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Register For ICANN64 Community Forum in Kobe

Registration for ICANN64 in Kobe, Japan is now open. [Please register here.](#)

The Community Forum will be held from 9-14 March at the Kobe Portopia Hotel and Kobe International Conference Center. A preliminary schedule is available, [here](#). Travel resources, including hotel group rates and visa information, are also available on the [ICANN Public Meetings site](#).

ICANN Public Meetings are open to everyone and registration is free. Participants can attend in person or join remotely. Read more about ICANN Public Meetings and how to get involved, [here](#).



APAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS



Let's Meet at the ICANN64 APAC Space

Calling all APAC community members! Please join us for APAC Space at ICANN64, either in person or remotely via Adobe Connect. The agenda and joining details will be shared soon. Meanwhile, please save this date and time:

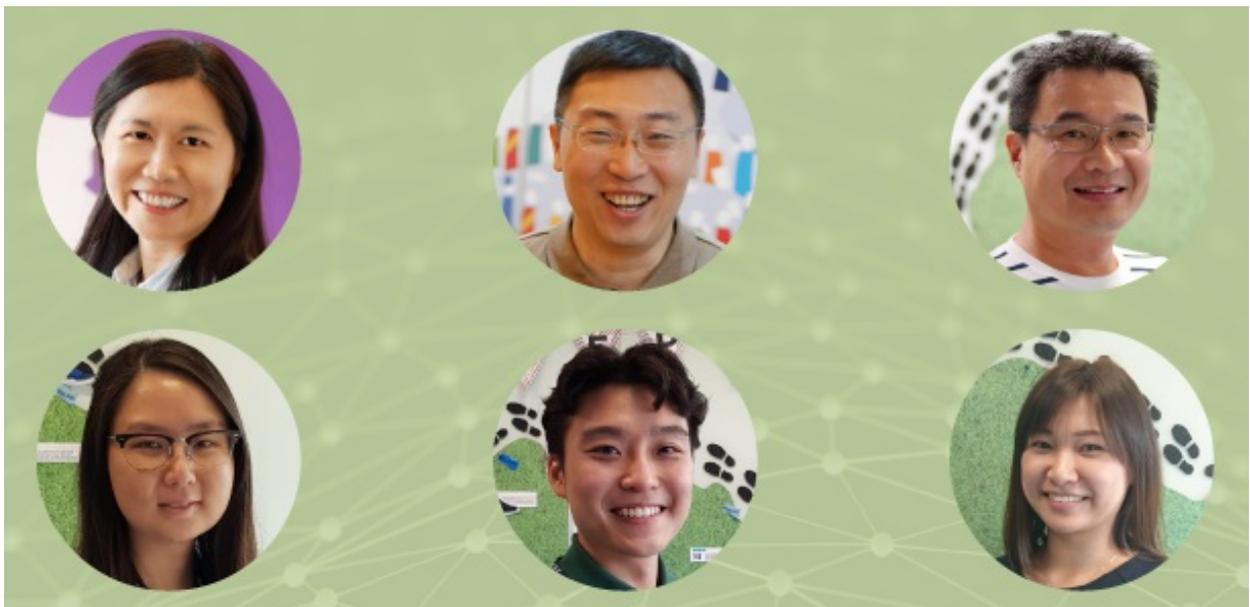
Date: **11 March 2019** (Monday)

Time: **13:30-15:00 JST | 04:30-06:00 UTC**

APAC Space is a platform created for our community to network, discuss ICANN-related work such as ongoing policy development processes (PDP) and provide feedback to ICANN org. It also provides an opportunity for our community members to step into leadership roles.

We are also planning an **APAC Social** for community members to network on **Tuesday 12 March at 18:30 JST**. We will introduce community leaders from the APAC region such as ICANN Board member, GNSO Council and APRALO.

To join the APAC Space mailing list, please send an email to subscribe@apacspace.asia.



Contracted Parties: Meet the ICANN Org Team in Kobe!

(Clockwise from left) Valerie Heng, Howard Li, Roger Lim, Charmaine Siew, Bryan Tan, and Charmaine Lim from the ICANN APAC office are looking forward to meeting you in Kobe, Japan at ICANN64. If you

APAC Speaks Fluent Internet

A truly global, multilingual Internet will require new rules to allow domain names in local languages and scripts. These rules are being developed by Script Generation Panels composed of individuals with significant experience or interest in the script, writing system, or language, as well as Unicode and Domain Name System (DNS). Here is an update on the status of current Script Generation Panels in the APAC region. Once the script Label Generation Rules (LGR) are finalized, they are integrated into the Root Zone LGR.

Forming	Seating	Working	Finalizing	Integrating	Integrated
Thaana	Tibetan	Myanmar	Bangla	Devanagari	Khmer
			Chinese	Gujarati	Lao
			Japanese	Gurmukhi	Thai
			Korean	Kannada	
				Malayalam	
				Oriya	
				Sinhala	
				Tamil	
				Telugu	



ICANN NEWS

Apply Now for ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers Leadership

The 2019 Nominating Committee (NomCom) is accepting applications for key leadership positions within Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) and ICANN. Selected individuals will have a unique opportunity to work with accomplished colleagues from around the globe to help shape the Internet's technical coordination and policy development. The deadline to submit applications is **18 March 2019 at 23:59 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC)**.



