

**Association of Asia Pacific GDLN Centers  
Governing Committee Meeting  
Videoconference: March 30, 2009  
Canberra and Sydney 14:00; Tokyo, 12:00; Beijing 11:00; Bangkok, 10:00**

**Governing Committee members:**

Present: Phillip Karp, Dr. Pimrumpai Premssmit, Ryu Fukui, Peter Yates on behalf of Maree Tait

Apologies: Nizam, Maree Tait

**Others present:**

Ivia Martinez, GDLN Asia Pacific Coordinator

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 11:00 in Beijing by acting Chairperson: Phillip Karp.

*TDLC technical update: GDLN Asia Pacific VC bridging hub:*

- The launch announcement of the GDLN Regional Technical Hub Services by TDLC in the EAP region was made on March 13 and officially started on March 16, 2009. The hub, based in TDLC, provides regional bridging services for videoconferencing and aims to establish services on all aspects of videoconferencing and multimedia related services as well as to provide technical support to DLCs in GDLN Asia Pacific.

*ASEAN update:*

- Dr. Surin Pitsuwan has sent a letter to Mr. Robert B. Zoellick as a follow up to the multi-stakeholder dialogues in advance of (February 20<sup>th</sup>) and immediately after (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) the recent ASEAN Summit. The letter congratulates the World Bank, its East Asia and Pacific region and the GDLN Asia Pacific, and it proposes a close collaboration between ASEAN and the World Bank to develop and support a high-tech community outreach network.
- Jim Adams will respond on behalf of Mr. Zoellick. Governing Committee members mentioned that it will be important to emphasize work programs, (perhaps a including a champion program) as well as infrastructure. Also, that the World Bank could suggest team members for developing a joint proposal and an action plan.

*GDLN Asia Pacific regional meeting*

- The Governing Committee began discussions to define the main topics of the Mongolia General Meeting and the meeting's structure.
- Amongst some of the areas expected to be addressed at the meeting are: GDLN global governance, regional programs and partners, South Asia membership, and technology infrastructure and services.
- A task force has been proposed to manage the regional programs session for the meeting.
- Training sessions could be offered during the meeting but information will be obtained before making a decision. This information will better define training

- needs in the region plus potential training courses available for implementation in June.
- The GDLN Australia team has offered to take the lead in drafting an agenda and will work with the Mongolia DLC team, the GDLN Asia Pacific headquarters, and VDIC to have a draft ready for the next Governing Committee meeting.

*Singapore:*

- The Lee Kuan Yew School will host a South to South dialogue with the Minister of Education of Indonesia and the Minister of Education of Jordan to share the experience of two programs with the World Bank. This event strengthens the interest from Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and the Singapore Ministry of Finance to continue exploring the possibility of joining the GDLN.
- Phil Karp will meet with APEC's COO to discuss possibilities of engaging the GDLN in support of their activities.

**Next meeting:**

Mid April, specific date will be announced via email.

**Meeting adjourned at 13:00 China time.**