

Asi@Connect Newsletter

December, 2021

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The most remarkable achievement on Asi@Connect was the project extension by August 2023, which will provide more time to strengthen our community activities. Also, the Asi@Connect 5th Call for Proposals selected 21 new activities for community collaboration. During this year, Asi@Connect proceeded the NREN Needs Assessment to support NRENs in practical perspective and its findings will be developed as the new targeted call for proposal in the year 2022. On behalf of TEIN*CC and Asi@Connect Project, I give my sincere thanks for your tremendous supports and collaboration in Asi@Connect Project.

I wish all the best for your days and a happy new year.

Executive Officer of TEIN*CC

Louis Hyunho Choi



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during further two(2) years. Asi@Connect will develop more programs for the community and TEIN network connectivity.

Asi@Connect Governors' and Project Meetings

Asi@Connect Governors Meetings were held two times in this year, February, and August respectively. Due to travel restriction, the Governors gathered via online meeting. The Governors got updated about Asi@Connect Project activities and network management, etc. The upcoming meeting, the 11th Asi@Connect Governors and Project Meeting will be held via online hosted by BdREN, National Research and Education Network of Bangladesh.



Asi@Connect Steering Committee Meetings

Asi@Connect Steering Committee Meetings were held total 18 times during this year. The Steering Committee Members provided advice and own times for Asi@Connect Project implementation. The Steering Committee Members dedicated the overall process of the 5th Calls for Proposal and its evaluations, which took lots of time and effort for fair and transparent selection. Also various project agendas such as TEIN network management, NREN Needs Assessment, NREN survey and community activities have been discussed for the project. Thanks all Steering Committee Members.

TEIN Network Updates

Relocation of TEIN Singapore POP (Point of Presence) was carried out on 20 & 21 December. The work could be accomplished, under strict travel ban due to COVID-19 pandemic, thanks to great support and assistance from TEIN NOC, SingAREN and AARNet. This work is expected to be completed by early January 2022. TEIN*CC will continue to care for stable network operation and maintenance for all users and members.



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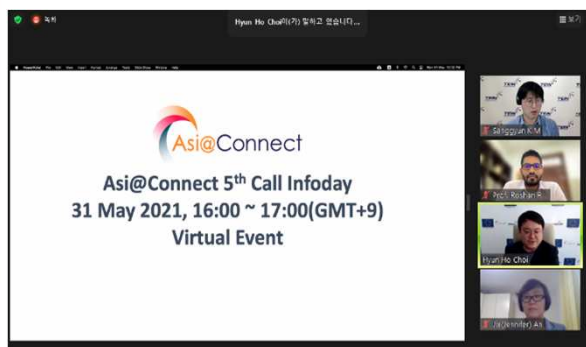
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The 5th Call for Proposals

Submission to selection and Results

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Info day (Webinar)



The 5th Call for Proposals Infoday was held on 31 May 2021 by online seminar. This event was prepared to help potential proposers to provide detailed information about how to prepare concept notes & full proposals and what to keep in mind for successful papers. The steering committee delivered key information and know-hows that had attained through the four (4) times of Call for Proposals. The event had around 160 participants, and LEARN members helped to arrange this event.

NREN Needs Assessment

During the year 2021, the NREN Needs Assessment (NNA) was conducted, and its result will be released soon. The main purpose of this NNA is to select Asi@Connect programs focusing on NREN partners' needs and help them in practical level. The NNA was led by our partners LEARN and BdREN to carry out online surveys, partner interviews and to analyze all collected information. The NNA produced its result as NREN maturity, the impact of requirements, recommendations. One of the top priorities and widespread requirements is a video collaboration system that reflects needs com from the challenges of the pandemic situation.

NREN Survey (Compendium)



Asi@Connect's 2nd Compendium was issued in December since its first release of 2018 edition. It covers the majority of NRENs – 21 out of 28 - across the Asia-Pacific region and provides a comprehensive snapshot of the very diverse group of national research networks of the region. The report is based

an Asi@Connect-funded survey that was undertaken during the period starting from December 2020 to April 2021, taking part in the survey from 21 economies. It primarily covers the period from January to December 2019, extending to 2020, where survey data are supplemented from other sources. The Asi@Connect NREN Compendium can be found online at: [LINK](#)

Asi@Connect Webinar Series



The first round of Asi@Connect Webinar Series successfully finished on 6 Dec. 2021. Around 100 R&E community members joined this webinar via Zoom platform and Facebook live streaming. This webinar opened its first topic with Education using TEIN network. Among the

67 sub-granted projects under Asi@Connect project, three projects presented their activities and achievements during this event. Full recording is available: [LINK](#)

Asi@Connect visibility



To encourage NREN partners to overcome challenges caused by pandemic, TEIN*CC prepared face masks for Asi@Connect partners. The face masks contained desires of all our communities to be together. Total 21 partners received and shared the campaign 'We are connected and together'.

International Collaboration

APAN collaborations

Even though we were unable to meet physically due to the pandemic, Asi@Connect presented to the R&E community in each APAN51(1-5 February) and APAN52(2-6 August). To support our partners and APAN, Asi@Connect entered sponsorship to APAN



conferences in year 2021. Both of TEIN*CC and APAN showed a great partnership in these limited circumstances. Asi@Connect shared project updates on APAN newsletter to share on-going activities and to drive more wider community's attention to the project.

Asian Development Bank

PANEL SPEAKER: OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY INFRASTRUCTURE
DAY 1, 23 AUGUST 2021, 3:50 - 4:50 p.m. (Manila time)

ADB

9th International Skills Forum
Reimagining Education
and Skills Development
for a New Normal

23 August 2021 • 1 to 5 p.m. (Manila time)
24-27 August 2021 • 2 to 6 p.m. (Manila time)

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SCAN TO REGISTER

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) invited representatives from government, private sector and other development partners involved in education and training to bring ideas for a new normal post COVID-19 next week (23~27 August 2021). The 9th International Skills Forum was the place to re-thinking about role of digital connectivity in education sector with our experiences in Pandemic. Mr. Louis Hyun Choi from TEIN*CC attended as a speaker

and introduced Asi@Connect and share our cases how we prepared educational sector using the network and quickly responded pandemic in a level of project and also national level.

Happy New Year 2022

