HKIRC and .HK – Governance and Policy Development

APTLD - Singapore

HKIRC
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About HKIRC
HKIRC is a non-profit member-based organisation set up in December 2001 and endorsed by the Government of the HKSAR to oversee the administration and assignment of the country code top level Internet domain names ending with .hk and .香港.

HKIRC has the mandate to represent Hong Kong in international Internet forum and promote the use of Internet and related technology.
Mission

HKIRC is a non-profit-distributing organisation that is committed to providing, and supervising the provision by others of, .hk Internet domain name registration, resolution and related services in an *uninterrupted, effective, customer-centric*, and *sustainable* manner.

Vision

.hk / .香港 are the most preferred top-level domains of Hong Kong residents, companies and organizations.
HKIRC Organizational Structure

Consultative and Advisory Panel

Chairman of Board & Board of Directors

Audit Committee

Executive Committee

Chief Executive Officer

Operations
Marketing
Business Development
Information Technology
Finance
HR & Administration
.HK and .香港 Registrations
## .hk and .香港 Domain Categories

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<th>English Domain</th>
<th>Chinese Domain</th>
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<td>.com.hk</td>
<td>.公司.香港</td>
<td>Businesses / companies registered in HK</td>
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<td>.net.hk</td>
<td>.網絡.香港</td>
<td>Entities managing network infrastructure, machines and services with a license (IVANS / ISP) from OFTA of HK</td>
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<td>.org.hk</td>
<td>.組織.香港</td>
<td>Not-for-profit organisations registered in HK</td>
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<td>.edu.hk</td>
<td>.教育.香港</td>
<td>Registered schools, tertiary institutions and other approved educational institutions in HK</td>
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<td>.gov.hk</td>
<td>.政府.香港</td>
<td>Government Bureaux / Departments of HK</td>
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<td>.idv.hk</td>
<td>.個人.香港</td>
<td>HK Residents (for .個人.hk, domain shall be the legal name of registrant)</td>
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<td>.hk</td>
<td>.香港</td>
<td>Local and overseas individuals and entities. No documentary proof is required</td>
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No. of .hk Registrations

.hk Domain Registration Trend
2004 - 2013
### ‘.hk’ Domain Name Statistics

- Up to 1 Jan 2013
- Total No.=242,173

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<td>.香港</td>
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Registrar Accreditation Program
Registry-Registrar Model

- Single Registrar Model from beginning to Jul 2011
- HKDNR was the only registrar up to Jul 2011

The first Batch of Registrars was Accredited in Jul 2011
Our Registrars
Relationship with HKSARG
Relationship with the HKSAR Government

- “At arms-length” / “outsourcing”
- HKIRC is non-statutory, no shareholders
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Designation Agreement
- HKSARG appoints 4 of 8 Directors on the Board of HKIRC
- CAP (Consultative and Advisory Panel) consisting of advisors advising the HKIRC Board on matters of public interest
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- Principles of Management and Administration
- Openness and Transparency
- Strategic Plan
- Assurance of Performance
- Relationship with Government
- Disputes
- Miscellaneous
Principles of Management and Administration

- Independence
- Best Practice
- Competition
- Stakeholder Involvement
- Future Orientation
- Protection of Rights
Designation Agreement

- Exclusive Designation
- Management and Administration
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Contracting with Third Parties
- Termination
- HKIRC’s Duties After Termination Notice
Contractual Relationships
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• Registrar Agreement
  https://www.hkirc.hk/pdf/HKIRC_Register_Agreement.pdf
• Registration Policies, Procedure and Guidelines
  https://www.hkirc.hk/content.jsp?id=30#!/34
• Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policies
  https://www.hkirc.hk/content.jsp?id=30#!/35
• Rules of Procedures of DNDRP
  https://www.hkirc.hk/content.jsp?id=30#!/36
• Code of Practice for Registrars and Resellers
  https://www.hkirc.hk/content.jsp?id=30#!/37
CAP and Policy Development
Consultative and Advisory Panel (CAP)

• Purposes
  – to advise the Board on major ccTLD issues
  – to facilitate the interaction of the Board with the stakeholders in general and with specific interest groups

• The Board shall take into account (but shall not be obliged to follow) the recommendations of CAP. However, the Board shall account for its decision in the event that it decides not to follow the recommendations of CAP
## Composition of CAP

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<td>Hong Kong Internet Service Providers Association</td>
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<td>Consumer Council</td>
<td>Hong Kong Management Association</td>
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<td>Federation of Hong Kong Industries</td>
<td>Institution of Engineering and Technology Hong Kong</td>
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<td>HKIRC ex-Chairman</td>
<td>Law Society of Hong Kong (Technology Committee)</td>
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<td>Hong Kong Chamber of Small and Medium Business</td>
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Published Policies
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