

**The Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Ltd (HKIRC)
Public Consultation on Consultative and Advisory Panel (CAP)**

HKIRC has been designated by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG) to manage and administer all Internet domain names under the ●hk country code top level domain in English or other equivalents.

Following a Government consultation exercise, at its Extraordinary General Meeting held on 23 August 2008, the Members of HKIRC amended the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association by adding clause 47A as follows.

The Company shall establish a consultative and advisory panel in relation to the management and affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries and to advise the Board on major ccTLD issues and facilitate the interaction of the Board with the stakeholders in general and with specific interest groups. The composition of such panel, its terms of reference and the timing of its establishment, shall be determined by the Government. The Board shall take into account (but shall not be obliged to follow) the recommendations of such panel. However the Board shall, if required by any Member or such panel, account for its decision in the event that it decides not to follow the recommendations of such panel.

The Government has invited HKIRC to take the lead in the process of forming the CAP, by proposing members whom HKIRC consider are collectively able to give advice from the perspectives of relevant stakeholder groups, including:

(i) Different classes of Internet user, such as the commerce and industry sector, small-and-medium enterprises, consumers, and disadvantaged groups (ii) The education sector and academia (iii) The ICT industry and related sectors (iv) The legal, accounting and corporate management professions and (v) Government and public bodies concerned with relevant issues such as ICT policy, intellectual property rights, crime prevention, data privacy etc

The Directors of HKIRC initially planned to invite the following organisations to nominate a member to the CAP.

1. Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
2. Hong Kong Chamber of Small and Medium Business
3. Consumer Council
4. Hong Kong Council of Social Service
5. University of Hong Kong
6. Institution of Engineering and Technology, Hong Kong
7. Communications Association of Hong Kong
8. Law Society of Hong Kong
9. Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants
10. Hong Kong Management Association
11. Office of the Telecommunications Authority
12. Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
13. Office of the Government Chief Information Officer

Former Directors serving on the HKIRC Board in 2007-08 will also be invited.

In compiling this list the Directors were mindful that employees of The City University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Baptist University and The Hong Kong Institute of Directors are already Directors of HKIRC.

In order to make the process for nominating and selecting CAP members open and transparent, before issuing such invitations, the Government has suggested that HKIRC make public the list of organisations it will invite to nominate CAP members, and to consider any concerns that are raised.

This notice invites interested organisations or members of the public to write to the Chief Executive Officer, The Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited, 20/F ING Tower, 308 Des Voeux Rd Central, Sheung Wan (or by email to capconsultation@hkirc.hk) no later than 14 April 2009 to communicate any such concerns.

**香港互聯網註冊管理有限公司(HKIRC)
有關諮詢委員會(CAP)的公眾諮詢**

香港互聯網註冊管理有限公司受香港特別行政區政府委託，專責管理所有以香港地區頂級域名註冊的互聯網域名；包括英文「.hk」及同義之其他語言。

繼政府較早前所作的諮詢，香港互聯網註冊管理有限公司的會員於二零零八年八月二十三日之特別會員大會上通過修改公司章程大綱及細則，加入條款四十七 A 如下：

公司應為本身及其子公司之管理與事務成立一個諮詢委員會。此委員會可就地區頂級域名的重要事務向董事局提供建議，並協助董事局與有關持份者及特定利益團體進行溝通。此委員會之組成、職權範圍及成立時間須由政府決定。董事局須充分考慮〔但不一定採納〕諮詢委員會提供的建議，對決定放棄採納的建議，亦須應會員或諮詢委員會的要求作出解釋。

政府已邀請香港互聯網註冊管理有限公司主導諮詢委員會的成立工作，推薦能代表有關持份者提供建議的人士成為諮詢委員會委員，有關持份者包括：

(i)不同界別的互聯網用戶，如工商界、中小企、消費者及弱勢社群；(ii)教育及學術界；(iii)資訊及通訊科技界及其有關界別；(iv)法律、會計及企業管理專業；及(v)與資訊及通訊科技政策、知識產權、防止罪行、資料私隱等相關之政府部門及公營機構。

香港互聯網註冊管理有限公司之董事初步計劃邀請以下機構各推薦一位成員加入諮詢委員會：

1. 香港總商會
2. 香港中小型企業商會
3. 消費者委員會
4. 香港社會服務聯會
5. 香港大學
6. 工程及科技學會香港分會
7. 香港通訊業聯會
8. 香港律師會
9. 香港會計師公會
10. 香港管理專業協會
11. 電訊管理局
12. 個人資料私隱專員公署
13. 政府資訊科技總監辦公室

本公司亦擬邀請二零零七至零八年度之董事局成員加入。

本公司董事於擬定以上名單時已考慮到現董事局成員已包括香港城市大學、香港浸會大學及香港董事學會之僱員。

為使諮詢委員會成員的挑選過程公開及透明，政府建議本公司於提出邀請前首先公開擬被獲邀組織的名單，如公眾人士或團體對以上名單有保留，請於二零零九年四月十四日或之前將意見書郵寄或電郵予香港互聯網註冊管理有限公司行政總裁。

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