

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers  
Governing Committee Meeting Agenda  
Videoconference: January 24, 2008**

**Tokyo, 12:00 Bangkok, 10:00; Sydney and Canberra, 14:00; Beijing, 11:00;**

**Governing Committee members:**

Present: Colin Lonergan, Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit, Maree Tait, Phillip Karp, Ryu Fukui; Madam Xuezheng Sun

**Others present:**

Le Anh Vu, Senior Technical Advisor, Tokyo Development Learning Center  
Jiping Zhang, Senior Distance Learning Specialist, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Rob Voight, Acting HR Manager, EAP Region

Eiko Wataya, Program Coordinator, Tokyo Development Learning Center,

Etsuyo Nonome, Office Manager, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Yuka Yabashi, Assistant Coordinator, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Naomi Koike, Assistant Coordinator, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Sachiko Oda, Assistant Coordinator, Tokyo Development learning Center

Hinako Maruyama, Partnerships & Administration Assistant, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Chisako Fukuda, Communications Officer, Tokyo Development Learning Center

Peter Yates, Training Officer, Australian National University DLC,

Tianxiu Kang, WBI Program Assistant, Beijing Development Learning Center

Montira Narkvichien, Business Development Manager, GDLN Asia Pacific

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 12.00 GMT+9 by acting Chairperson: Colin Lonergan.  
January 24, 2008 minutes pending approval

*Nomination of GDLN Asia Pacific Representative on Steering Committee:*

- Maree Tait has been recommended to represent GDLN Asia Pacific; but whether other DLC managers should be considered will be re-discussed in the next meeting.

*Legalization of the Association of GDLN Asia-Pacific in Thailand and the Progress of GDLN AP HQs Office Fit-Out at Chulalongkorn University*

- Colin reported that KMPG has been contracted to apply tax-free legal status of the Association. The legal consultant advised procedure could take one more year to go through Thailand's Ministry of Finance, which could pose potential risks on the operation of GDLN AP.
- On behalf of the Governing Committee, Ravi will seek advice from KMPG to alternatively evaluate option of GDLN AP to have a private entity status and investigate different options. He will report to the Governing Committee as soon as possible.

### *Business Development Work Program Report*

- Montira reported work progress on Catalysts of Change program. One-page web announcement for the Second Series of Philippines former president Fidel Ramos is being prepared by Chisako. Montira sees a potential of scalability in the Catalysts program into a higher level of innovative multimedia communications package proposal for Asean. Peter Stephens, World Bank Regional Communications Manager and Montira have scheduled to meet Asean secretary general Surin Pitsuwan to investigate needs of Asean.
- Montira reported that the World Bank has planned to utilize the GDLN AP Network to bring specific program to African business and leadership audiences, and use the network to share African experience with other countries in Asia in the World Bank's partnership with INSEAD business school with a special focus on engaging Africa. Madame Sun updated that the Government of China is rapidly expanding influences and interests in Africa. China and African are planning to push bilateral ties to new high in 2008. The strengthening South-South cooperation between Africa and China should be one of most virtuous topics for GDLN AP to develop programs with a strong focus on the Continent and African development alerts.
- GDLN AP will serve as a marketing function of Vietnam Development Information Center's VCCI SMEs program. Montira is tasked to analyze similar client needs in trading sector in other countries such as Thailand, Sri Lanka and Mongolia.
- On Private Partnership Initiatives, Montira is tasked to analyze sophisticated expenditure on corporate social responsibilities of the business sector, which will help in developing and designing specific models and marketing approach. This also will put the Network members to focus on developing programs relating to priority topics of Climate Change, Energy Challenges, Urban Development, and Health.
- Gdlnap.org website is being developed and managed by Bob in Tokyo Development Learning Center with content input from Chisako. Suggested features are EAP discussion list, web log, syndication features. GDLN AP should speed up the launch of its website to best explain the branding, identity.
- Website manager will seek approval of content, tone and design from the Governing Committee before final launch.

### *EAP GDLN Sectoral Program for Calendar Year 2008 Calls for Expressions of Interest*

- Colin reported that EAP Sectoral Program for CY2008 now calls for Expressions of Interest from EAP DLCs.
- Montira is tasked to send EAP GDLN Sectoral Proposals and the Approved Summary of EAP GDLN Program Phase II out to the EAP DLCs. This would invite them to express their interest in coordinating one (or any number) of the GDLN programs listed as well as providing a stated reason for their interest in a particular program. Sonya Woo recommended expressions of interest should be emailed to the Management Committee (Governing Committee) by Friday, February 1, 2008. Colin will request to extend the time to submit proposals by a week to take account of Chinese New Year.

- ANU has agreed to handle fiduciary responsibilities on behalf of GDLN Asia Pacific. Sonya's e-mail indicates that the Bank has already approved the budget of \$200,000 for these programs.
- Expressions of interest would be evaluated by the Management Committee (Governing Committee) based on a set of criteria that includes past experience, reliability, content support and instructional design capacity.
- With an invitation of senior management staff present during the consideration process for advice, the Management Committee (Governing Committee) will determine with a great care of conflicts of interest. Rob Voigt has been invited to participate in the selection process.

*AIDS 2008 Hubs Sessions Calls for Expression of Interest*

- The Governing Committee agreed that there should be regional participation from GDLN AP DLCs.
- Ryu will consider a significant contribution from the Tokyo Development Center into the Aids 2008 Conference.

**Next meeting:**

Date to be announced.

**Meeting adjourned at 13.15 (GMT+9)**