

APAC Space Web Conference



31 January 2023

Agenda

- **Welcome Remarks on APAC Space**— Jia-Rong Low, Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement & Managing Director, ICANN APAC (3 min)
- **Welcome Remarks on Universal Acceptance (UA) Day** - Ajay Data, Chair, Universal Acceptance Steering Group (3 mins)
- **Sharing by UA Local Initiatives**
 - i. China – Zhong Rui, Deputy Director, Universal Acceptance Local Initiative (7 mins)
 - ii. Sri Lanka - Harsha Wijayawardhana, Chair, Universal Acceptance Local Initiative (7 mins)
 - iii. Thailand - Anawin Pongsaboripat, Chair, Universal Acceptance Local Initiative (7 mins)
 - iv. India - Sarika Gulyani, Chair, Universal Acceptance Local Initiative (7 mins)
- **Q&A and Discussion** - Facilitated by Ajay Data, Chair, Universal Acceptance Steering Group (20 mins)
- **NomCom 2023 Outreach** – Brajesh Jain, Co-Chair, 2023 NomCom Outreach Subcommittee (6 mins)

Welcome Remarks on APAC Space



Jia-Rong Low
VP, Stakeholder Engagement &
Managing Director, ICANN APAC



APAC Space



- ❖ “Space for APAC community members
- ❖ Community-led bi-monthly Sessions — web conference, or face-to-face at ICANN Meetings
- ❖ ”Practice ground” to facilitate community discussion for ICANN participation
 - ❖ DNS industry topics
 - ❖ ICANN Policy Development Processes, and
 - ❖ ICANN Reviews

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Welcome Remarks on UA Day



Ajay Data
Chair, Universal Acceptance
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Sharing by UA Local Initiatives - China



Zhong Rui
Deputy Director, Universal
Acceptance Local Initiative



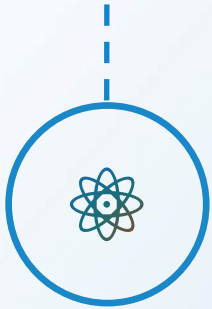
About Us

- **The Chinese Domain Names Initiative (CDNI) set up on Jan 9, 2020**
- **28 members: Internet companies, Registries, Registrars, industry associations, research institutes**



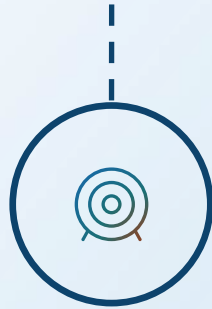


Key Work



Outreach

- Internet Company
- Email Service Provider
- Government
- End User



Training

- DNS
- Chinese IDN
- IG Policy



UA Test

- Browser
- Search Engine
- EAI
- Social Network
- E-commerce



Policy

- Policy Advice



Media

- Media Campaign



Highlights in 2022

Organized IG and Chinese IDN Training Session in universities from **May to June**

Released “UA Test Report in China” and “Proposal on Chinese IDN Application Environment Construction” **in Aug**

Promote : Chinese IDN Application Best Practice

Member of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), suggested to promote Chinese IDN **in March**

Organized Symposium on Development of Chinese Domain Names **in May**

Industry event: Domain Names Industry Cooperation and Development Conference **in Nov**

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Look forward in 2023

- **UA Day Activity: Awareness Promotion + Training**
- **Outreach to key Internet/EAI Service Providers**
- **Market and User Education**
- **Policy Efforts**
- **Cooperation and Exchanges**

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Thank you !

Sharing by UA Local Initiatives – Sri Lanka



Harsha Wijayawardhana
Chair, Universal Acceptance Local
Initiative

INTRODUCTION

- ❑ Sri Lankan UA LI launched on 5th of December 2022.
- ❑ We also started our first three day workshop on 28th & 29th of November and on the 5th December, we have policy workshop. For the workshop held in 28th & 29th more than thirty participated.
- ❑ These participants included Engineers from the leading Internet Service providers in Sri Lanka such as SLT Mobitel and Dialog.
- ❑ Senior Officers from ICTA, Dialog, SLT and Academia participated in the policy workshop.
- ❑ Champika Wijayatunga, ICANN's Regional Technical Engagement Manager for Asia Pacific Regions and I carried out the training.

PRESS CONFERENCE

- ❑ On the 5th of December 2022, we had a very successful press conference and almost all media institutions carried it as news within several days.
- ❑ Lakehouse which is the oldest Newspaper publisher carried several news items in their front pages in Sinhala and English dailies.
- ❑ Lakehouse became the first newspaper company to launch IDNs for Sinhala and Tamil newspapers.

