



Special Advisory on DotAsia Organisation's Nature as a Not-for-Profit Community Corporation

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This special advisory is issued in response to recent seemingly misguided media reports regarding the nature of the DotAsia Organisation. As a brief clarification:

- DotAsia is a not-for-profit, membership-based organisation with a charitable purpose
- DotAsia does not conflict with local ccTLDs
- DotAsia firmly believes that the participation in the governance of .Asia is not a conflict of interest for individuals related to local ccTLDs.
- DotAsia appreciates the continued support from the community in Hong Kong

DotAsia Organisation is a not-for-profit, membership-based organisation incorporated as a "limited by guarantee and not having a share capital" corporation in Hong Kong. DotAsia has a focused mission dedicated to the needs of the community to create a globally visible domain that embodies the successful, co-operative atmosphere among the Asia Internet.

The objects of DotAsia explicitly includes liaising with operators of country code top level domains (ccTLDs – such as: ".cn", ".jp", ".kr", ".in", ".sg", etc.). Membership is open for all ccTLDs in Asia. Today, DotAsia has 24 members¹, and the elected board of directors include representatives from China (.cn – CNNIC), Japan (.jp – JPRS), Korea (.kr – NIDA), Macau (.mo – MONIC), Singapore (.sg – SGNIC) among others around Asia². As such, DotAsia firmly believes that the participation in the governance of .Asia is not a conflict of interest for individuals related to local ccTLDs. DotAsia is committed to the continued integrity of our processes and is dedicated to addressing conflict of interest issues where appropriate. Our processes had won high accolades from the community around the world.

A core mandate of DotAsia is to contribute its proceeds to socio-technological advancement initiatives for the Internet community in Asia. Such contributions are directed towards initiatives such as: (a) digital inclusion projects to bridge the digital divide; (b) educational initiatives, e.g. scholarships and promotion of Internet adoption, etc.; and, (c) research and development projects, including relief and rebuild efforts in the wake of disasters. Our participation in initiatives, e.g.: the Information Society Innovation Fund (www.isif.asia), Relief.Asia (www.relief.asia), the APNG Camps³, and matching funds for ISOC Project Funding⁴ in cooperation with HKCSS (Hong Kong Council of Social Service) and ISOC HK for the Digital Solidarity Fund⁵ project; are examples of our commitment to the development of the Internet community in Hong Kong and around Asia.

Finally, DotAsia appreciates the expressed support by the Internet community in Hong Kong⁶. Throughout the establishment of the DotAsia Organisation, from its inception in 2000, through the ICANN process from 2003 to 2006, and the launch of the .Asia domain between 2007 and 2008, DotAsia is thankful for the encouraging support from distinguished individuals from around the world and especially in Hong Kong.

DotAsia looks forward to the continued support from Hong Kong as "Asia's World City", and an amicable environment within the local Internet community at its host city. DotAsia sincerely urges and openly invites the media to communicate with us to gain a clearer perspective of our work, our governance, and the nature of our operations.

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly through: mediainquiries@registry.asia (+852.35.20.26.35).

DotAsia 非牟利社群機構特別通告

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因應近日有關 DotAsia 機構(DotAsia Organisation) 的傳媒報導可能造成的誤導，本機構特此發佈通告作出以下澄清：

- DotAsia 是一間慈善性質的非牟利會員制機構
- DotAsia 與所有國碼頂級域名(ccTLD) 沒有抵觸
- DotAsia 堅決相信，與 ccTLD 有關的人士參與.Asia 的管治是沒有利益衝突的
- DotAsia 感謝香港社群一直以來的支持

DotAsia 是非牟利會員制機構，並且是以「無股本及擔保有限公司」形式註冊的香港公司。DotAsia 的目標和使命，是貢獻亞洲社群，以創造具國際地位的、能體現亞洲互聯網成功和融洽環境的頂級域名。

DotAsia 的宗旨明確包括與國碼頂級域名(即如.cn, .jp, .kr, .in, .sg 等的 ccTLD) 的聯繫和合作。所有亞洲區的 ccTLD 均可參與成為會員。到目前為止，DotAsia 有 24 個會員¹，而經選舉產生的現任董事包括來自中國(.cn – CNNIC 中國互聯網絡信息中心)、日本(.jp – JPRS)、韓國(.kr – NIDA)、澳門(.mo – MONIC 澳門互聯網資訊中心)、星加坡(.sg – SGNIC) 和其他亞洲區 ccTLD 的代表²。因此，DotAsia 堅決相信，與 ccTLD 有關的人士參與.Asia 的管治是沒有利益衝突的。DotAsia 一向致力確保其運作和程序的公平公正，並積極避免利益衝突問題。我們的政策和營運在國際業界間亦獲得廣泛認同和肯定。

DotAsia 的核心工作，就是貢獻亞洲互聯網社群，把營運資金投放到提升社會科技範疇的項目上，例如：(1) 數碼共融項目，以打破數碼鴻溝；(2) 教育項目，如獎學金和推廣互聯網應用等；(3) 研發項目，包括用於振災和重建工作的科技開發。我們所參與過的項目，如 Information Society Innovation Fund (www.isif.asia)、Relief.Asia (www.relief.asia)、APNG 營隊³、和為香港社聯「數碼共融基金」⁴及香港互聯網協會合作向國際互聯網協會申請的 ISOC Project Funding⁵ 提供配對資金等，都體現了我們對發展香港和亞洲互聯網社群的承諾。

最後，DotAsia 感謝香港互聯網社群對本機構表達的支持⁶。DotAsia 由 2000 年開始醞釀，經過 2003-2006 年的 ICANN 申請程序，至 2007-2008 年成功推出。在此發展歷程當中，得到全球、尤其是香港的卓越人士的鼓勵支持，本機構在此深表感謝。

DotAsia 期望繼續得到香港這個「亞洲國際都會」的支持，亦希望作為.Asia 落戶城市的香港，其本地互聯網社群能繼續維持友好環境。DotAsia 誠邀傳媒與我們聯絡，以更清晰了解我們的工作、管治和營運本質。

歡迎各界直接透過電郵：mediainquiries@registry.asia 或電話 +852.35.20.26.35 聯絡我們。

¹ <http://www.registry.asia/about/members.html>

² http://www.registry.asia/about/board_and_advisory_council.html

³ <http://www.apng.org/10thcamp.htm>

⁴ <http://www.isoc.org/isoc/chapters/projects/awards.php?id=7>

⁵ <http://itrc.hkcss.org.hk/program/channel.php?channelID=32&channelName=Digital+Solidarity+Fund&&lang=en> (Eng)
<http://itrc.hkcss.org.hk/program/channel.php?channelID=35&channelName=%BC%C6%BDX%A6%40%BF%C4%B0%F2%AA%F7&&lang=hk> (中文)

⁶ <http://www.registry.asia/about/members.html#supporters>