

TWNIC Released the Result of .tw Domain Name Use Survey

To better understand .tw domain name registrants and services provided by registrars, TWNIC commissioned National Chengchi University to conduct a survey on the use of domain name registration services and user satisfaction. The samples in this survey were companies, organizations and individuals with nine types of validly registered .tw domain names, including com.tw, org.tw, net.tw, idv.tw, game.tw, ebiz.tw, club.tw, ascii.tw and IDN.tw. This quantitative analysis is intended to provide important references for future promotion planning decision making.

According to the findings of this survey, 78% of interviewees registered their domain names by themselves and 44.8% of the interviewees have used the service provided by registrars. The most popular service is Email. As for the user satisfaction of DN service, 66.4% of interviewees were satisfied with the registration procedure, customer services and the registration service as a whole.

At the 95% confidence level with a maximum sample error less than 3%, this survey was conducted mainly through telephone interviews during January 2006 with totally 1,070 valid samples. This report (in Chinese) is available online for the public reference:
www.twNIC.net.tw/download/dn94.pdf.

TWNIC 6th IP OPM Closed with a Fruitful Result

To help Taiwan's local Internet community better understand the "Internet IP Related Policy and Policy-Making Procedure", and serve the purpose of providing an open communication platform among the community, TWNIC held its 6th IP Open Policy Meeting (OPM) in Taipei from June 20th to 21st, 2006, and invited representatives from the government, academia and industry to get together for ideas changing and experience sharing. More than hundreds of people attended and enthusiastic interactions generated between speakers and guests, making another successfully milestone of TWNIC.

This year TWNIC titled its IP OPM theme as "Enhance IP Applications & Embrace Network Life", and invited international and domestic heavy-weight speakers, such as Mr. Maemura Akinori from Japan Network Information Center, Mr. Chien Fong, Vice President of Taiwan Fixed Network to share their visions of the global and local IP address industry with meeting participants. The agenda of June 20th mainly been divided into two parts: IP Address Policy SIG and Routing SIG. In addition, on June 21st, TWNIC and Cisco co-hosted the "Internet Management Technology and Applications Seminar" and covered more in-depth

discussions about issues such as Internet resource/flow management and Internet monitoring. For more information about TWNIC 6th IP OPM, please visit opm.twnic.net.tw/6th.

National IPv6 Deployment & Development Program Marches into the 4th Year, Showing Impressive Achievements

The year 2006 marks the fourth year of implementation of the National IPv6 Deployment and Development in Taiwan. In addition to extending several concrete research results from the past three years, implementing tasks step by step, and reaching set objectives as scheduled, the program this year also focuses on production of short films promoting each key application service and timely compilation of updates of related development in Taiwan. Those films will be used for the presentations at seminars or meetings at home and abroad to promote both domestic and international understanding of the current IPv6 development in Taiwan.

There will also be intensive web-based promotion of Taiwan's current IPv6 development presented in a more reader-friendly design, making it easier for citizens to view, know more about and feel closer to the IPv6 technology. Further information about the results of each division in the program is as follows,

IPv6 Research & Development Division

The R&D division of this program this year focuses on applications and further extensions of the key technologies developed in year 2005. Currently, in addition to the active continual of Personv6 development, the R&D division is working on the infrastructure of embedded vehicle platform and establishing an experimental IPv6 network environment for testing the platform and the integrated vehicle communication module, including GPS, GPRS and IPv6 SOAP information transmission platform based on MIPv6. Moreover, the Division is designing a man-machine interface technology suitable for the voice recognition system used in a vehicle environment, hoping to provide a complete solution of mobile integrated services for vehicles by integrating SOAPv6 platform and voice recognition technology.

IPv6 Infrastructure Development Division

It is the division responsible for actively helping promotion of IPv6 segment applications, connecting domestic and foreign IPv6 networks, providing guidance for Taiwanese ISPs in participation of IPv6 transfer, and promoting IPv6 network services provided by the IPv6 backbone network. With the aids of the Division, TWAREN has completed its IPv6 backbone network. The Division also aims to more progressively expand the interconnections between the IPv6 networks both at home and abroad, provide interconnection services of IPv4-IPv6 network signal transfer and IPv6 group broadcasting services, and establish a network performance monitoring system to ensure user satisfaction.