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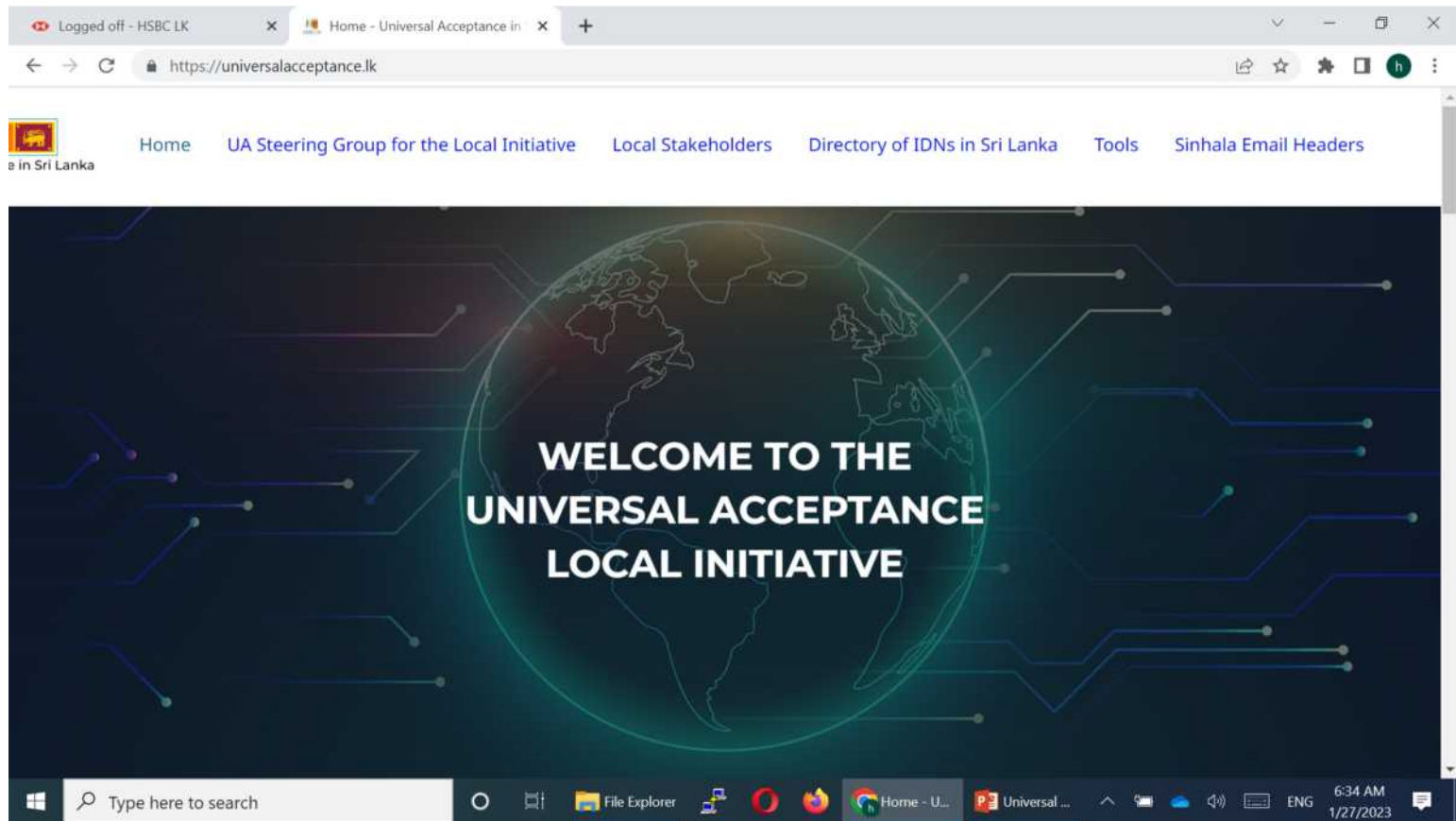
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