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ASYRAF MIERZA: Good morning, everyone. Welcome to the ICANN75 Session in Kuala Lumpur, and we are now the session for the briefings for the At-Large APRALO Student Briefings. And we will now hand over for the opening remarks to Mr. Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much. This is Satish, for the record. A warm welcome to everyone who's joined this meeting today. I am the Chair of APRALO, which represents the end-user community of ICANN in the Asia-Pacific region. So in a sense that we are the local community, local host for this event, ICANN75. You may be aware that ICANN has three meetings every year, and we've been having COVID-induced lockdowns on meetings. We just started with the last meeting in the Hague, and this is the second meeting after the opening up.

So the objective of this meeting is basically to reach out to the local communities, meaning people who are likely to engage in future with ICANN. And we could think of no better community than the student community because you have the kind of skills and also aspirations that makes it a close match for people that we are trying to work with for ICANN.

ICANN is an organization. It's a global organization, not for profit. It tries to, or it runs a part of the Internet. It has got a very narrow remit, which means it looks at a set of things and nothing besides

that. And these things are things like names, numbers, and protocol parameters, and so on. We will come across—I mean, we will look at some of these things and my task at this time is to welcome you.

And the whole day we have arranged multiple programs for you. In the afternoon, we will also see an APRALO meeting in progress where you can participate. You can raise questions. In this particular session, we don't have too much of time for questions but we do have a little bit of time. So I'll stop here, and back to you, Asyraf. Thanks.

ASYRAF MIERZA: Thank you, Mr. Satish, for the welcoming remarks. Now I will hand over to Puteri Ameena for the welcoming message for inspiration. Over to you.

PUTERI AMEENA: Thank you, Asyraf. Good morning, everyone. My name is Ameena. I'm the Vice President of Internet Society Malaysia Chapter. I've been volunteering in this space since 2020 through the Youth Internet Governance Forum. And then in 2021, I attended the Asia-Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APGA). And in 2022, I have been the APNIC 54 fellow and now I'm here as an ICANN75 fellow.

I will explain further on the expectations later, but just to give you a little hint that, I guess, to prepare me mentally, that there will be probably a lot of new terms that you will hear as you enter this space. Even I would give an example from the ICANN itself, which stands for the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. You can elaborate it way deeper for each of the term in that name.

So through the complex discussions and meetings, what motivated me to move forward in this space, even though very slowly, is the constant inspirations that I have been observing and absorbing from the community members who are very, very experienced and knowledgeable about their own respective roles in this Internet governance space. I am still very curious about what made them volunteer for so many years and what is this treasure or gem that they see in this space and really want to take care of.

Time is always envy of us, so I will be around. If you have any questions, I'll do my best to help. With that, I pass the floor to Professor Suhaidi Hassan, the person who brought ICANN back to Malaysia for the second time, since 2004. Over to you, Prof.

SUHAIDI HASSAN: Salam Alaikum [inaudible] and very good morning to everyone. [inaudible] We say it in English Salam to Malaysia, family of

Malaysia. First of all, I would like to welcome everyone—our colleagues from ICANN—to Kuala Lumpur. And this is after quite some time we managed to come back to Kuala Lumpur.

In 2016, we submitted the application to ICANN to organize the event in Kuala Lumpur, but we are supposed to get the organization to host ICANN68 in Kuala Lumpur in 2020 but, unfortunately, because of this COVID-19, ICANN has previously changed the mode of ICANN68 to virtual meeting, and now we had the chance to be here in ICANN75.

So welcome, again, our colleagues here to Kuala Lumpur. And please make the rest of your stay in Kuala Lumpur as, you know, as easy as possible. Consider this as your home. And if anything that you need our help, please tell us.

I would like also to welcome all the students from various universities to ICANN75. And I know most of you are new to ICANN, and this is your first time in ICANN meeting. So please take this opportunity to learn about ICANN, the role of ICANN, and please make all the opportunities: meet all the people, meet all our colleagues from ICANN so that you can explore for your future endeavor. Contribute to the Internet community at the global level through ICANN.