IPv6 Standard Testing Division

This division is dedicated to promoting the IPv6 testing in Taiwan and helping domestic ISPs develop related know-knows. Ever since September 2003 when the acceptance for IPv6 Ready Logo Phase I applications from the industry started, leading Japanese and American manufactures have sent their mainstream products and obtained certifications, so did Taiwan. Taiwan now ranks the second in the number of products with IPv6 Ready Logo Phase I certifications and manufacturers of these products are receiving substantial foreign orders.

In addition, seeing the higher technological threshold of IPv6 Ready Logo Phase II, the Division will continue accumulating experiences in Phase II testing and provide more active guidance for local manufacturers, helping them establish test platforms for Phase II and develop related technology. However, the local manufacturers who have obtained certifications for their products are still producing these products mainly for OEMs and exports. Considering the further development of the domestic IPv6 market, the Division would suggest them to focus more on the integration of the services and the industry.

IPv6 Application and Promotion Division

The major tasks of this division in the first half of year 2006 include maintaining normal operations of IPv6 Showroom, preparing for VoIPv6 program, promoting the international subsidiaries of Chunghwai Telecom to provide IPv6 interconnection services, demonstrating the facilities of IPv6 network in Taiwan, completing the demonstration of IPv6/IPv4 Reverse Proxy system and cooperating with the Academia Sinica on the establishment and testing of a certification system for IPv6 Tunnel Server. Meanwhile, in promoting IPv6 access services, to accumulate experiences of IPv6 introduction, the Division is actively helping IPv6 experiment participants to be able to provide users with IPv6 services without having to build the IPv6 network access environment.

The Division is also working on several projects, such as the testing of IPv6 health and care services for the elder, establishing the IPv4 transfer routing services and IPv6 access services, and VoIPv6 campus network establishment and testing.

2006 TWNIC Internet Trend Seminar – The Trends of Domain Name Registration Market”

The domain name registrations have shown diversified selections, starting from the original gTLDs and ccTLDs to the latest sTLDs and IDN, and the market competition among domain names is growing more intensive. Seeing the needs of local domain name registrations from the international viewpoint, TWNIC held the seminar of “Domain Name Registration Market Trends” and invited both domestic and international registrars of .tw domain names to talk about the market trends of international domain name registrations. In addition, this seminar also allowed each of the participating registrars to introduce its value-added services of domain name registration services, customer relationship maintenance and one-stop integrated services to the audience from the user viewpoint.

The two speeches on international domain name trends respectively analyzed and shared experiences about “International Market Trend of Domain Name Registration” and “Acceptance and Competitiveness of .tw Domain Name in the International Market.” In issues of “Customer Relationship Maintenance and Management in Domain Name Registration” and “Added Services of Domain Name Registration,” each invited registrar shared its know-how and experiences to meeting participants. At the end of the seminar, TWNIC had a discussion with the registrars about “Future Development of .tw Domain Name Registration/Usage Based on Its Status Quo in Taiwan,” talking mainly about the directions of future services, how to distinguish .tw brand from others, how to enhance market competitiveness and the future use of .tw domain names.

〈 Mydn.net.tw 〉 Gathering: How to Make Fortune on the Internet

Ever since its establishment and first member gathering of TWNIC 〈 Mydn.net.tw 〉 in 2005, it has been highly popular among members. In year 2006, the club worked with .tw registrars again to provide its members more diversified integration services. On April 12th, the club invited several experts and experienced owners of successful e-business on the “hiWinner” webpage of Chunghwa Telecom to share experiences about how to make maximum fortune with minimum costs in the virtual world, analyze the current e-business status and future prospects of network shopping market, and teach practical marketing skills with case study. TWNIC also invited enterprise e-mail service providers to talk about how enterprises can make money on the Internet. This activity was enthusiastically participated by many .tw domain name users.

〈 Mydn.net.tw 〉 is open to all .tw domain name registrants and users, providing a space for mutual interactions and communications among members through different kinds of activities. For more information, please visit www.mydn.net.tw.

IPv6 Summit in Taiwan 2006: Heading to Ubiquitous Network Society

2006 IPv6 Summit in Taiwan 2006 is scheduled to be held at National Taiwan University Hospital (NTUH) International Convention Center from August 1st to 3rd, 2006. This event aims to provide the whole IPv6 community and industries great opportunities to share and exchange their experience and achievement. The format of this year’s Summit includes one-day tutorial, two-day summit, and three-day exhibition. Many well-known IPv6 industry opinion leaders, such as Mr. Hiroshi Esaki from Japan IPv6 Promotion Council, Professor Kazuhiko Yamamoto, Professor Sun Ya-Li from National Taiwan University, Professor Chao Han Chieh are invited and making the event a historical and successful one.

