JPNIC's contribution to NETmundial

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Abstract

Regarding Internet Governance Principles, JPNIC suggests "pragmatism", "well-informed decision based on evidence" and "verifiability" especially important among a number of principles which are considered important.Regarding the further evolution, JPNIC suggests to have a new role which catalyzes enhanced cooperation among entities which have been responsively handling Internet Governance issues in their respective areas in order to address complex and emerging issues.

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Section 1. Internet Governance PrinciplesThere are a number of principles which are considered to be important for Internet governance. From those principles, we would like to submit the following principles which we believe are especially important:The first is pragmatism. As expressed by the widely quoted phrase in the Internet Technical Community “We believe in rough consensus and running code” which is described in Tao of IETF, internet technical standards are developed by requiring standards which actually are able to operate, accepting the existence of multiple standards, as well as by leaving the choice and its deployment to users of such standards. This has successfully suppressed unrealistic specifications to be standardized, and is achieving development of pragmatic standards. For stakeholders affected by policies, it is important not only in

technical spheres but also in policy spheres that policies to be developed are pragmatic.The second is well-informed decision based on evidence. In either technical or political spheres, the issues of the Internet Governance are specialized in many cases and often require highly expertized knowledge in making judgment. Therefore, it is important that people with high expertise make considerations based on various evidences. In addition, in cases where people without expertise are involved in making a judgment, they should make judgments based on the experts' consideration with evidence.The last is verifiability of policy deliberation process. In the tradition of the Internet, anyone can verify discussions and decisions made in policy or standard development process , as materials, proposals and discussion to develop policies or standards are recorded and are made publicly available. This accommodates dynamic and timely discussions to adjust to rapid changes in technological advancement and markets, while at the same time, enables to make modifications as needed by later reviewing the discussions, including the adequacy of the discussions process. This is important for further evolution of the policy process for the Internet for the future.Section 2. Roadmap for the Further Evolution of the Internet Governance Ecosystem

The Internet Governance as a whole covers a wide range of issues, ranging from technical developments to public policies. In developing standards and policies for these issues, there are various entities responsible for a particular area of the issues, and they are engaged in working on issues which are under their responsibilities, based on their expertise.While the existing entities have been handling issues in their respective areas successfully until today, it is possible to have a complex set of issues or new issues to arise as the Internet becomes increasingly sophisticated.To deal with such issues effectively, and to maximize the expertize which has been built by each entity until today, there may be a need to have a new function catalyzing among each of the entities, to coordinate collaborative efforts and enable a coordinated set to multiple activities, which address complex and emerging issues. We believe it is important for each entity to pursue further efforts in its respective areas of responsibilities, and through clarifications of role of each entity, respect and make good use of expertise of other entities. In order to find new approach of addressing emerging issues which cannot be fully covered by each entity's expertise, the catalyst function will be needed, as well as enhancement of high-level cooperation among these entities.