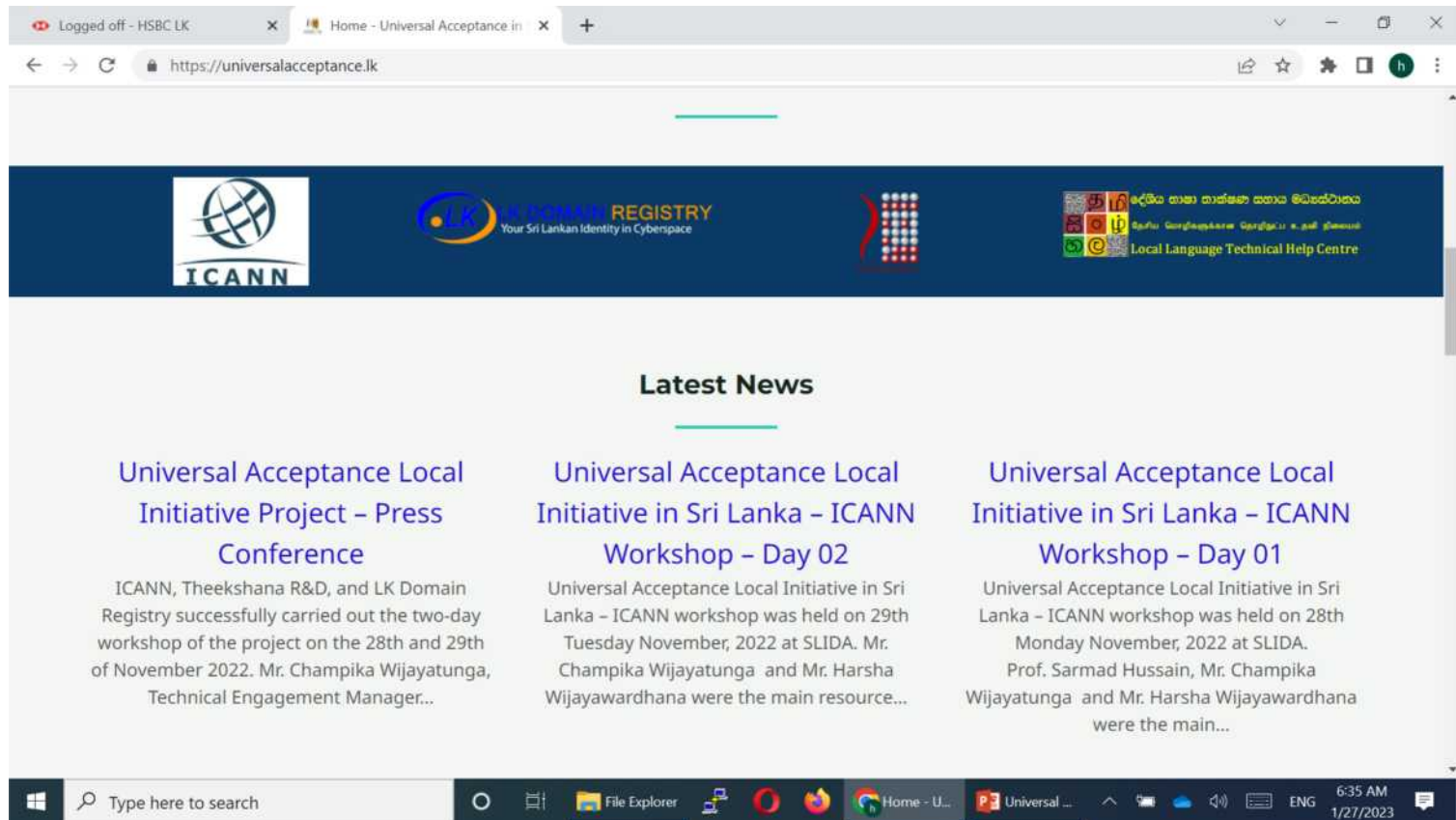
UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE WEBSITE