I would like to thank actually the organization of the students event today that we call ICANNdiscover@ICANN75 is not possible

without the help, the assistance, the corporation from the Academy of Professors Malaysia. So Academy of Professors Malaysia is the entity of the grouping of professors in Malaysia that helps universities around the country to send students to our meeting here. But, unfortunately, this time is actually on the school break time. So not many students can come at this time, but we have the number about 40 students that will come. Hopefully, they will join it there because of traffic jam and so on.

So please enjoy your time here with ICANN At-Large today and learn as much as possible to the students. And when I say "students," as I said in the WhatsApp group this morning, it is not only the students; we have also staff. We have several staff here, professors from the universities that also join us. And we hope that your experience here will inspire your students to join the activities of ICANN in the future. So back to Asyraf.

ASYRAF MIERZA: Thank you, Professor Suhaidi, for such an inspirational message. I am sure the participants here for the students and the academic staff are very exciting to know more about the ICANN and the APRALO. So, for now, I will hand over to the APRALO leadership team and for their greetings for the students, the participants that will attend today. And the first APRALO leadership team, I will hand over to Amrita. Amrita?

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Asyraf. Good morning, everyone. I'm Amrita and a big welcome to all the students who have come or those who are on the way. Don't feel overwhelmed when you are here sitting in the table, you know, you can ask questions. Try to see, you know, what's happening. Don't get overwhelmed. Any questions you have, you can, you know, go up to any person and ask them. This is your first time in ICANN, but we hope that you can join the mailing list, go through the ICANN Learn courses. There are many people today to help you share some bits about ICANN. So enjoy yourselves and try to, you know, see what interests you. Thank you for being here.

ASYRAF MIERZA: Thank you, Amrita. Now we hand over to Lianna. Lianna?

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Hello. I am online. If you can hear me.

ASYRAF MIERZA: Yes, we can hear you.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Okay. Great. So I'd like to welcome everyone. The students, you are really next generation of ICANNers. You can become ICANNer,

and you are from the Asia-Pacific region and your interest and your enthusiasm here are really very welcome. Now, try to learn as much as possible, despite all these acronyms, all the hard works that you can hear that doesn't matter and pay attention to the network that you have. This is a really unique chance for you to see people around from all over the world and, most importantly, from our region, from APAC region. And try to get the most of the interaction that you can have and to go deeper into this Internet governance world, particularly about the ICANN. So this is your time, your chance, and try to be engaged and see what you can learn, and make the region as connected and as advanced as possible through your endeavors. Thank you, and I really welcome you there. Thank you so much.

ASYRAF MIERZA: Thank you so much for the greetings, Lianna. Now we hand over to Ali. Ali, are you here?

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you. I'm more than happy to be part of this, first of all, leadership, and, secondly, to go through the students and mentors because the last one I have been involved in was in (Inaudible 00:14:20). and I'm really impressed with the number of the students that accepted to joins because when we started this in (Inaudible 00:14:29), we were having around 10 to 12 students.

So it's not that much compared to now we are having around 50 or 48, something that number.

So myself and my colleague, Lianna, we have taken care of those students in Kobe and it was an excellent program and excellent output. I would see that here we'll have even much more, so please do not hesitate to contact or to speak to anyone, whether he is in this room or outside to help you on anything you need. Rest assured that you will have all the support you need from any single contacted person that you reach to. Thank you.

ASYRAF MIERZA: Thank you very much, Ali. Okay. Now we will hand over to Gunela.

GUNELA ASTBRINK: Thank you very much. And welcome, everyone. It's great to have students here: young, enthusiastic, new people, potentially, that might be interested in joining APRALO and ICANN generally. I'm from Australia from Consumer Action Network. And as you see going around the room, there are people from across the Asia-Pacific region. So it's quite exciting to be working with people from different cultural groups, linguistically, and so forth. My particular interest area is accessibility for people with disability. And it just shows that from whatever community you come; it could be civil society; it could be later on the private sector.

