BTCL (Bangladesh Telecommunication Company Limited) is the registrar as well as playing an active role of registry of ccTLD domain (.bd) & IDN domain (.bangla) of Bangladesh on behalf of Post & Telecommunication ministry. As an employee of BTCL, it is with immense gratitude and pleasure that I write this report as a fellow of Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA)-2019 held from 12-16 August 2019 at Sejong Hotel, Seoul, South Korea sponsored by APTLD, ICANN & KISA. Outcome of attending APIGA 2019 is much more than my expectation. Here I share my experiences as well as views about different events of the program.

The session named “How the internet works” was very interesting as it showed how TCP/IP internet protocol works by a practical interesting card game. Besides working principle of the internet, we also learned about the application of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in the field of Internet Governance.

The main focus of the program was Internet Governance (IG), several different sessions on IG were taken by some expert mentors to make the concept clear about IG. Which refers to the rules, policies, standards and practices that coordinate and shape global cyberspace.

A group presentation session was held about real case study of cyber security of different countries. Where we discussed and presented about whats are the reasons of cyber attack, how attackers do it and what are the remedies for protecting cyber attack. Where we added about “Bangladesh Bank Cyber Attack-2016” as a case study.

“Multi stakeholder Policy Making” session was very significant for us. From this session we came to know about how ICANN create policy for registry to manage Top Level Domain (TLD). Current policy making techniques stand on 3 basic characteristics that are open to all, transparent to all and bottom up approach.

We also participated in an ICANN mock conference, where we knew about how to to different groups of community (Advisory, supporting and so on) work together to build new ICANN policy for Internet Governance. In the conference we all participants played some specific role respective to real world scenario. I acted as a governmental advisory committee of a developing country. Though initially the process seamed complex but later I understood the whole process. It was really very interactive as well as an effective way for new policy making.

“Recent Development of Korean Domain Name Registration Policy” was another important session, where Korean expert mentors of related field discussed about Korean domain policy in a panel discussion. It would be helpful for us to make our country policy.

Besides, from other sessions we learned more details about contribution of ICANN, APTLD, APNIC, ISOC and KISA in specific field of global cyberspace.
We visited the cybersecurity center of KISA and saw how they monitor and protect them against cyber attack with their real time advanced technology. Then we went for a gala dinner in a cruise, It was really impressive and memorable event.

Another great opportunity of APIGA 2019 was- we abled to build friendly communication among most of the participants as well as mentors of different community in the most effective way. Which also raise our confidence in communication and knowledge sharing skills.

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