- ❑ universalacceptance.lk or විශ්වසම්මුඛි.ලංකා is the official website for the UA LI project in Sri Lanka.
- ❑ We are in the process of developing several tools such as Punycode Generator complying IDNA2008.
- ❑ It is planned to develop many other tools such as ping, traceroute, etc., using U-labels.
- ❑ The second workshop was also held on 24th & 25th of January where Theekhana unveiled the first ever email platform.
- ❑ Theekshana developed email platform using Postfix, Dovecot, and Roundcube.
- ❑ Theekshana also worked on many different Mail clients such as MUTT, etc.

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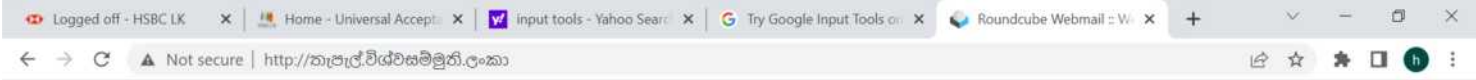


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- Universal Acceptance Local Initiative Project – Press Conference**
ICANN, Theekshana R&D, and LK Domain Registry successfully carried out the two-day workshop of the project on the 28th and 29th of November 2022. Mr. Champika Wijayatunga, Technical Engagement Manager...
- Universal Acceptance Local Initiative in Sri Lanka – ICANN Workshop – Day 02**
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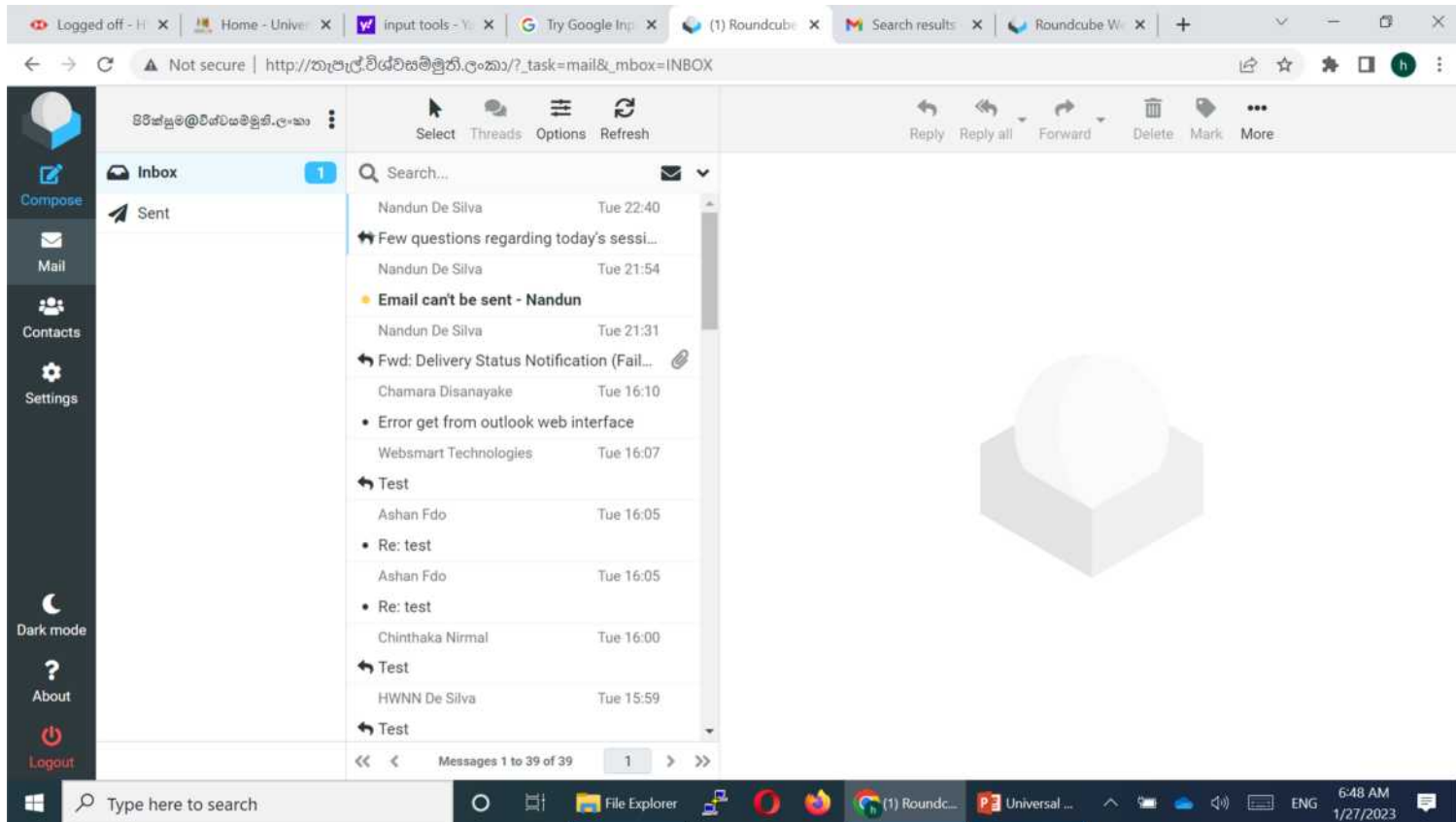


