

Season's Greetings from WITSA!

On behalf of WITSA, we thank you very much for your support and wish you and yours a very happy holiday season and a prosperous and safe New Year!

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and Best Wishes for the New Year



2019

Yvonne Chiu
WITSA Chairman



[ACTION REQUIRED] 2019 WITSA Membership Survey

In a continuing effort to provide the best services possible to you, our members, WITSA is launching its 2019 annual Membership Survey. Your feedback and recommendations are very important to WITSA as we strive to improve our programs and activities.

This year, we have added a section measuring the impact of WITSA's policy statements.

We would greatly appreciate if you would be so kind as to spend a few minutes to complete this survey. It is posted for your convenience [here](#).

Kindly complete this relatively short survey NO later than close of business on Monday, December 31, 2018. Your input is greatly appreciated.

IFB

InfoCom Federation Brunei

WITSA Chair-Person Yvonne Chiu met IFB President, setting the stage for cooperation in ICT and Smart Health in Brunei

Based on WITSA's strong influence in the global ICT industry, Chair-person of WITSA and Information Service Industry Association of R.O.C (CISA) - Ms. Yonne Chiu, was invited by InfoCom Federation Brunei President-Sheikh Hj Abas on December 6, 2018 for discussing the possibility of joining WITSA and regional cooperation in Smart Health field.

The World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA) is the only global organization that brings together the world's leading ICT associations. Due to its high representative, it provides all its members a network linked of 83 countries and an international platform to showcase its members and goals.

As one of WITSA's missions is developing relationship and knowledge between regional associations, this time, Ms. Chiu not only invited IFB President for joining WITSA, but also had a deep discussion of Smart Health technology application in medical system to improve Brunei people's well-being by using the successful cases in Taiwan.

Taiwan and Brueni both are within the same region, also share some cultural commonalities. For example, the local dialects: Minnan in Taiwan and Fuzhou in Brunei can communicate with each other without issues. This similarity highly assisted the relationship-building and the discussion of tnh digitalizing Brueni medical system, as it's based on a shared culture and understanding. Dr. Wu from CMU medical hospital used "Pain

Free Hospital" to showcase how Taiwan's characteristics into medical and ICT to make smart health more applicable to patients and management.

This meeting was ended with some positive feedback, including IFB agreeing to join WITSA, and expressing an interest in signing a bilateral cooperation memorandum with CISA for future cooperation, especially in the field of smart health and ICT industry. It opens the new page for both WITSA and Brunei, more cross-industry, more cross-border cooperation and better partnership in technology and humanistic care.



WITSA chair-person Yvonne Chiu and IFB President Sheikh Hj Abas met for the future cooperation in Smart Health and bilateral cooperation.



(From Left) WITSA Asia Office CSO Suzzan Tsai,IFB Treasurer Gary Liao, CMU medical consultant Sai-Chuen Wu,Cheng Kung Uni. Hospital Dr. Dingjia Weng ,AEGIS Secure Data Soltions SDN.BHD. Surine Akau,IFB President Sheikh Hj Abas,WITASA chair-person Yvonne Chiu,TECO in Brunei Ambassador Weiyang Lin, IFB Secretariat Yatie H.A.

WITSA's Public Policy Corner



The moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions should be made permanent.

Digital Trade Network Issues Statement on the Moratorium on Customs Duties on

Electronic Transmissions

The DTN Released a [statement](#) on the moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions received by all WTO delegations for the General Council's day-long debate on the subject on 27th November. The Digital Trade Network, whose supporters collectively represent millions of businesses of all sizes in more than 173 countries, support the renewal of the moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions. In fact we believe it should be made permanent.

Member News



CESSI Celebrates the Argentinian IT Industry

We celebrate one more year of working passionately for our purpose as an industry, which is no other than creating value and quality employment by helping to digitally transform society by generating more progress and social inclusion.

We congratulate all the distinguished and winners! A huge thank you to the government authorities, to the representatives of the academy science and technology, to representatives of the media, to representatives of entities, to entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs and to all society, and in Special to the sponsors who supported the realization of this emotional event. And especially a huge thank you to the authorities of the honorable legislature of la caba for giving us the imposing, historic and beautiful golden hall of the legislative palace that allowed the value of the software industry in the city and in the country!



AIIA Launches iAwards

2019 is your chance to launch your #digital#innovation on a national scale! Take the time during the holidays to get cracking on your entry. Submit by 4 Feb & save 10% on entry fees: (link: <http://www.aiaa.com.au/iawards>)
[aiaa.com.au/iawards#AIIA#iAwards#ICT#technology#digitaldisruption](http://www.aiaa.com.au/iawards#AIIA#iAwards#ICT#technology#digitaldisruption)

[See the Video](#)

Media release: [theiAwards](#)

extends early bird deadline to 4 February 2019. Read updates from @AIIA_ICT CEO @RonGauci & past #iAwards winners @CognissHQ @theyield : (link: <https://bit.ly/2EECZj1>)



PIKOM Recognizes MDEC CEO

[Dec. 18, 2018] MDEC CEO Datuk Yasmin Mahmood was [recognized](#) as Industry Champion for her valuable contributions to the ICT Industry today at Pikom's year-end Members Meet Christmas Party at DoJo KL. Industry players led by PIKOM hosted a farewell party for Datuk Yasmin who will be leaving MDEC soon.



