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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

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

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.

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).

2019

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 out of 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**

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<td>4 out of 23 councilors are from APAC</td>
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<td>14 out of 62 companies are from APAC</td>
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<td>Noncommercial Users Constituency (NCUC)</td>
<td>24 out of 151 organizational members are from APAC</td>
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<td>93 out of 604 individual members are from APAC</td>
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<td>3 out of 71 companies are from APAC</td>
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<td>12 out of 83 member registry operators are from APAC</td>
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<td>1 out of 6 Executive Committee</td>
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<td>4 out of 55 members are from APAC</td>
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<td>9 out of 96 members are from APAC</td>
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**Regional SO leaders**

*Newly appointed in FY19

- Donna Austin
  RySG Chair

- Brajesh Jain
  ASO Address councilor

- Hirofumi Hotta
  ccNSO councilor

- *Syed Ismail Shah*
  GNSO councilor

- *Aftab Sidiqqui*
  ASO Address Council Chair

- *Jordan Carter*
  ccNSO councilor

- *Jian Zhang*
  ccNSO councilor

- 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.

- *Simon Sohel Baroi*
  ASO Address councilor

- *Ajay Data*
  ccNSO councilor

- *Pam Little*
  GNSO Council Vice Chair

- *David Cake*
  NPOC Executive Committee

- Monika Zalnieriute
  NCSG Executive Committee

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REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : ADVISORY COMMITTEES

**ICANN AT-LARGE**

- **AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
  - *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
  - Lao People’s Democratic Republic, joined in Nov 2018
  - 6 regional individuals are GAC observers

**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

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 PROCEEDURES**
  - 36 out of 196 members are from APAC
- **REVIEWS 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
  - **SECOND SECURITY, STABILITY, AND RESILIENCY REVIEW (SSR2):**
    - 2 of the 15 members are from APAC
- **COMPETITION, CONSUMER TRUST, AND CONSUMER CHOICE REVIEW (CCT)**
  - 1 of the 11 members is from APAC
- **REGISTRATION DIRECTORY SERVICE (RDS) (ON HOLD):**
  - 2 of the 11 members are from APAC
REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEWS cont’d

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
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.

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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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