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#### Executive Summary (Please include summary and Table of Contents)

This document describes the Charter Eligibility Requirement for registering .ASIA domain names. In order to be eligible for a .ASIA domain, at least one of the Domain Contacts associated with the Domain Name must be a legal entity in the DotAsia Community. The Domain Contact making the Charter Eligibility Declaration (CED) – CED Contact – is jointly responsible for the domain name along with the Registrant Contact. Updates to the Charter Eligibility Declaration as well as the association of a CED Contact to a domain are allowed under normal operations. The corresponding CED Contact and domain will be locked during a CEDRP (Charter Eligibility Dispute Resolution Policy) proceeding.

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#### Discussion (Main body and discussion of document)

## 1 Introduction

The .ASIA Registry is a Sponsored TLD registry. This Charter Eligibility Requirement describes the requirement to qualify as an eligible domain registration holder of .ASIA domain names, as well as the declaration required for an Applicant.

### 1.1 Definitions

.ASIA Registry

The ".ASIA Registry" is the TLD Registry Sponsored and operated by DotAsia Organisation Ltd. ("DotAsia"). DotAsia is a not-for-profit,

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limited-by-guarantee corporation incorporated in Hong Kong.

Applicant	The Applicant of a domain name is the collective of entities implicated by the associated contacts of a domain registration application. More specifically, this includes the Registrant Contact and the contact used in making the declaration that an application meets the Charter Eligibility Requirement.
Charter Eligibility Declaration Contact	A Charter Eligibility Declaration (CED) Contact is a contact that is designated to make the declaration that it meets the Charter Eligibility for registering a .ASIA domain name.
Domain Contact	A Contact associated with a domain registration. Four types of Domain Contacts are accepted: Registrant Contact, Administrative Contact, Technical Contact and Billing Contact.
Go Live	Go Live refers to the stage after the completion of the Startup process, which includes Sunrise and Landrush, of the .ASIA Registry. Upon Go Live, domain registrations are processed and accepted automatically and on a First-Come-First-Served basis.
Landrush	Landrush refers to the initial phase of broad availability of the .ASIA domain for any entity meeting the charter eligibility requirements to register domains. This phase is the last phase in the startup process prior to the Go Live phase when normal operations based on live first-come-first-serve processing of the .ASIA registry commences.
Registered Domain Holder	The Registered Domain Holder of a domain name is the collective of the Registrant Contact and the contact used in making the declaration that an application meets the Charter Eligibility Requirement (CED Contact).
Sponsored TLD	Sponsored TLD is a Sponsored Generic Top Level Domain as described and defined by ICANN: A sponsored TLD is a specialized TLD that has a sponsor representing a specific community that is served by the TLD. The sponsor thus carries out delegated policy-formulation responsibilities over many matters concerning the TLD.
Sunrise	Sunrise refers to the startup process described in the .ASIA Sunrise Policies document.

## 1.2 Scope and Documentation

This document describes the Charter Eligibility Requirement for registering .ASIA domain names. During the Sunrise period at the startup of the .ASIA Registry, additional eligibility requirements are defined for different phases of the Sunrise. Charter Eligibility Dispute Resolution Policies follow the ICANN Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policies described and posted at <http://www.icann.org/udrp/cedrp-policy.html>.

Section 2 provides the background for which the Charter Eligibility Requirement is set against, while Section 3 describes the specifics of the requirement.

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## 2 Sponsored TLD Charter

As specified in Appendix S of the Registry Operator Agreement with ICANN:

The DotAsia registry will serve the Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific community. The DotAsia Organisation will adopt the boundaries defined by ICANN (<http://www.icann.org/montreal/geo-regions-topic.htm>) for the Asia / Australia / Pacific (AP) region as a basis for its scope of eligibility. This provides for a clear definition of eligibility based on the geographic locations represented within the region.

The DotAsia Organisation views "Asia" as a term that appropriately embodies the diverse and vibrant Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific community, and a TLD namestring that is representative, short, recognisable and conceptually viable. The DotAsia Organisation believes that "Asia" as a term used for a TLD has broad significance, clear and lasting value, and creates a new and differentiated space that enhances the diversity of the Internet namespace.

