



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

ASIA and PACIFIC INTERNET ASSOCIATION
(www.apia.org)

AND

SOUTH ASIAN NETWORK OPERATORS GROUP (SANOG)
(www.sanog.org)

February 2004

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This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** (hereinafter “**MOU**”) is entered into this 1st day of February, 2004 by and among,

the **Asia and Pacific Internet Association** (hereinafter “**APIA**”), located at www.apia.org, with secretariat in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

the **South Asian Network Operators Group** (hereinafter “**SANOG**”) a virtual group of network operators in South Asia, located at www.sanog.org, with secretariat in Kathmandu, Nepal;

(hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, the Parties recognise the benefits of mutual cooperation between the Parties in the area of operator co-operation and particularly in Internet related issues;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that each Party will benefit from the complementary skills, knowledge and experience of the other Party;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

Article I

Promoting Infrastructure Development and Business in the Region and Industry: The Parties agree to cooperate to promote domestic and international Internet, standards, infrastructure development and services (hereinafter referred to as the “Industry”) in order to encourage Internet development between Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the South Asian region.

Article II

Exchange of Information and Materials and Mutual Assistance: The Parties agree to exchange information and material (whether printed, audio or visual) regularly. The Parties further agree to render mutual assistance with regard to activities undertaken on behalf of their respective members in the Region and within the normal parameters of each Party’s organisational activities. In this perspective, the parties also agree to allow website links between them.

Article III

Seminars and Conferences: The Parties agree to cooperate and render mutual assistance and reciprocate the attendance of their members to meetings, seminars, or conferences to further the goals of this MOU.

Training programs: The Parties agree to cooperate and render mutual assistance and reciprocate the attendance of their members to APRICOT supported events; APIA will encourage participants and supporters of APRICOT to host training seminars developed and coordinated by SANOG in their region.

Article IV

Protection of Information: The Parties agree to use all reasonable efforts to protect any internal or proprietary document received from the other Party and hereunder described as confidential or proprietary.

Article V

Nonbinding Agreement; Amendments; Effective Date of Contract: The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this MOU is nonbinding and does not create any obligations under law. The Parties agree that any modifications or amendments to this MOU shall be done in writing, signed by both Parties. The MOU shall become effective on the date of its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until written notice is given by either Party, after which the MOU shall terminate 30 days from the date of said notice, unless otherwise agreed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this **MOU** has been duly sealed and executed as of the date first above written.

Asia and Pacific Internet Association (APIA)

By: Abhisak Chulya

Title: Chair of the Board, Asia and Pacific Internet Association (APIA)

SOUTH ASIAN NETWORK OPERATORS GROUP (SANOG)

By: Gaurab Raj Upadhaya

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