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LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR ASIA PACIFIC

Our Regional Report showcases the various milestones and highlights from the past financial year (July 2018 to June 2019).

In the past year, we've seen the global community gathered in our region at two key events - the ICANN64 meeting in Kobe, as well as the ICANN Global Domains Division (GDD) Industry Summit in Bangkok. Events like these have helped increase the regional community's engagement, as well as facilitate engagement with the wider global community.

Our regional community members continue to lead in ICANN. We are pleased to continue showcasing our region's active participation, including our region's youth leaders. One key highlight is that 25% of our Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) alumni remain active in Internet governance.

We remain focused on contributing to the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet's unique identifier system. Our engagement activities in service of this goal focus on capacity development as well as implementing technical projects in partnership with the ICANN Office of the Chief Technology Officer.
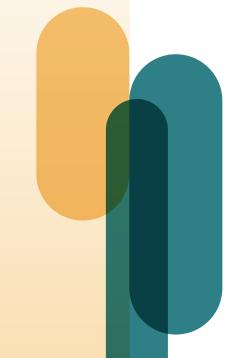
We thank you for your collaboration and support.

Sincerely,
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YEAR AT A GLANCE - TIMELINE

2018

23-27 July
The third **Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA)** was held in Gwangju, Republic of Korea. The five-day workshop was jointly organized by Korea Internet and Security Agency (KISA) and ICANN.

13-16 August
The **Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF)** took place at Port Vila, Vanuatu, making its debut in the Pacific Islands.

28 August
A year-long **Universal Acceptance awareness campaign** kicked off in New Delhi, India, with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) and the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).

5-7 September
ICANN org participated in the **GSMA Mobile 360 Digital Societies Forum** in Bangkok, Thailand, and discussed how Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) can contribute to the next billion Internet users.

8 September
The **first ICANN engagement event** in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**, took place in collaboration with Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS).

9 October
A **Domain Name System (DNS) Abuse workshop** was held in Tokyo, Japan, for contracted parties and the local Internet community to raise awareness about DNS security and abuse handling.

7-9 November
Representatives from the ICANN Board and org attended the **World Internet Conference** in Wuzhen, China, and **met with contracted parties and academics in Shanghai, China**.

4 December
A multicity **IDN and Universal Acceptance Roadshow** was launched in China led by UASG and the China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC). The first stop was Hangzhou, China.

2019

18-28 February
ICANN org contributed to discussions on topics such as routing security, DNS operations, and Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) at the **Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT)**, the **AP* Retreat**, and **APNIC 45** in Daejeon, Republic of Korea.

9-14 March
An ICANN Public Meeting returned to Japan after 19 years with **ICANN64** in **Kobe, Japan**. The high turnout at the Community Forum was a result of successful outreach conducted in the run up to the event.

16-17 April
Taiwan Network Information Center (TWNIC) collaborated with ICANN org to organize the **ICANN APAC-TWNIC Engagement Forum** on the DNS and Internet ecosystem in Taipei.

6-13 May
ICANN org brought the annual **GDD Industry Summit** to Asia for the first time. The three-day event in Bangkok, Thailand, was followed by the **Registrations Operations Workshop**, the **ICANN DNS Symposium**, and the **DNS Operations, Analysis, and Research Center Workshop (OARC30)**.

18 June
The **Internet Identifier Innovation Center** in India was announced. The collaboration between ICANN and India's National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things (COE-IOT) will focus on research and engagement activities to foster innovation in Internet identifier technologies.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

NEW PARTNERSHIP CENTER FOR TECHNICAL RESEARCH

In June 2019, ICANN org and India's National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things (COE-IOT) jointly announced a new partnership center in India. The new venture, the Internet Identifier Innovation Center, will contribute to ICANN org's mission to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems.

This is ICANN org's first partnership center focusing on technical research. The collaboration provides a structure to jointly identify research projects.

The first research project focused on testing the use of the DNS to update Internet of Things firmware and studying how the proposed technology could scale outside a lab environment. Upon completion, the research results could contribute towards global Internet standards.

The collaboration also includes engagement activities to promote the research projects as well as capacity-development workshops to strengthen the active participation of Indian community in ICANN's policymaking processes.

GUIDING THE TRANSITION OF THE NEXT GENERATION FROM DIGITAL NATIVES TO DIGITAL CITIZENS

In July 2018, the third Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) welcomed 32 young adults from the Asia Pacific region to Gwangju, Republic of Korea. The program's objective is to develop young leaders' knowledge and skills to encourage their contributions to the Internet community as digital citizens.

APIGA has been recognized as the premier platform for youth engagement on Internet governance issues in the region. It has also been successful in nurturing and cultivating an alumni that remain involved in the Internet governance ecosystem. The workshop has hosted 124 participants since its beginning, and 32 alumni are currently active in the Internet community.

