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Dear Mr. CHENG,

The Asia Initiative

We write in response to the ICANN’s request for input from the GAC Members of the Asia Pacific on the Asia Initiative.

We observed that there are different opinions and comments, both favourable and unfavourable, among the Internet community, governments and ccTLD registries concerned on the approaches and mechanisms for introducing the Asia top level domain namespace. We think that ICANN and DotAsia should address the issues and considerations before governments could take a definitive view on the support or otherwise for the proposal.

While we note the interest in the creation of a TLD for the Asian internet community, we think that the Asia TLD should be regarded as a regional TLD and we have reservation for a private company to oversee and administer a regional TLD in general. Having said that, we do not have sufficient grounds to respond in the format as DotAsia proposed, that is support, have no objection, or object to, the Proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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GAC Representative for Hong Kong SAR

c.c. Dr. Paul Twomey, President & CEO of ICANN