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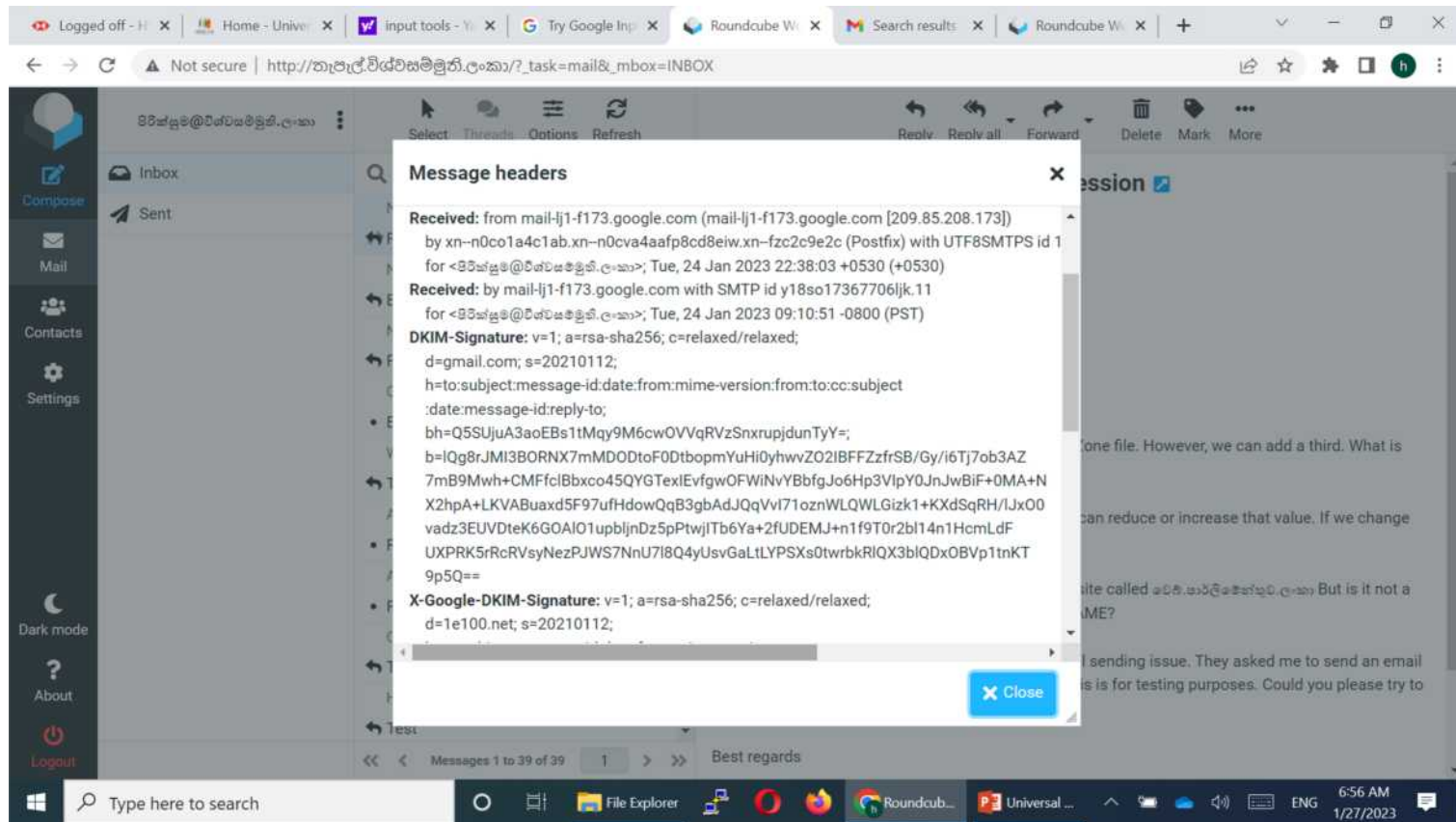
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- **We are now working on setting up of a platform which is open to the Sri Lankan public.**



Thank you

Any Questions? Please send to විජයවර්ධන@විශ්වසම්මුති.ලංකා or

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Sharing by UA Local Initiatives - Thailand



Anawin Pongsaboripat
Chair, Universal Acceptance Local
Initiative

Thailand UA Local Initiative - Current Activities

Conduct 3 workshops named "Setting up an Email Server with EAI Support on Ubuntu" at Universities for staff and students following below:

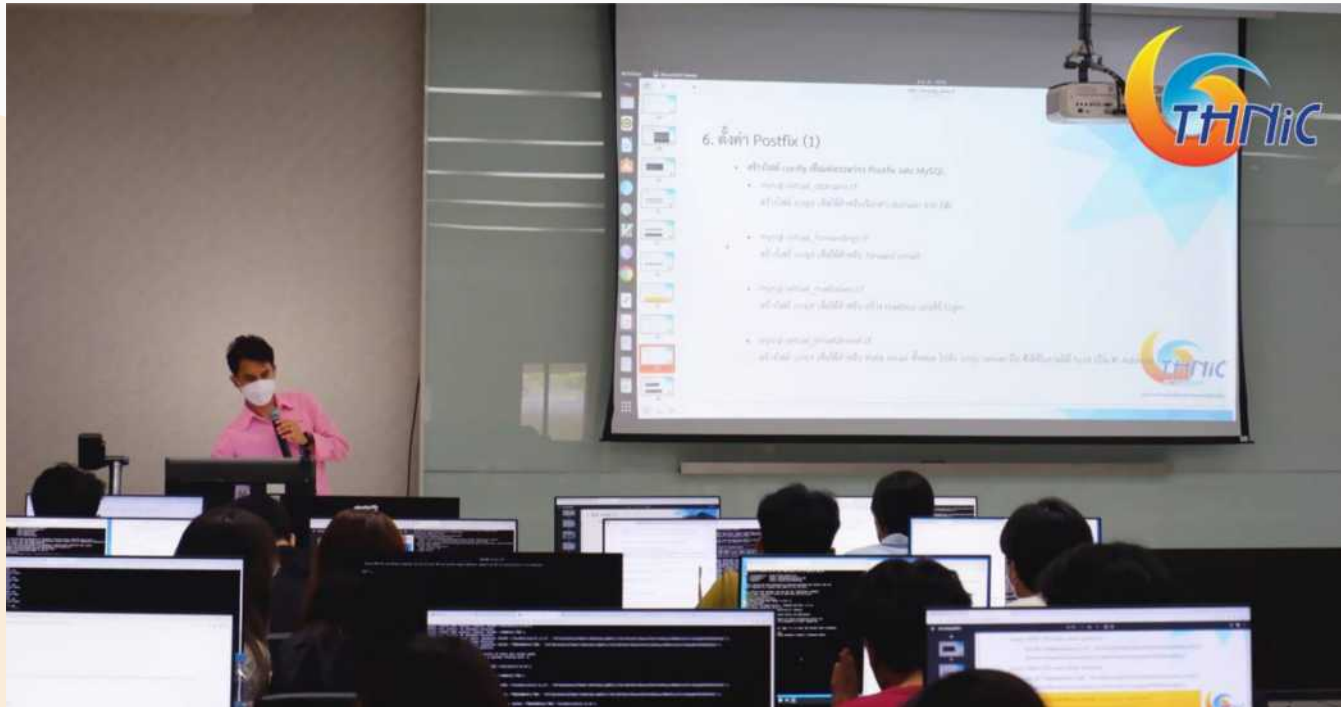
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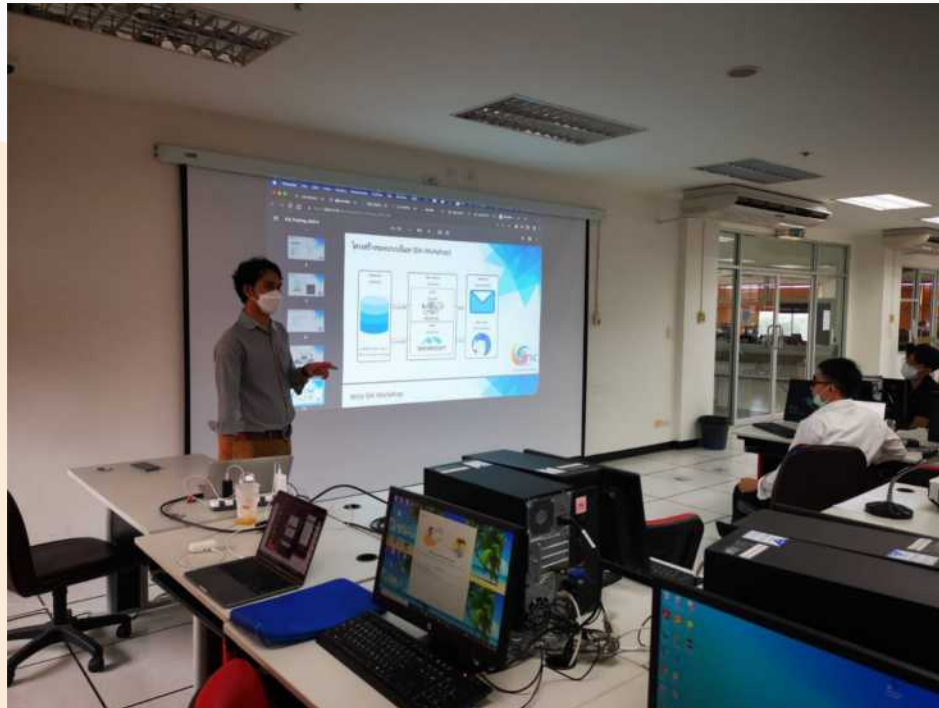
- * 22 Nov 2022 - Faculty of Computer Science, Thammasat University



Thailand UA Local Initiative - Current Activities

Conduct 3 workshops named “Setting up an Email Server with EAI Support on Ubuntu” at Universities for staff and students following list below:

- * 7 Jan 2023 - Faculty of Computer Science, Rajamangala University of Technology Tawan-ok



Thailand UA Local Initiative - Current Activities

On 4 Nov 2022, as a part of Thailand UA Local Initiative, the THNIC Academy organized a half-day seminar at Thammasat University for staff, students, and interested persons to raise their awareness about UA, Thai IDNs, and Thai EAI, encourage them to improve their systems to be UA-Ready and promote next year's UA-Day event.