The five-day Internet governance capacity-development workshop was co-organized by ICANN and the Korea Internet and Security Agency (KISA), with support from partners like the Asia Pacific Network Information Center (APNIC), DotAsia, and the Internet Society (ISOC).

GLOBAL ICANN MEETINGS IN THE APAC REGION

To encourage regional participation in ICANN64 Kobe and GDD Summit, ICANN org conducted additional outreach leading up to these meetings:

ICANN64 Kobe

The focus of the Kobe outreach was to engage with the various local stakeholder groups (e.g., industry, academia, youth, and end users) to raise awareness of ICANN and ICANN-related issues.

GDD Summit

Around 50 contracted parties from the region, mostly first timers, attended the GDD Summit. The regional team organized a "meet-and-greet" session for the contracted parties to help them get to know one another.

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

ICANN|ASO

ADDRESS SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION

3 *out of* **15**
ASO Address councilors are from APAC

ICANN|ccNSO

COUNTRY CODE NAMES SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION

40 *out of* **172**
ccTLD members are from APAC

5 *of the* **18**
ccNSO councilors are from APAC

The ccTLD of Lao People's Democratic Republic, .la joined ccNSO in April 2019

ICANN|GNSO

GENERIC NAMES SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION

GNSO COUNCIL

4 *out of* **23**
councilors are from APAC

BUSINESS CONSTITUENCY (BC)

3 *out of* **71**
companies are from APAC

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CONSTITUENCY (IPC)

4 *out of* **55**
members are from APAC

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CONNECTIVITY PROVIDERS CONSTITUENCY (ISPCP)

14 *out of* **62**
companies are from APAC

REGISTRARS STAKEHOLDER GROUP (RRSG)

1 *out of* **10**
Executive Committee members are from APAC

13 *out of* **100**
member registrars are from APAC

REGISTRIES STAKEHOLDER GROUP (RYSG)

12 *out of* **83**
member registry operators are from APAC

NONCOMMERCIAL USERS CONSTITUENCY (NCUC)

24 *out of* **151**
organizational members are from APAC

93 *out of* **604**
individual members are from APAC

NOT-FOR-PROFIT OPERATIONAL CONCERNS CONSTITUENCY (NPOC)

1 *out of* **6**
Executive Committee

9 *out of* **96**
members are from APAC

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS cont'd

Regional SO leaders
Newly appointed in FY19

Donna Austin
RySG Chair

Aftab Sidiqqui
ASO Address Council Chair

*Simon Sohel Baroi
ASO Address councilor

Brajesh Jain
ASO Address councilor

*Jordan Carter
ccNSO councilor

*Ajay Data
ccNSO councilor

Hirofumi Hotta
ccNSO councilor

*Jian Zhang
ccNSO councilor

*Pam Little
GNSO Council Vice Chair

*Syed Ismail Shah
GNSO councilor

*David Cake
NPOC Executive Committee

Monika Zalnieriute
NCSG Executive Committee

Rafik Dammak
GNSO Council Vice Chair

Rafik is originally Tunisian but has been residing in Japan. He contributes to both the Middle East and APAC ICANN communities.

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : ADVISORY COMMITTEES

AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ICANN AT-LARGE

4 *out of* **19**
members

56 At-Large Structures located in **30** countries and territories in Asian, Australasian, and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO).

ICANN | GAC

GOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

47 *out of* **51**
countries and territories in the APAC region are GAC members

3
regional organizations are GAC observers

6
regional individuals are GAC observers

Lao People's Democratic Republic, joined in Nov 2018

ICANN | RSSAC

ROOT SERVER SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2 *out of* **24**
members

22 *out of* **112**
RSSAC Caucus members are from APAC

ICANN | SSAC

SECURITY AND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4 *out of* **39**
members are from APAC

Regional AC leaders
Newly appointed in FY19

*Maureen Hilyard
ALAC Chair

Satish Babu
APRALO Chair

*Par Brümark
GAC Vice Chair

Julie Hammer
SSAC Vice Chair, ALAC Liaison to SSAC

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : OTHERS

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ICANN NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1 *out of* **21**
delegates is from APAC

TECHNICAL LIAISON GROUP

1 *out of* **8**
members is from APAC

CUSTOMER STANDING COMMITTEE (CSC)

1 *out of* **10**
members is from APAC

Community Leadership
Newly appointed in FY19

Brajesh Jain
NomCom (ASO-appointed) delegate

Jie Zhang
Technical Liaison Group member

***Holly Raiche**
ALAC Liaison to the CSC

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEWS

POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES (PDP)

PROTECTION OF INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION – INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (IGO-INGO) IDENTIFIERS IN ALL GTLDS

2 *out of* **16**
members are from APAC

NEW GTLD SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURES

36 *out of* **196**
members are from APAC

REVIEW OF ALL RIGHTS PROTECTION MECHANISMS (RPMS) IN ALL GTLDS

18 *out of* **168**
members are from APAC

CROSS-COMMUNITY WORKING GROUPS

NEW GTLD AUCTION PROCEEDS

4 *out of* **25**
members are from APAC

REVIEWS

SPECIFIC REVIEWS

THIRD ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY REVIEW (ATRT3)