### 2.1 Vision & Mission of the DotAsia Organisation

The vision of the DotAsia Organisation is to create a globally visible domain that embodies the successful, cooperative atmosphere established within the Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific Internet community to accelerate the overall growth of the region.

The mission of the DotAsia Organisation is:

- To sponsor, establish and operate a regional Internet namespace with global recognition and regional significance, dedicated to the needs of the Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific Internet community;
- To reinvest surpluses in socio-technological advancement initiatives relevant to the Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific Internet community; and
- To operate a viable not-for-profit initiative that is a technically advanced, world-class TLD registry for the Pan-Asia and Asia Pacific community.

### 2.2 Description of Sponsored TLD Community

As defined in Appendix S of the Registry Operator Agreement with ICANN, the DotAsia Community will be defined as all self-identified participants that have a stake in the Charter of the TLD as described above in Section 2.

Furthermore:

1. Registry Operator anticipates the following to be the major beneficiaries and stakeholders in the community:
  - a. Legal entities within the Sponsor Community, including natural person, proprietorship, partnership or corporations
  - b. Governments, public sector entities and statutory bodies within the Sponsor Community
  - c. Entities that have established, seeking or have nexus relationship and presence within the Sponsor Community
2. Registry Operator may modify and/or expand the description of the TLD Community, consistent with the Agreement and the scope for eligibility for inclusion within the TLD Community as set forth in Part 1, Sponsored TLD Charter, to reflect the evolution of the Pan Asia and Asia Pacific region.

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### 3 Charter Eligibility Requirement

This document describes the specific requirements to be implemented for the registration of domain names in the .ASIA Registry.

In order to be eligible for a .ASIA domain, at least one of the Domain Contacts associated with the Domain Name must be an existing and current legal entity in the DotAsia Community.

As mentioned above, the DotAsia Community is defined based on the geographical boundaries described by the ICANN Asia / Australia / Pacific region (<http://www.icann.org/montreal/geo-regions-topic.htm>). An extract of the list containing only the localities for the Asia / Australia / Pacific Region is included in Appendix A as a reference.

#### 3.1 Charter Eligibility Declaration

For each domain registration application, one of the associated Domain Contacts must be designated as the Charter Eligibility Declaration (CED) Contact. The designated CED Contact must provide additional information to make the declaration that it is a legal entity within the DotAsia Community. These include:

1. Origin of the claimed Legal Entity status (ISO3166 code)
2. Type of Legal Entity
  - a. Natural Persons
  - b. Corporations or Companies
  - c. Cooperatives
  - d. Partnerships or Collectives
  - e. Government Bodies, States, Sovereigns or Municipalities
  - f. Political parties or Trade Unions
  - g. Trusts, Estates, Associations or Societies
  - h. Institutions
  - i. Other
3. Form of Identification
  - a. Passport or Citizenship ID
  - b. Certificate of Incorporation or equivalent business registration certificate issued by the relevant government registry as confirmation of the due incorporation and valid existence of the company
  - c. Act, decree or legislation describing the formation of an entity
  - d. Societies Registry or equivalent registry for non-corporate entities
  - e. Political Parties Registry
  - f. Other
4. Identification Number / Code of Reference (e.g. Passport number, Business Certificate number, Act or Legislation number/code, etc.)
5. Other Remarks

If 2i. and/or 3f. is declared, the appropriate information for the Type of Legal Entity and Form of Identification to support the claim must be entered into 5. If the legal entity is not established at a national level which is identifiable by the declaration in "1. Origin of the claimed Legal Entity", then the local registry or relevant office must be indicated in "5. Other Remarks".

During Sunrise and Landrush, Charter Eligibility Declarations for all applications will be verified for conformance to the above policies. Such verification reviews that legible information is

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entered into each field, but does not validate the legality of the submitted information. Upon the Go Live of the .ASIA Registry, CED information will be verified by sampling methodologies.

Information submitted for the CED Contact, except where privacy considerations for personal data dictates (e.g. passport number), will be included in publicly accessible WHOIS databases to allow for public scrutiny of the eligibility of applicants. Registered Domain Holders who are found to have provided false or deceptive information will have their domain registration cancelled.

