APTLD members and supporters met at the Jade Palace Hotel, Beijing, China on 20 and 21 August 2009 in conjunction with APNIC 28. Over 50 representatives from 11 ccTLDs and 13 other organisations met to exchange ideas on issues relating to ccTLD IDNs, marketing of ccTLDs, security and the role of APTLD. On 22 August, an IPv6 workshop was co-organised with APNIC, attended by 20 members and friends.

**APTLD Meeting: Day 1**

Chair Jonathan Shea opened the meeting at 9:15am. He thanked the sponsors and the local host CNNIC. He also went over the programme briefly and encouraged interaction and input during the course of the meeting.

Prof Qian Hualin delivered a welcoming speech on behalf of the meeting host CNNIC. Ms. Cui Shu Tian of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology presented an overview of the development of the Internet in China. Jian Zhang of CNNIC gave a more specific update on the work and development of CNNIC. CNNIC has been devoting its efforts to R&D concerning IDN, in order to prepare themselves for the implementation of the IDN ccTLDs.

Theresa Swineheart of ICANN updated APTLD members on different developments in ICANN including work related to new gTLDs, registry relations, building institutional confidence, finance, and Internet governance.

Dr Hong Xue presented a snapshot of the Asia-Pacific Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO).

**IDN Discussion**

Tina Dam updated the meeting on the IDN fast track progress at ICANN. Chris Disspain talked about certain issues regarding IDN ccTLDs relevant to ccTLD managers. Lucy Wang, using Chinese characters as an example, shared with members the strategies for handling variant strings for IDN. Jonathan Shea of HKIRC covered different technical and policy issues of implementing IDN with a focus on Hong Kong’s local scenarios. Yao Jiankang spoke on CNNIC’s preparations for
implementing IDN emails and presented a live demo. The risks and response to IDN implementation was presented by Jon Lawrence before the lunch break.

**TLD promotion, security and updates**

Edmund Kang, Janna Lam, and Ryan Tan shared with members the different strategies and tools for TLD promotion and marketing.

Ching Chiao, Anthony Lee, and Berry Amol updated members on the recent developments at their respective registries, DotAsia, .TW, and .PG.

Lim Choon Sai and Debbie Monahan spoke on how SGNIC and .NZ respectively cooperate with law enforcement agencies in Singapore and New Zealand.

Day 1 of the Meeting closed at 4:30pm. The meeting attendees travelled to the Summer Palace and enjoyed a short boat ride on the lake. A wonderful evening followed with an energetic and entertaining cultural performance and mouth-watering Qing Dynasty royal cuisine organised by the host CNNIC.
Save Vocea opened the day by sharing ICANN’s strategies on getting the involvement of the Asia Pacific stakeholders in ICANN. Mastura Mukhtar updated the meeting on .MY’s recent initiatives.

**Security concerns and measures**

A panel consisting of Yu-Kyuang Jung, Stephen Deerhake, and Lee Han Chuan shared and discussed with members their experience in handling the Conficker attacks. Members thought that it had been difficult to communicate with ICANN regarding the issue. Chair suggested APTLD to consolidate a view on this matter and write formally to ICANN. Conficker will be a persisting threat. Members think that ICANN should think ahead and help members to better prepare for the next possible attack.

Debbie Monahan presented the Honeypot project on behalf of Keith Davidson of InternetNZ. Mark Dranse shared with members the DNSMON, a DNS monitoring systems for ccTLD managers. Krit Witwiyaruj and Norsuzana Harun presented the DNSSEC test bed and implementation updates on .TH and .MY respectively.

John Kane talked about different security threats DNS infrastructures are facing. He considers that diversity is an answer to that problem.

**Others**

Lester Kum introduced Instra’s PhNUM product that implements the ENUM technology.

Adrian Kinderis shared with members the important considerations when writing an RFP.

**APTLD Strategy Session**

Yumi Ohashi went over the historical background of APTLD; while the General Manager Ramesh Nadarajah updated members on the recent developments of the association. The question “What is the role of APTLD?” was posed to the members. The floor was then opened for discussion.

Some members opined that APTLD needed to do more in engaging with other organisations on the international platform of discussion related to TLDs. It is thought that the regional proximity within the Asia Pacific region should be considered an advantage for APTLD’s discussion and collaboration. Yet, meeting
locations should not be limited to the AP region. The domain industry is rapidly changing, APTLD needs to move with the changes and find a sustainable organisational structure and objectives.

It was proposed that a separate meeting to discuss the future development of APTLD might be necessary. Ramesh invited members to write him with further comments. He would consolidate the views received and prepare a discussion paper. He would also see to organising another meeting as suggested.

Chair Jonathan Shea closed the meeting at 5:00pm and thanked the host CNNIC again for supporting the meeting.

CNNIC organised a brief visit to its headquarters to give interested members an overview of the development history and operations of CNNIC.

### Day 3: IPv6 Workshop

20 members attended the IPv6 workshop co-organised with APNIC. Attendees were informed that IPv4 addresses would be exhausted in approximately two years’ time, and that the introduction of IPv6 is necessary for the sustainability and development of the Internet. **Cecil Goldstein** went over the technical issues and implementation requirements in relation to IPv6.

**Recording of Thanks**

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The next APTLD Members’ meeting will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in February 2010 in conjunction with APRICOT 2010.

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