



## **INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

### ***IARU REGION 3***

## **Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and IARU Region 3**

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### **1. Introduction**

The APT and the IARU have had a close relationship for many years, since an early seminar on Amateur Radio Communications was held in June 1994 in Tokyo. The IARU requested that a more formal relationship be agreed with the APT by way of a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen the bond. This was initiated by Michael Owen VK3KI (now SK) then Chairman of Directors in 2013. In the view of IARU Region 3 the APT had nothing to lose, but had much to gain with closer cooperation. No change to our status was proposed. The text of the MOU was drafted during 2014 and negotiated after significant effort with the APT by Chairman of Directors Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN. Other people provided substantial assistance.

**In summary**, a stronger relationship between the APT and the international resources of the IARU and IARU Region 3 would lead to skill development and stronger economies in ITU Region 3 countries; to mutual benefit.

IARU Region 3 has participated in the APG preparatory meetings of the APT as an Observer since the APG2000-1 meeting, preparing for WRCs. Our primary objective is to contribute to the development of the amateur services in Region 3. In July 2013 IARU Region 3 attended the 4th APT Workshop on Disaster Management & Communications in Manila, delivering a presentation on emergency communications using amateur radio.

### **2. Benefits**

The following benefits are expected from an MOU between the APT and IARU/IARU Region 3:

- Stronger participation and more certainty between the parties. This will assist radiocommunications development in the Asia – Pacific region.
- Developing economies can gain from the wide variety of amateur radio activities, technical developments and operating skills. Technology and science are increasingly important.



- Radio amateurs have experience in complete radio systems, technical competence and operating communications systems.
- The education and training in radiocommunications required to become a radio amateur are especially valuable in developing countries, producing self motivated and skilled people. In turn they can train others and increase the national skills base.
- Knowledge and skills developed lead to careers in radiocommunications, benefitting economies and the local population.
- The IARU can provide “Amateur Radio Administration Courses” to assist regulators and train staff to understand the Amateur Service and its regulatory environment.
- The IARU can share its considerable experience in emergency communications and disaster preparedness. Radio amateurs are distributed throughout their communities and provide vital “first responder” services. Their skills and equipment are used for the national benefit.
- Contributions in each APT country to search and rescue, disaster relief and public protection can be developed further.
- Radio amateurs carry out radio research and investigation, including hardware and software development.
- Radio amateurs during their numerous personal radio contacts develop goodwill and friendships between like minded individuals, contributing to a stronger Asia – Pacific region.

**Annex: Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and IARU Region 3 (December 2014)**

**Note:** A “pdf” version in full size of the MOU in this Annex is also available on the IARU Region 3 Web Site.

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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)**

and the

**International Amateur Radio Union Region 3 (IARU Region 3)**



### **PARTIES:**

**Asia-Pacific Telecommunity** (hereinafter referred to as “APT”), an intergovernmental organization established as a regional telecommunication organization for the Asia-Pacific region, with its registered office in the 12/49 Soi 5, Chaengwattana Road, Bangkok 10210, Thailand

**International Amateur Radio Union Region 3** (hereinafter referred to as “IARU Region 3”), a nonprofit autonomous sub-organization of the International Amateur Radio Union with its registered office at 43-1, Minami-otsuka 3-chome, Toshima-Ku, Tokyo 170-8073, Japan

WHEREAS, the objectives of the APT is to foster the development of telecommunication services and information infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region

WHEREAS, the objective of the IARU Region 3 is the protection, promotion and advancement of the Amateur Radiocommunication and Amateur-Satellite Services in the Region 3;

THE PARTIES have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) under the terms and conditions set out below.

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this MoU is to establish collaboration between the Parties in areas that are of interest to both Parties.

### **2. Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties**

- 2.1 APT will allow IARU Region 3 to participate in the meetings/events organized by APT as an observer on payment of registration fee per delegate per event.
- 2.2 IARU Region 3 may submit “information” documents to the meeting/event in accordance with the rules governing such meetings/events.
- 2.3 APT will provide access to the relevant areas of the APT website for the designated focal point of IARU Region 3.
- 2.4 IARU Region 3 will extend reciprocal arrangement for APT to meetings and events of IARU Region 3.
- 2.5 IARU Region 3 will assist APT in providing speakers or experts on issues related to Amateur Services and Radiocommunication matters for which APT has an interest. In such case APT will waive registration fee.
- 2.6 IARU Region 3 agrees that its representatives to the APT meetings/events will be from the Asia-Pacific region and for any reason if it sends a representative from outside the region, prior consultation is necessary with the Secretary General of APT.



**3. Legal Obligations**

This MoU is a preliminary, non-binding statement of mutual intentions of the Parties and does not impose any legal obligation to the Parties.

Nothing in this MoU may be interpreted or construed as giving the legal authority to represent the other Party in any form or to be an agent, partner or otherwise associated with the other Party except within the limits as provided in this MoU.

**4. Financial Obligations**

This MoU does not impose any financial obligation on either Party. Any cost associated in implementing or participating in any of the activities undertaken by the Parties in relation to this MoU will be borne by the respective Party.

**5. Confidentiality**

Nothing in this MoU should be construed as requiring either of the parties to disclose confidential or restricted documents, information and/or data. Each Party shall treat the confidentiality of all documents, information and/or data obtained in the course of execution of this MoU and deemed confidential by the other Party.

**6. Prohibitions**

Either Party shall not be engaged in any activity or take any action that will harm the other Party either materially or otherwise or create any liability on the part of the other.

**7. Amendments**

This MoU can be amended at any time by written agreement signed by the Parties.

**8. Entry into Force, Duration, Extension and Termination**

This MoU enters into force on the date of its signature by both Parties and expires five (5) years from the date of commencement. The MoU can be further extended by periods of five (5) years by exchange of letters by both Parties expressing their wish to continue this MoU.

This MoU can be terminated at any date by either Party giving three (3) months advance written notice to the other.

**9. Communications and Notices**


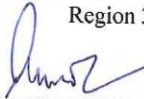
All communications and notices in respect of this MoU shall be sent to the following:

For the APT:  
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Email: secretary@iaru-r3.org

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, each acting through its duly authorized representatives have signed this MoU in two (2) originals in the English language.

<p>For the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity</p> <p></p> <p>..... Mr. Toshiyuki Yamada Secretary General</p> <p>Place: <i>Bangkok</i> Date: <i>2. 12. 2014</i></p>	<p>For the International Amateur Radio Union Region 3</p> <p></p> <p>..... Mr. Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN Chairman IARU Region 3</p> <p>Place: <i>Chennai/India</i> Date: <i>8/12/2014</i></p>
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