

## **Summary of Minutes of the Second Consultative and Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting of the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited held on Wednesday 9 December 2009**

1. New Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between HKIRC and HKSARG : Members were briefed on the background and progress on the drafting of the MOU. Members noted that the MOU is now split into two parts – a Designation Agreement (DA) and a non legally binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The DA describes the essential duties that the Government requires HKIRC to perform. As the designating authority, the Government has the legal right to take back the designation from HKIRC. The terms of this reversion are laid down in the DA. Members noted that the proposed new MOU and DA will be submitted to the IT and Broadcasting Panel at the coming LegCo meeting for discussion on 14 Dec 2009. CAP members offered no objections to HKIRC signing the MOU and DA.
2. Market Share of '.hk' and Comparison with Other ccTLDs and Comparative statistics and fees for '.hk' vs '.Com' and other ccTLDs : Members noted the statistics regarding the market share of '.hk' and comparison with other ccTLDs as well as comparative statistics and fees for '.hk' vs '.com' and other ccTLDs. One member commented that the usage of ccTLD domain names and the extent of Internet penetration may somehow correlate with GDP per capita. HKIRC will conduct some research from this perspective. Members also suggested that the Company should use purchasing power parity exchange rates of different countries when comparing the fee of .hk with other ccTLDs.
3. HKIRC website redesign : The Chairman said that the Company has done some research and found other registrars' sites no more user-friendly than HKIRC's one. However, the Company aims to improve the existing website to focus on helping users achieve what they want to do in a straightforward and intuitive manner. Members proposed that the Company should pay attention to the compatibility with the Hong Kong Supplementary Character Set. The Company should also consider compliance with the W3C Internet Accessibility standard.
4. "One-Stop Shop" service : The Chairman said that the Board has considered the proposal to provide "one stop shop" services for unsophisticated users to acquire email services and website design and hosting. CAP members expressed the view that offering "one-stop-shop" services may not be appropriate if HKIRC intends over time to discontinue providing registrar services.
5. Registry-Registrar (R/R) Model : The Chairman gave a briefing on the R/R Model and the proposed implementation as described in the paper. Members had made valuable comments on the proposal in various aspects. CAP members supported the Company moving forward to implement the R/R model.
6. Application to ICANN for administering .香港 : CAP members and HKIRC directors, who collectively represent a wide spectrum of stakeholders in the internet community, supported the position taken by the HKSARG that HKIRC should be designated as the registry of .香港.. CAP Members made valuable comments on the three proposed options of launching .香港. Members voted on the three options. Majority of the CAP members agreed on giving free .香港 domain names to all .hk registrants.

7. Broadening the Membership of Supply Class : The Chairman briefly explained the reason for broadening the Membership of Supply Class. Under the new proposed definition of Supply Class, it is expected that 330 members who are currently in the Demand Class will be eligible to become Supply Class members. There was no objection from the floor to the proposal.
8. Dual-site fault tolerant system to enhance reliability and availability : The Chairman reported that the Company plans to upgrade its system and network equipment in order to improve the resilience of our website and other services. There are two approaches to set up the dual-site near fault tolerant system to enhance reliability and availability. The Company proposed to adopt the option with lower cost and a downtime of 9 minutes. CAP members agreed with the proposal.
9. HIRC Management Accounts & Statistics Jan to Nov 2009 : The Chairman reported that the profit is HK\$3M above the budget and the Company is financially healthy. The number of domain names is around 181,000. There are also other statistics in the report that show the availability and response times of the website as well as the domain name server. The Chairman asked if CAP members find these statistics sufficient to reflect the Company's performance. CAP members found the statistics appropriate.