

APNIC History Project

The Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC)
– Formation and early operations (1992-1995)

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- Celebrating 20 years of APNIC operations
- Documenting and celebrating the achievements and personalities behind APNIC's 20 years

APNIC formation and early years

- “The Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) – Formation and early operations (1992-1995)”
- Draft chapter for book two of Kilnam Chon’s *Asia Internet History Project*
- Covers APNIC prehistory, formation, and early years (1992-1995)

Draft chapter

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- Drawn from multiple archival sources and personal correspondence
- Your comments and corrections welcome
 - <https://sites.google.com/site/internethistoryasia/book2/section-7-2-apnic>

Outline of draft (I)

- How IP addressing outgrew early registration model
- Emergence of RIR model (RIPE NCC, 1992)
- Seminal meeting of CCIRN in Tokyo brought together new RIPE NCC reps, Jun Murai (WIDE, Japan), and Kilnam Chon (KAIST)
- APCCIRN then in formation, launched the “APNIC Experiment” (September 1993)

Outline of draft (2)

- APNIC Experiment used a distributed model:
 - JPNIC provided budget, space, hardware
 - KRNIC provided information services
 - AUNIC provided DNS-related services
 - APNIC “staff” was mailing list of 25 people from AU, CN, JP, KR, NZ, SG, TW, TH, US

Outline of draft (3)

- Experiment ran until July 1994
- “Interim APNIC” followed
- By end of 1995, new staff, APNIC meetings begun, APRICOT launched; but challenges remained to develop:
 - more robust organisational structure
 - stable funding model

Coming chapters for APNIC History Project

- Organisational development and move to Australia
- Policy evolution
- Key milestones
- APNIC's role in regional development
- Internet governance
- Profiles of key contributors

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