



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Mr. Chen Yin
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Ministry of Industry and Information Technology
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Dear Mr. Chen Yin,

Thank you for your letter of April 19, 2012 and for your helpful comments regarding the new gTLD program. Thank you also for the continued constructive contributions of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology to the work of ICANN in matters beyond new gTLDs.

Your statement regarding MIIT's authority over the issuance of documentation of support or non-objection for applications for geographic name TLDs is helpful. As noted in the Applicant Guidebook, each application for a geographic name will require the Geographic Names Panel (GNP) to confirm that the required documentation has been provided from the relevant government or public authorities. The guidance in your letter is likely to be of help to the GNP in evaluating applications for covered Geographic Names.

Given the guidance provided in the Applicant Guidebook regarding the need for applicants to consult with relevant authorities, we kindly ask that you urge each applicant for geographic top-level domains for which MIIT is to be considered the sole government authority to include this information in the documentation submitted during the application process.

We also recognize that the issue of paired delegation of simplified and traditional Chinese characters for Chinese domain names is important to the Chinese-language community and appreciate your comments in this regard. We welcome the Chinese community's contributions to the next phase of IDN Variant Issue Project work for both Chinese and non-Chinese characters.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rod Beckstrom", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rod Beckstrom
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