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The Internet is for Everyone

Join us to keep the Internet open, thriving and benefitting people around the globe.

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Founded in 1992 by pioneers of the early Internet, the Internet Society drives technologies that keep it open and safe. We promote policies that empower people to enable universal access for all.

We stand for a better Internet.



What we are doing in 2019



An open, globally-connected, secure, and trustworthy Internet for everyone

We will work to connect the world, to improve the technical security foundations of the Internet, and to build trust in those core Internet functions—while endeavouring to understand upcoming challenges and opportunities

We will extend the reach and effectiveness of our work by seeking collaboration, supporting and building our community, and continuing to invest in strengthening our global voice



Global Presence

Our global community of members and Chapters span over 230 countries, territories, and areas of geographic interest world-wide.



Internet Society in Asia-Pacific

The numbers

- Individual members – **15,358** (~25% of total ISOC membership)
- Chapters -**21**
- Chapter Members – **7,947**
- Organisational Members – **20**



Regional office

Located in Singapore with staff and advisors located across the region.

Team members:

Noelle De GUZMAN based in Manila

Naveed HAQ based in Islamabad

Olivia LOY based in Singapore

Aftab SIDDIQUI based in Sydney

Rajnish SINGH based in Sydney/Singapore

Adrian WAN based in Singapore

Board of Trustee Member based in Asia-Pacific:

Hiroshi ESAKI in Japan

2019 APAC Highlights



National ICT Ecosystem Framework (NICTEF) of the Philippines

- A five-year ICT masterplan (successor to the Philippine Digital Strategy 2011-2016) launched in Feb
- A multi-stakeholder model developed by Internet Society & the Department of ICT
- An inclusive, bottom-up approach that lets people set the agenda and goals of the country's digital strategy
- “Going beyond open public consultations”
- Developed with stakeholders from diverse sectors in dialogues and discussions
- A living document: plans and projects are updated periodically as the government continually considers comments from society
- Updates are available on the website



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY



Asia-Pacific Chapters & SIGs Workshop 2019

- 19 representatives from 14 local Chapters in Asia-Pacific gathered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for a two-day workshop in June
- An annual event that lets us strategise what local actions to take to amplify our voice and promote the organisation's mission – *the Internet is for Everyone*
- Emphasis on training and leadership in ISOC's focus areas, including IoT security, routing security, community networks, and Internet Governance



APAC Community Networks Summit

- Jointly organised by United Nations ESCAP (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific) and the Internet Society on Aug 29, 2019
- A one-day programme as part of UN ESCAP's Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS) Committee Meeting
- More than 20 speakers from government, business, academia, and community network operators; 26 member states
- Topics included:
 - Current status in APAC
 - Policy and regulatory barriers
 - Connectivity & the SDGs
 - Regulation and innovative approaches to spectrum licensing
 - Future of CNs in APAC



Photo source: top - UN ESCAP Twitter

Survey of Internet Policy Issues in Asia-Pacific

- Launched in 2014, our annual study gathers the views of Internet stakeholders towards topical Internet policy concerns in the region
- On average, over 2,000 responses per year from around 40 economies
- 2019 theme: Consolidation in the Internet economy
 - As a global infrastructure, the Internet is also shaped by economic and policy forces
 - We work to ensure changes do not undermine the key attributes that have allowed the Internet to thrive over the past three decades
- To be released in Sep 2019



And more...

We partnered with APT to hold a 3-day Internet Governance Training Workshop for over 30 officials of Myanmar's Ministry of Transport and Communications in June



We were at the ITU Global Symposium for Regulators (ITUGSR) in Vanuatu to find new ways to connect underserved remote, rural, and urban communities to the Internet in July



In Aug, we led several sessions at the Asia-Pacific Internet Governance Academy, a weeklong training workshop for students between the age of 18 and 35 from universities in APAC



In July, ISOC's APAC lead Rajesh Singh chaired the APriGF in Vladivostok, Russia, and we moderated several workshops and sponsored fellows to the regional IG event



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Greetings!

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 Editorial

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