Thailand UA Local Initiative - Current Activities

On 3 Dec 2022, THNIC helped to organize the “Young Webmaster Camp Reunion” at Maruay Garden Hotel to raise awareness about UA, Thai IDNs, and Thai EAI, as well as encourage all participants to improve their systems to be UA-Ready. They also promoted next year’s UA-Day event for developers and interested people.

Thailand UA Local Initiative - Current Activities

On 8 Dec 2022 we have a THNIC Reseller Meeting at Pathumwan Princess Hotel. In this full-day event, we encouraged our resellers to implement their systems to be UA-Ready and also promote about UA-Day event.



Thailand UA Local Initiative - UA-Day Event

- * A full-day event
 - * In the morning, we will have a “Setting up an Email Server with EAI Support on Ubuntu” workshop
 - * In the afternoon, we will have a seminar to discuss “How to Create Business Digital Identity without Social Platforms”



Universal Acceptance (UA)
Day
#Internet4All

28 March 2023

Thailand UA Local Initiative - Upcoming Activities

- * Organize a workshop to develop UA: set a workshop to develop/modify web applications to be UA-Ready - May 2023
- * Organize a hackathon to develop UA and EAI applications: set a hackathon to develop/modify UA and EAI applications - May 2023

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THANK YOU



Sharing by UA Local Initiatives - India



Sarika Gulyani
Chair, Universal Acceptance Local
Initiative

Digital Landscape of India

- India's digital transformation journey is a global phenomenon.
- India is one of the **biggest consumers of data** around the world and we are the **world's second-largest telecommunications**, as well as the **App market**.



~1.2 Billion Telcom Subscribers

~833 million internet subscribers

1.4 billion Aadhaar holders

~6.8 Billion UPI transaction
(as of 2022)

- This is further backed by various Government initiatives like: **e-Hospital, BHIM, online scholarships, DigiLocker, Umang app, e-Courts, Tele-Law, eWay Bills**, etc. are further empowering Indian Citizen.
- With **world's largest digital infrastructure** by connecting **250,000 Gram Panchayats and small villages** of India by optical fiber, Digital India is reaching to far corners of the country.



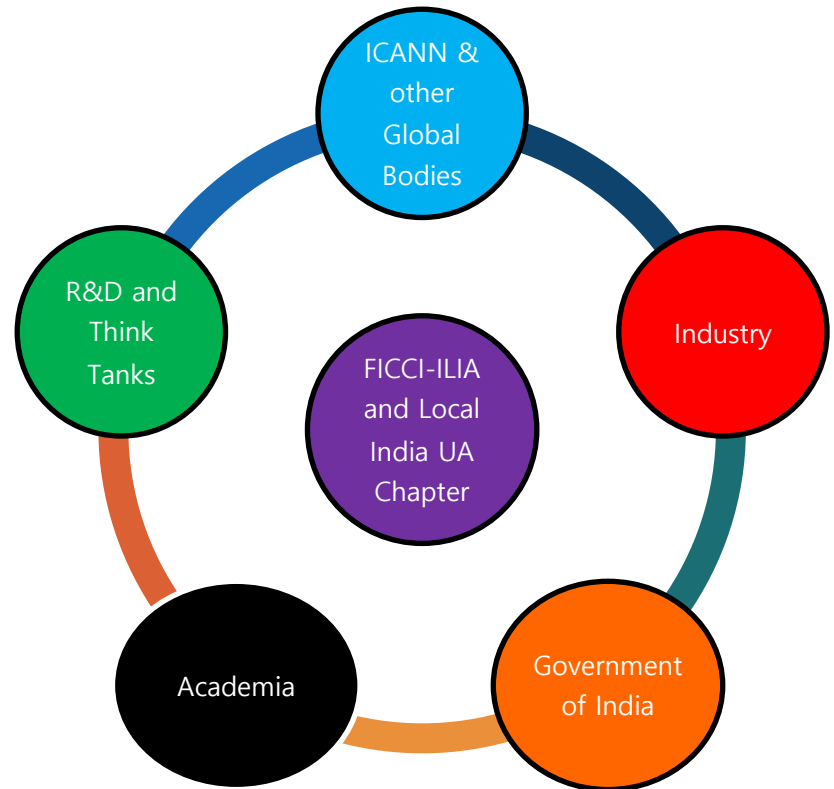
Language and Indic-Internet Landscape of India

- India is a unique country with massive linguistic diversity.
- ✓ **22 official languages**
- ✓ **30+ spoken languages (1 million speakers)**
- ✓ **1600+ dialects**
- ✓ Single script for multiple languages & multiple scripts for a single language
- Multilingual internet landscape of India is rapidly evolving, with active participation from the community, innovation from Industry
- And most importantly initiatives by Government of India like:



