

To: DotAsia Organisation Limited (the "Organisation")
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Re: Letter of Intent to Join DotAsia Organisation & Support for DotAsia Organisation ICANN TLD Bid

Dear DotAsia Organisation,

We are writing to express our intent to join the DotAsia Organisation as a Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific Internet / IT Initiative and to become a member in the DotAsia Organisation.

We understand that the Organisation has submitted a bid to ICANN to establish a Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific based Top-Level Domain (TLD) and undertake to fully support the Organisation in this bid.

We also understand that if the Organisation won this bid, the Organisation wishes to:

- Operate a viable not-for-profit initiative to be a technically advanced, world-class TLD registry for the Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific community;
- Establish an Internet namespace with global recognition and regional significance for the betterment of the Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific Internet experience; and,
- Reinvest surplus proceeds into socio-technological advancement initiatives relevant to the Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific Internet community.

We believe that the Asia initiative, as proposed by the DotAsia Organisation, is an appropriate and viable structure that is representative of the Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific community and will serve for the betterment of the Internet experience for the Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific community.

We therefore undertake to fully support and actively contribute to the Organisation so as to facilitate the Organisation's achievement of the aforementioned objectives.

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Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of the International Development Research Centre



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