3 *of the* **18**
members are from APAC

COMPETITION, CONSUMER TRUST, AND CONSUMER CHOICE REVIEW (CCT)

1 *of the* **11**
members is from APAC

SECOND SECURITY, STABILITY, AND RESILIENCY REVIEW (SSR2):

2 *of the* **15**
members are from APAC

REGISTRATION DIRECTORY SERVICE (RDS) (ON HOLD):

2 *of the* **11**
members are from APAC

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEWS cont'd

REVIEWS

ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEWS

AT-LARGE 2

7 *of the* **26**
members of the At-Large Review
Working Party are from APAC

RSSAC

1 *of the* **5**
members of the RSSAC Review
Working Party is from APAC

SSAC

2 *of the* **13**
members of the SSAC Review
Working Party are from APAC

NOMCOM

4 *of the* **14**
Committee delegates are
from APAC

CCNSO

3 *of the* **10**
members of the ccNSO Review
Working Party are from APAC

REGIONAL WORKING GROUP LEADERS

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR
• NEW GTLD SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURES PDP WORKING GROUP CO-CHAIR
• AT-LARGE REVIEW WORKING PARTY CO-CHAIR

CHING CHIAO
• CCWG NEW GTLD AUCTION PROCEEDS CO-CHAIR

MICHAEL FLEMMING
• NEW GTLD SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURES PDP WORKING GROUP, WORK TRACK 2 CO-CHAIR

SOPHIA FENG SHUO
• NEW GTLD SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURES PDP WORKING GROUP, WORK TRACK 2 CO-CHAIR

REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE AND INTERNATIONALIZED DOMAIN NAMES

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Universal Acceptance

Working with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) over the past year, ICANN org conducted a number of significant outreach activities in China and India. UASG also appointed Universal Acceptance Ambassadors who help to promote UA to their peers in the industry.

Regional UASG Leaders

- Edmon Chung — Vice Chair (term ended in March 2019)
- Ajay Data - Email Address Internationalization (EAI) Working Group Co-Chair (before March 2019)
- **Ajay Data — Chair (appointed in March 2019)**
- **Jiankang Yao — EAI Working Group Co-Chair**

Regional UA Ambassadors

- Harish Chowdhary — Delhi, India
- Ashish Modi — Jaipur, India
- **Walter Wu — Hong Kong, China**

names in bold = newly appointed in FY19

Internationalized Domain Names

Below is an update on the status of current script Generation Panels (GPs) in the APAC region. Once the script Label Generation Rules (LGR) are finalized, they are integrated into the root zone LGR.

Forming	Working	Finalizing	Integrated
Thaana	Myanmar	Chinese	Devanagari
Tibetan		Japanese	Gujarati
		Korean	Gurmukhi
		Neo-Brahmi (Bangla)	Kannada
			Khmer
			Lao
			Malayalam
			Oriya
			Sinhala
			Tamil
			Telugu
			Thai

CAPACITY-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN ASIA PACIFIC

TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

As part of ICANN's mission to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems, ICANN org provides capacity-building training for Domain Name System (DNS), DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC), and DNS/Network Security to the APAC community.

Total number of workshops:

13

Number of participants:

555

TRAINING FOR NON-TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

The org also regularly helps to build capacity for the non-technical community such as accredited registrars and registry operators. These trainings are aimed towards helping these stakeholders to better understand ICANN policies and processes.

Total number of workshops:

5

Number of participants:

101

TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

ICANN org provides training for law enforcement agencies so that they can better handle abuse and misuse related to Internet identifiers.

Total number of workshops:

2

Number of participants:

45

LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, Universal Acceptance (UA) and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) will remain key focus areas. The APAC region is very diverse and home to 21 of the world's most spoken languages. Greater awareness and support of IDNs and UA will contribute to a multilingual Internet, and help the region's communities to thrive online.

The **UASG FY20 Action Plan** will guide the partnership between ICANN org, the UASG, and the regional community. In particular, the team aims to drive local UA initiatives in the region, starting with China and India.

In line with ICANN's technical remit, technical engagement will continue to be a key focus. The partnership center with India's NASSCOM is an example of the type of technical collaboration that the region seeks. ICANN org, through the Office of the CTO and the org's regional team, will work with the regional community to protect the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet's unique identifier system.

Another highlight going forward will be the ICANN68 Policy Forum, which will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 22–25 June 2020. This will be the first Policy Forum to be held in the Asia Pacific region. The org will work with the APAC community to encourage more regional community members to attend and participate in ICANN org's policy development.

ICANN org welcomes any suggestions or feedback. The regional team can be reached at **apachub@icann.org.**

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