FICCI-ILIA and Local India Chapter

- FICCI-ILIA Indian Language Internet Alliance (**FICCI-ILIA**) is a **multistakeholder alliance** that works for the **sustainable growth and development of the sector**.
- FICCI-ILIA further joined hands with **UASG, ICANN** and established the **local India UA Chapter**, back in 2019-20.
- Our prime objective is to **build discussion and knowledge exchange forums** that will uphold the cause and impact of Universal Acceptance and its implementation in India.
- Our activities are spread across categories like:
 - Technical Competency Development
 - Leadership Sessions
 - Government Engagement
 - Awareness and Outreach
 - Building UA Narrative
 - Multistakeholder Collaboration



Recent Initiatives Toward UA Development in India



- **Technical Competency Development**

- Regional UA Training Programs "IDNs-EAI in Indian Languages - Challenges and Remediation", August 2022
- Capacity Building Session on Demystifying UA - An introduction to the fundamentals of UA & EAI, September 2022
- Local India UA Chapter Training Session on UA readiness for Registries & Registrars, November 2022
- UA Remediation Training cum Hackathon Session Programming Support for UA, November 2022



- **Leadership Sessions**

- UA Community Interactive Session - Mr. Jia Rong Low, ICANN, December 2022
- Fireside Chat with Mr Vijay Shekhar Sharma, PayTM, April 2022

- **Government Engagement**

- Session on Universal Acceptance and EAI during, India IGF 2022, December

Recent Initiatives Toward UA Development in India



- **Awareness and Outreach**

- Awareness Session on Connecting India to the World with Multilingual Internet & UA, September 2022

- **Multistakeholder Collaboration**

- Represented at ICANN 75, Middle East DNS Forum etc.
- Multistakeholder Session on UA - Foundational Pillar for India's Multilingual Internet, September 2022

- **Building UA Narrative**

- Mera.Bharat and FICCI-ILIA UA Case Study
- Authored Article
- Social Media Promotion



Recent Initiatives Toward UA Development in India





Upcoming Activities

India Curtain Raiser Programme - Global UA Day

- Multistakeholder Programme will be organised in Jaipur on 24-February, 2023
- Led by Dr. Ajay Data, Chairman, UASG, ICANN and other members from community
- Objective is promotion of UA and to create a Buzz for Global UA Day

Bhashantara 2023

- India's only national symposium on Language Technology
- "Embracing Universal Acceptance as a foundation of multilingual internet and a pathway to complete Digital Inclusion"

Focus of Local India Chapter for 2023



Market Potential and Future Growth

- India's digital revolution is rapidly moving towards complete digital inclusion and developing of a multilingual internet ecosystem.
- Which is further catalyzed by new and proactive initiatives GoI,
- **Voice, and Vernacular** are the new trends for Indian internet users.
- **Indic and local language internet** users will account for nearly **75%** of India's internet user base.
- **There is immense potential** in the sector and for UA Implementation.
- Local India UA Chapter will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders.



Knowledge Exchange

- We welcome global experts to come on our platforms and share their experiences and case studies with our community.

Collaboration

- We are looking for global partners to engage with our community.





THANK YOU

Q&A and Discussion



Facilitated by **Ajay Data**
Chair, Universal Acceptance
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NomCom 2023 Outreach



Brajesh Jain
Co-Chair, 2023 NomCom Outreach
Subcommittee



What is the NomCom?

- ✦ The Nominating Committee (NomCom) is an independent committee tasked with filling open leadership positions on the ICANN Board, the Public Technical Identifiers Board, the At-Large Advisory Committee, the Generic Names Supporting Organization Council, and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization Council.
- ✦ The NomCom is designed to function independently from the Board, the Supporting Organizations, and the Advisory Committees.
- ✦ NomCom delegates act in the interest of the global Internet community and within the scope of ICANN's mission and their duties according to the ICANN Bylaws; NomCom delegates do not act in the interest of the group that appointed them to the NomCom.

We're Looking for Leaders

The **ICANN Nominating Committee** (NomCom) is looking for leaders who represent a variety of **cultural, geographical, and professional backgrounds**, while also **striving for diversity balance**.

Do you have what we're looking for?

- **Critical Thinking**
- **Cultural Awareness**
- **Knowledge of the Internet Ecosystem**
- **Board or Executive Experience**
- **Relevant experience in Legal, Finance, Government, Technology, Business or Nonprofit sector**

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Why should you apply?

- **Influence global Internet policy**
- **Impact the evolution of the Internet**
- **Enhance professional skills**
- **Collaborate with a diverse group of industry leaders**
- **Engage with a global community**

For more information on how to apply, visit: <https://www.icann.org/nomcom2023>



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Member for the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Board of Directors

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Regional Representatives to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

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Members of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council

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Member of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council



**Deadline to apply:
23 March 2023 at 23:59 Universal
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