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## **APTLD announces the appointment of Jian Zhang as General Manager**

APTLD has appointed Ms Jian Zhang as General Manager, effective from 1 May 2010.

Jian has extensive experience in the domain name and ICT industry. Before taking up the position of General Manager of APTLD, Jian was the Director of International Business Department of China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC). During her tenure with CNNIC, she helped CNNIC to establish working relations internationally with different organisations including ICANN ccNSO, APTLD, CENTR and APNIC. She was also one of the key drivers on the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process. She has been actively involved in IDN policy development in ICANN, and was a member of IDNC WG in formulating policy proposals for IDN ccTLD Fast Track.

Before working with CNNIC, Jian's career track also included technical and managerial positions at GTE Internetworking, Nextel Communications and Cisco Systems in the US.

Jian's expertise in the technical and policy aspects of the industry and her rich hands-on experiences in cross-culture communications should help APTLD in advancing its objectives and promoting the benefits of its members.

Jian was selected through a rigorous appointment exercise conducted by the APTLD General Manager Appointment Panel among more than 10 competitive applicants. The Appointment Panel consists of Directors of the APTLD.

After taking up the position on 1 May 2010, Jian will travel to the next ICANN meeting in Brussels and the Regional IGF in Hong Kong. She will be in charge of the next APTLD members' meeting to be held in Sri Lanka on 27-28 June 2010.

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