VNNIC Update on Vietnamese Domain name

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Milestones

• April 2000: VNNIC founded
• Since 2001: initial research activities on VDN carried out.
• In 2004: Pilot test on VDN completed, limited to local partners (ISPs, media agencies...)
• In 2005: Trial registration for VDN publicized to local community (more than 4000 names issued).
Official launch and implementation (1)

- Sunrise period for VDN (from Nov 2006 to Jan 2007): opened only for Gov agencies, and organization already having domain name(s) registered before 31/12/2006 and owning trade marks, or having VDN issued in previous trial... **1449 names issued** in this period.
- From 20th Mar 2007 up to now: VDN opened for public registration, limited to those owning ASCII domain name .VN.
- Number of VDN allowed to be registered per registrant: based on the number of ASCII domain names .VN registered (ratio 1:1)

Official launch and implementation (2)

- **Structure:** second level allowed only, and at least one Vietnamese character contained
- **Fees:** Free registration and maintenance for 1 VDN registered per each existed domain name.
- Number of VDN: .......... names issued.
- Future plan: to open registration to every one (without limitation)
- Online registration tool provided for VDN
Some difficulties

- A Vietnamese word created by different ways of accent position with the same meaning e.g. : HÒA ..... HOÀ... → 2 different domains
- VDN supported by most of Web browsers (Firefox, Netscape...). But the most common use IE (lower version) doesn’t support, but IE7 (which is not for free download 😞)
- Users do not get familiar with VDN, or some do not use Unicode when typing Vietnamese
THANK YOU !