Global Community to Discuss the Future of the Internet at ICANN's Singapore Meeting

ICANN Leaders to Answer Journalists' Questions
At Opening News Conference

Singapore… The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) convenes its 49th Public Meeting in Singapore, 23 – 27 March 2014.

The meeting will draw together diverse international stakeholders from government, business, civil society, non-government organizations, research institutions and others. Top on the agenda will be the United States Government's recent announcement of its intent to transfer stewardship of key technical functions.

Singapore's Minister for Communications and Information Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim will address attendees during a welcome session on Monday, 24 March at 8:30 AM SGT (03:00 UTC). Journalists are encouraged to attend.

Following the welcoming session, ICANN President and CEO Fadi Chehadé will join Board Chair Dr. Stephen D. Crocker and Vice President and Managing Director for Asia Pacific Yu-Chuang Kuek in responding to journalists' questions during an international news conference. They will address a wide range of issues including the future of the global Internet ecosystem and ICANN's role in its development and the current status of the new Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) program.

Journalists who are unable to attend the Singapore meeting are encouraged to participate remotely in the news conference via a live video web stream or an international toll-free telephone connection. The details for connecting are provided below.

A recording of the news conference will be posted to the press page of the ICANN web site (http://www.icann.org/en/news/press) after the event.

To see the full schedule of events and meetings taking place during ICANN 49 Singapore, go to http://singapore49.icann.org/en/schedule-full.

Here are the details of the News Conference:

WHAT: News Conference

WHO: Fadi Chehadé, President and CEO, Dr. Stephen Crocker, Chair of the Board of Directors, Yu-Chuang Kuek, VP & MD for Asia Pacific

WHEN: Monday, 24 March 1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. SGT (5:30 – 6:30 UTC)

WHERE: Morrison Room, Raffles City Convention Center, Singapore

OFF-SITE ACCESS: Journalists from around the world can participate in the news conference via remote access.

- ⏱ A live video webcast may be accessed at https://icann.adobeconnect.com/sin49-morrison.

- ⏱ Telephone access may be obtained by dialling an international access number obtained from this list www.adigo.com/icann. The toll free access number in the U.S. is +1.800.550.6865. Once you have reached the conferencing center, dial 25594.

Here are the details of the Welcome Ceremony:

WHAT: Welcome Ceremony and President's Opening Session

WHO: Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim, Singapore's Minister for Communications and Information, Leong Keng Thai, Deputy Chief Executive & Director-General (Telecoms & Post) of the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore, Fadi Chehadé, President and CEO, and Dr. Stephen Crocker, Chair of the Board of Directors

WHEN: Monday, 24 March 8:30 – 10:00 A.M. SGT (00:30 – 02:00 UTC)

WHERE: Padang Room, Raffles City Convention Center, Singapore

OFF-SITE ACCESS: Journalists from around the world can participate in the Welcome Ceremony via remote access.

- ⏱ A live video webcast may be accessed at https://icann.adobeconnect.com/sin49-padang.

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About ICANN: *ICANN's mission is to ensure a stable, secure and unified global Internet. To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your computer - a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN coordinates these unique identifiers across the world. Without that coordination we wouldn't have one global Internet. ICANN was formed in 1998. It is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. ICANN doesn't control content on the Internet. It cannot stop spam and it doesn't deal with access to the Internet. But through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet.* ***For more information please visit: www.icann.org****.*