industry experts.

This is the 15th run of the annual event, which drew the participation of 25000 students and engineers from all over the country.

38TH ICANN READ-OUT SESSION

Our community partners JPNIC (Japan Network Information Centre) and Internet Association Japan, organised a read-out session of the recent ICANN48 meeting to de-brief the Japanese community. JPRS (Japan Registry Service) provided an update on the Country Code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) while Mr. Shuji Yamaguchi, Director for Global ICT Strategy, Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIC) and Communications, provided updates on the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). This was the first read-out session that took place since the opening of ICANN's Asia Pacific Hub and Kuek participated in strong support to promote and gather feedback on the Asia Pacific engagement strategy and also to provide clarification on certain Internet Governance issues.

USEFUL LINKS

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- About APrIGF Multistakeholder Steering Group - http://www.rigf.asia/msg.html
- 21 March, 1330-1800hrs, Singapore Business Conference: "The Internet & Your Business" - http://trpc.biz/icann49internet
- ICANN Update @ Apricot 2014 - https://community.icann.org/display/gseasiawkspc/Asia+Pacific+Regional+Discussions+-+APRICOT,+Feb+2014
- Fadi in Beijing Blog Entry - http://blog.icann.org/2014/02/chinese-new-year-in-beijing-with-icann-president/