The open positions in 2019 are:

- Three members of the ICANN Board of Directors.
- One member of the PTI Board of Directors.
- Three regional representatives to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) - one from the Asia, Australia, and Pacific Islands region, one from the Latin America and Caribbean Islands region, one from the Africa region.
- Two members of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council.
- One member of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council.

For more information on the position requirements, click [here](#).

To apply, please submit an application, [here](#).

The NomCom is also accepting candidate recommendations. To submit a recommendation, fill out the [online form](#).



PRE-ICANN64 POLICY WEBINAR



Register for the Pre-ICANN64 Policy Webinar

Join ICANN's Policy Development Support Department to discuss the policy agenda at the Pre-ICANN64 Policy Webinar on Thursday, 28 February at 16:00 UTC. Register by **22 February**, [here](#).

EPDP Team Prepares Final Report

From 16-18 January 2019, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data met in Toronto, Canada. The Team reviewed public comments on its Initial Report and worked to refine and build agreement on policy recommendations to include in the Final Report. Read more detail on the Team's progress [here](#).



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GNSO Council: Focus on Strategic Planning

From 23-25 January 2019, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council met in the ICANN Los Angeles office for its strategic planning session. Each day of the meeting

had a specific focus and objective:

- Day 1: Development and orientation.
- Day 2: Implementation of the Policy Development Process 3.0 initiative.
- Day 3: 2019 strategic planning, workload management, and objectives.

The Council members also met with ICANN Board members. A full report of the meeting will be published shortly.

The GNSO Council confirmed Jonathan Frost as one of the GNSO appointees to the Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds.

The ccNSO Council Prepares for ICANN64

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council will hold a workshop at ICANN64. Main points on the agenda include the development of the ccNSO 2019 work plan and discussions on the expectations and responsibilities of ccNSO and individual councilors. The ccNSO councilors will be conducting two exercises:

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- The role of the ccNSO Council Triage Committee and the criteria it uses to select work items.
- A simulation of the ccNSO Rejection Action Procedure to understand the procedures and impact on the ccNSO Council and ccNSO membership given tight timelines and dependencies. The ccNSO has adopted a guideline on how the ccNSO should exercise its Empowered Community's rights to Reject Specified Actions.

Consult the ICANN64 ccNSO schedule [here](#).



At-Large: Advisory and Activities Update

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) continues its focus on public comment and advice development, and released a statement on the [Initial Report](#) of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team. To participate in public comment development with ALAC, join the weekly At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group [teleconferences](#) or join the At-Large policy sessions at [ICANN64](#).

Phase one implementation activities of the At-Large Review are underway. The ICANN Board reviewed the At-Large Review Detailed Implementation Plan at their January workshop.

Preparations for the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) are underway. ATLAS III will bring together current At-Large leaders and 60 future leaders during ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada. They will focus on developing their abilities to effectively implement recommendations from the At-Large Review.



GDD UPDATE

All Domain Names Created Equally: UA, IDNs, and EAI

Universal Acceptance (UA) will enable people around the world to use the Internet in local languages. Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) combined with email addresses in local scripts, known as Email Address Internationalization (EAI), are key factors to enabling a multilingual Internet.

ICANN is working with the community to get the word out about this important project. Read about [our latest roadshow promoting awareness in China](#) and find out how to get involved [here](#).



A Flexible and Stable New Portal for Registry Operators and End Users

Last month, the ICANN organization introduced a more stable, flexible, and secure portal that also has the ability to support future enhancements. The Centralized Zone Data Service (CZDS) provides a centralized access point to the Zone Files provided by participating top-level domains.

Registry operators can access CZDS through the Naming Services portal [here](#) while CZDS end users can access the



WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS



Opportunity to Participate: ICANN Reviews

ICANN has several opportunities for community input and participation.

Organizational Reviews are led by independent examiners to assess the extent to which ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and the Nominating Committee (NomCom) fulfill their purpose, are accountable to their stakeholders, and whether any changes in structure or operations are needed.

- **Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan** - Read the [Nominating Committee](#) and [Root Server System Advisory Committee's](#) plans in response to the final reports issued by the independent examiners. The ICANN Board is expected to take action on these reviews in March 2019.
- The **Second Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC2) Final Report** is now available. Click [here](#) to read it.

Visit the [Reviews Status Update Table](#) that outlines the work currently in progress and latest developments. There, you can review the progress of the specific review teams, supporting materials, and evaluate the output.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Guo Chuan ICANN64 Fellow

Guo Chuan is a Domain Name System (DNS) Engineer at Alibaba Cloud. He will be attending ICANN Public Meeting for the first time in Kobe as an ICANN Fellow for ICANN64.

Based in Beijing, China, Guo has a deep interest in the DNS and hopes to share its importance. He plans to help generate more awareness by writing and translating articles related to DNS. At ICANN64, he will be delivering a presentation on cloud DNS services at Tech Day (Monday, 11 March).



Guo has a master's degree in information security. He previously worked in China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC) and Network Security Research Lab at 360 (NSRL@360).



UPCOMING EVENTS

ICANN will be participating in these upcoming events:

Date	Event	Location
18-28 February 2019	<u>Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT) 2019</u>	Daejeon, Korea
27 February 2019	IGF 2018 Readout	Tokyo, Japan
4 March 2019	Pre-ICANN64 Policy Brief	Tokyo, Japan
9-14 March 2019	<u>ICANN64</u>	Kobe, Japan

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