IPv6 Summit in Taiwan 2006 is an annual event marking the milestone in the development and deployment of IPv6 in Taiwan. For IPv6 Summit in Taiwan 2006 registration or meeting agenda, please visit www.ipv6.org.tw/summit2006/En/Index.htm for details.



The 3rd APIRA Comes to Taipei in August

Titles “Internet Statistic: Utilization and Creativity”, the 3rd Asia Pacific Internet Research Alliance (APIRA) Member Meeting and International Conference is scheduled in Taipei on August 9 to 10, 2006. Hundreds of representatives from various backgrounds within Asia Pacific Region are invited to share their experiences and creativities on Internet research methods design and implementation, as well as Internet Statistic analysis and utilization.

As the rapid development of the Internet service and technologies, it is very important to understand the level of how we constructed our daily lives around the cyber world, and how we should read all the findings and figures of different Internet researches and surveys. Therefore, within the conference theme: Internet Statistics: Utilization and Creativity, APIRA has collected tens of papers with themes related to Internet research methodology, utilizations, applications, or analysis, from China, Hong Kong, Korea and Taiwan, and those papers will be presented and discussed during the 3rd APIRA Meeting. In addition, each RMA will also present their domestic Internet usage statistics with comprehensive and broad-wide insights on newly emerged Internet technologies and phenomenon. A new panel discussion of Internet Usage and Policy in Asia Pacific region is also scheduled for direct ideas change and interactions. For the 3rd APIRA Meeting registration and agenda, please visit www.apira2006.tw. The meeting registration is free and seats will be reserved on the first come first serve base.

About APIRA (www.apira.org)

Founded on September 27, 2003, Asia Pacific Internet Research Alliance (APIRA) is a spontaneously organized and regional academic non-profit organization. The aim of the alliance is to enhance communication and comparison in Asia Pacific region on the Internet information, deepen the research on statistical techniques of the Internet survey, facilitate the cooperation among Asia Pacific countries and regions on the Internet research, and boost the regional development of the Internet researches. For more information, please visit www.apira.org.

The APNIC 22nd OPM Comes to Kaohsiung in September 2006

With the advanced Internet infrastructure, services, and excellent city facilities, Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) has selected to host its 22nd APNIC Open Policy Meeting (OPM) in Kaohsiung City, the largest harbor and the second largest city in Taiwan, from September 4 to 8, 2006. After APNIC 12th in 2001 and APNIC 15th during APRICOT 2003, APNIC 22nd is the third OPM co-hosted by TWNIC and APNIC, and the first time for APNIC to host its OPM in southern Taiwan. The event's online registration (www.apnic.net/cgi-bin/registration.pl?event_id=90) is available now and participants who register for the conference or tutorials before July 14, 2006, can take advantage of the early bird discount and save up to 35% to 40% of their registration cost.

The APNIC 22nd OPM presents a great opportunity to attract the International Internet addressing community to get closely involved with Taiwan local industries. The Meeting agenda includes technical trainings, knowledge sharing sessions, policy making conferences and member meetings. During the APNIC 22nd OPM, two days tutorials with focuses on IPv6, Spam, Security and Routing subjects taught by Mr. Philips Smith and Mr. Jordi Palet Martine, aims to provide interactions and practical trainings to its audiences, such as engineers and network administrators from both ISPs and SOHO/enterprise networks. For example, IPv6 participants will not learn how to activate IPv6 on PCs, but also learn how to accomplish some basic monitoring and troubleshooting of the IPv6 network. As for Routing session, it introduces service providers to some advanced BGP features and techniques to aid with operating their networks within the Internet. For information about APNIC 22nd OPM registration or agenda, please visit www.apnic.net/meetings/22/program/index.html or www.apnic22.tw for more details.



TWNIC issued the Report on Legal Issues of Domain Name Use by Enterprises

Since 2001, there have been more than 40 dispute cases about .tw domain name use in Taiwan, and most of them are disputes among enterprises. Therefore, TWNIC commissioned the Science and Technology Law Center (STLC), Institute for Information Industry, with a study on legal issues concerning domain name use in Taiwan and by enterprises. This survey compiled and analyzed .tw domain name dispute cases and ICANN cases, covering the cases submitted to the STLC from 2001 to 2005 as well as cases handled by ICANN according to the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP). In addition, it also compiled all the legal insights and judgment principles used in domain name dispute resolution over the years, providing references for future dispute resolution. For the full text, please visit: www.twnic.net.tw/download/download_03.htm.