### 3.2 Applicant and Registered Domain Holder

The Applicant or the Registered Domain Holder for a .ASIA domain is considered to be the collective of the Registrant Contact and the CED Contact associated with the domain. In the case where the Registrant Contact is the CED Contact, then the Registrant Contact itself will be responsible for the application. In the case where the Registrant Contact and the CED Contact are different entities, both entities are jointly responsible for the application.

The Registrant Contact will however remain the “operating contact”, for example, for transfer purposes.

Upon the submission of a domain registration application, the Registrant Contact (who is submitting the application) must accept, represent and warrant that it has made known to the CED Contact, and the CED Contact has agreed, that the Registrant Contact and the CED Contact will jointly be defined as the Registered Name Holder, and that it shall be jointly responsible for the Registered Name, including but not limited to, its usage, management, and any related liabilities. The CED Contact further agrees that the Registrant Contact shall nevertheless remain the operating contact for all operations of the domain, including but not limited to domain transfer and updates.

### 3.3 CED Amendment Process

Under normal conditions, any contact may update (i.e. amend) its Charter Eligibility Declaration at anytime. Registered Domain Holders may update (i.e. change) the association of a CED Contact with a domain at anytime under normal conditions.

If a CEDRP proceeding is initiated however, the Charter Eligibility Declaration along with the corresponding domain name will be locked.

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Appendices / Exhibits (If applicable)

## Appendix A: ICANN Asia / Australia / Pacific (AP) Region

ccTLD	Economy / cc-Locality	Physical Region	ICANN Region
cn	China	AP	AP
hk	Hong Kong	AP	AP
jp	Japan	AP	AP
kp	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	AP	AP
kr	Korea, Republic of	AP	AP
mn	Mongolia	AP	AP
mo	Macao	AP	AP
tw	Taiwan	AP*	AP
ae	United Arab Emirates	AP	AP
af	Afghanistan	AP	AP
am	Armenia	AP	AP
az	Azerbaijan	AP	AP
bh	Bahrain	AP	AP
cy	Cyprus	AP	AP
ge	Georgia	AP	AP
il	Israel	AP	AP
iq	Iraq	AP	AP
ir	Iran, Islamic Republic of	AP	AP
jo	Jordan	AP	AP
kg	Kyrgyzstan	AP	AP
kw	Kuwait	AP	AP
kz	Kazakhstan	AP	AP
lb	Lebanon	AP	AP
om	Oman	AP	AP
ps	Palestinian Territories	AP	AP
qa	Qatar	AP	AP
sa	Saudi Arabia	AP	AP
sy	Syrian Arab Republic	AP	AP
tj	Tajikistan	AP	AP
tm	Turkmenistan	AP	AP
tr	Turkey	AP	AP
uz	Uzbekistan	AP	AP
ye	Yemen	AP	AP
bd	Bangladesh	AP	AP
bn	Brunei Darussalam	AP	AP
bt	Bhutan	AP	AP
id	Indonesia	AP	AP
in	India	AP	AP
kh	Cambodia	AP	AP
la	Lao People's Democratic Republic	AP	AP

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lk	Sri Lanka	AP	AP
mm	Myanmar	AP	AP
mv	Maldives	AP	AP
my	Malaysia	AP	AP
np	Nepal	AP	AP
ph	Philippines	AP	AP
pk	Pakistan	AP	AP
sg	Singapore	AP	AP
th	Thailand	AP	AP
tl	Timor-Leste	AP	AP
vn	Viet Nam	AP	AP
aq	Antarctica	AQ*	AP
au	Australia	AP	AP
cc	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	AP*	AP
ck	Cook Islands	AP	AP
cx	Christmas Island	AP*	AP
fj	Fiji	AP	AP
fm	Micronesia, Federated States of	AP	AP
hm	Heard Island and McDonald Islands	AP*	AP
ki	Kiribati	AP	AP
mh	Marshall Islands	AP	AP
nf	Norfolk Island	AP	AP
nr	Nauru	AP	AP
nu	Niue	AP	AP
nz	New Zealand	AP	AP
pg	Papua New Guinea	AP	AP
pw	Palau	AP	AP
sb	Solomon Islands	AP	AP
tk	Tokelau	AP	AP
to	Tonga	AP	AP
tv	Tuvalu	AP	AP
vu	Vanuatu	AP	AP
ws	Samoa	AP	AP

<http://www.icann.org/montreal/geo-regions-topic.htm>

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