Anti-Spam MoUs
Experiences and Challenges

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Existing Anti-Spam Agreements

Several now in place around the world:

- London Action Plan (LAP): around 40 signatories
- European region: EU Regional MoU
- Tri-lateral: UK / USA / AUS
- Bi-lateral: KISA-ACA
- Asian region: Seoul-Melbourne MoU: 12 agencies
- Other inter-agency MoUs also in place

Seoul-Melbourne MoU – history

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- **KISA-ACA bilateral MoU: signed Oct 2003**
- **We cooperated on:**
  - mobile spam; compromised servers; educational + technical solutions
- **Then we planned to:**
  - adapt MoU document
  - expand to Asian region
- **Invitations sent: December 2004**
- **Founding signatories announced: April 2005**
  - 12 agencies from 10 countries / regions

Seoul-Melbourne MoU – focus

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- **Asian region (but room to expand in future)**
- **Exchange information on:**
  - Legal and policy solutions
  - Technical solutions
  - Educational solutions
  - Industry collaboration
  - Intelligence and data
  - Spam trends
  - Network threats
  - Resources and role of each agency
- **Also allows for joint enforcement**

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Defining features

- **Agency-to-agency focus (not state-to-state)**
- **Operational level (not high level)**
- **Regional focus:**
  - Tackle most relevant issues, e.g. compromised machines
  - Build networks across region
- **General: can join without spam laws**
- **Complement other MoUs**
  - Diff regions and scopes

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Challenges

- **Many countries have no spam laws**
- **Spam laws and definitions differ**
- **Other laws differ (e.g. privacy)**
  - Challenge for joint enforcement
  - Challenge for information-sharing

- **Priorities and skill sets of agencies will vary**

- **As network grows, it gets more unwieldy**

- **Resources an issue**

Next steps under MoU

- **Exchange information**
  - Agencies' roles + resources ('Signatory Schedules')
- **Plan activities**
  - Input from signatories
  - Circulate and discuss by email
- **Set up first meeting**
  - Web conference
- **Undertake joint projects**
- **Make use of networks**

12 Founding Signatories

Australian Communications Authority (ACA)
Internet Society of China (ISC)
Korea Information Security Agency (KISA)
Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau, Hong Kong (CITB)
Philippines National Computer Centre (NCC)
Philippines Computer Emergency Response Team (PH-CERT)
Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan (METI)
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) Japan
New Zealand Ministry of Economic Development (MED)
TWCERT/CC
Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Thailand (MICT)

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