PIKOM Recognizes Outstanding Merchants

[Dec. 8, 2018] The last month in the calendar year is usually the first month in PIKOM's new council 2018-2019 year. We kicked off the December month by rewarding the 24 outstanding merchants in this year's #MYCYBERSALE 2018. Four of these merchants had the privilege of receiving their plaques from Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Dr Ong Kian Ming at the E-Commerce Day The Finale. They were in the categories of top local GMV, top export GMV, top e-Usahawan and top newcomer. Congrats to JOCOM MSHOPPING SDN BHD, SEA GAMER MALL SDN BHD, HANAMI ENTERPRISE SDN BHD and SNF ONLINE and all remaining winning merchants in the 20 other categories. Thank you to the 1,260 merchants for making #MYCYBERSALE 2018 the best performing national online sale event in five years. The event achieved RM390 million in GMV. You made it happen for the growth of the e-commerce industry in our country.



MCIA Elects New Chairman and Board

On December 8, Myanmar Computer Industry Association (MCIA) elected the following:

[\(link\)](#)

- U Tun Tun Naing - Chairman
- Ne Win - Vice President
- Htike Win - joint secretary
- Kyaw Soe-treasurer
- Daw Phyu Phyu Thaug - Vice Chairman (1)
- He excels - Vice Chairman (2)
- General Secretary of the crops Zaw -
- U Myint Aung, joint secretary (1)
- Daw ■■■ ■■■ ■■■ ■■■ ■■■ ■■■ ■■■ ■■■ - Joint Secretary (2)
- Zaw Htut - joint secretary (3)
- U Tun Tun Oo, joint secretary (4)
- Aye-treasurer
- Daw worth dozens of tribes-audit (1)
- Ohmar shoots - Audit (2)



Information Technology Association of Nigeria Holds Annual Meeting

Information Technology Association of Nigeria Holds Annual General Meeting in Lagos on December 13, 2018.



Former WITSA Director & Executive Chairman at Green IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Er. Binod Dhakal Social Dialogue Program on Empowering IT Workers: ICTs in the New Economy, Kathmandu, Nepal. See the video [presentation](#).

Global News



[Dec. 10, 2018] Sarah Moriarty: Please stand up for human rights and freedom for political hostages in Iran

Sarah Moriarty is a daughter of Robert Levinson who has been held hostage in Iran since March 9, 2007. Our fathers, husbands, brothers, grandfathers, friends all made the mistake of setting foot on Iranian soil after the Iranian authorities reinvigorated their hostage taking efforts in early 2007. Robert Levinson, Saeed Malekpour, Nizar Zakka, Siamak Namazi, Baquer Namazi, Kamran Ghaderi, Ahmadreza Djalali - each of these men are being denied the

fundamental human rights values of justice and human dignity. There are countless other individuals also held by Iranian authorities. We speak loudly on their behalf. See the Reuters [article](#).



Statement Calling For Release Of Nizar Zakka and others Wrongfully Detained In Iran

Source: United States Senator for Virginia Tim Kaine

December 03, 2018 WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Tim Kaine and Chris Coons, both members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, released the following statement calling for the release of the American citizens and legal residents wrongfully detained in Iran:

"As members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, we call for the immediate release of all wrongfully imprisoned on groundless charges by the Iranian regime. This includes those individuals listed in a heartbreaking letter written by their families and published by the Center for Human Rights in Iran that alleges torture. We are especially concerned about the detained American citizens and legal residents Robert Levinson, Baquer and Siamak Namazi, Nizar Zakka, and Xiyue Wang. We encourage the Trump administration to continue diplomatic engagement with Iran to secure the release of these political prisoners. We will press for their release until they are home and reunited with their loved ones, and we will hold Iran accountable for these human rights abuses."

Today, families of these American citizens and residents published an open letter ([link](#)) to world leaders, human rights organizations, and the media to bring attention to the detainment of these individuals.

Five Eyes governments get even tougher on encryption

[ZDNet] Official statements from the Five Country Ministerial meeting make it clear: Voluntarily build lawful access into encrypted messaging systems, or else. It's not a good look. See [article](#).



The Australian Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security report and proposed amendments to the Access and Assistance Bill

The Australian Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security report and proposed amendments to the Access and Assistance Bill are very weak on likely impact on Australian & global ICTs. Here's five solid, rational & very serious points that must be examined before rushing into law.

[See post.](#)

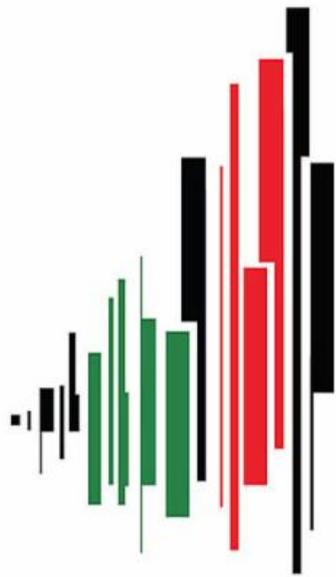


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DUBAI 2018

29 October - 16 November
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

ITU Decides Four-Year Strategy

At the 2018 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Dubai, a new Strategic Plan and a new Financial Plan, was agreed with targets for the Union for the next four years, including ITU's key role in the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Houlin Zhao as reelected as ITU Secretary-General and ITU made history by electing Doreen Bogdan-Martin as the first woman on the ITU management team. A summary can be found in the latest [ITU News Magazine](#). See also the handy issues [matrix](#) developed by the Internet Society.

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