You might be joining government it the future and whatever area you're going to work in and, also, if it's in technology, policy, maybe the law, then you would have a place here in ICANN because it's using the multi-stakeholder model. And you will hear a lot about that during the day. So whatever your interests are, you would have a place here. And we'll hear later on from Siranush from the Fellowship Program, who will tell you about the possibilities of learning more about how ICANN works and where your place would be. So welcome, everyone, and thank you. Terima kasih.

ASYRAF MIERZA: Thank you very much for the welcoming greetings, Gunela. Now we have last but not least, Holly, for the –

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you. I was reminded this morning when I had lunch—sorry, breakfast with Siranush. We recalled October 1, 2016, when US oversight of ICANN stopped and we became a global body. I'm also going to recall a discussion yesterday in the open mic questions to the board, where there was a question about ICANN and its opposition to the possibility of moving ICANN governance to the UN. As (Inaudible 00:18:08) explained and as I will explain, the difficulty there is that in the UN it's a political body. Some

people can talk, other people can't talk, depending on the circumstance.

What ICANN is now is a global multi-stakeholder model where everybody can sit around the table. And if you look around the table, think of the number of cultures, languages that are represented at this table and every other table around here. So if there is a mission for all of you, it is to preserve the open transparent multi-stakeholder model of ICANN where everyone is welcomed, everyone is listened to, and it's very important that all of you actually participate and learn about participate in the discussions and policies to uphold the open, welcoming, transparent nature of ICANN. Thank you.

ASYRAF MIERZA: Thank you very much, Holly, for the leadership team meetings. Now we will hand over to the, ICANN/At-Large APRALO that will be doing by Maureen. Maureen, over to you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Thank you very much. And welcome, everyone. It's really great to see you here. And it's, you know, we are very proud to be able to, you know, sort of invite so many new people along and hope we get to see more of you. My role is just—my name is Maureen Hilyard and I'm the Chair of the ALAC, At-Large Community at the moment. And I would just, like, just sort of like

direct you to the guy in the blue on the opposite side, over there, who is the incoming chair.

So from, you know, after this meeting, he will be the one who will be welcoming you. But what I wanted to do today was really just a sort of like in a very, very broad overview of how APRALO fits within ICANN. And the very first thing, of course, is that on this diagram, for example, I've sort of like broken up the ICANN community into three broad groups, okay?

The very first one on the top is ICANN Org, okay? If you see anyone within the corridors of our meeting, you'll be able to, you know, you should be able to identify them as to whether they're actually Org, because they'll have a staff badge on them. I'm surrounded by them.

But they're the ones who actually work for ICANN.

And then we have the Name Supporting Organizations. And there's only two of those. One's the generic, the country code name supporting group, which is the organization that looks after any policies relating to country codes. Like what's Malaysia? M-y? Dot m-y? Yeah.

And there's the other group, the other Name Supporting Organization is the Generic Name Support GNSO. So you've got the CCNSO and you've got the GNSO. Now those are the two. They're other key groups within ICANN because they're the ones

that actually develop the—they create and develop policies relating to their respective top-level domains, okay?

And then there's us. The advisory committees. Now advisory committees, of course, naturally we think advisory committees are very, very important because we, when the Name Supporting Organizations decide on developing a policy, these policies go to the advisory committees and they make comments on them as to how those policies might impact their communities.

So, for example, the advisory committees that I've actually named there, there's the ALAC—that's us. We're looking after the interests of Internet, the end users. There's the Government Advisory Committee, the GAC, and they're meeting, sort of like on the other side of their building. And we've got the ASAC and the root server select system group. And these four are generally the sorts of—these, I mean, I guess in the time that I've been the chair, this is the group, these are the four advisory groups that I've actually sort of like dealt with a lot, you know, including our own of course.

So really that's how ICANN. ICANN's actually made up of those three groups. And, of course, for us, the At-Large Advisory Committee is the most important one because we are part of that group. If I can have the next slide. There is that. Okay.

So we are the At-Large Community, and the At-Large Community consists of, first of all, it's like two main groups: The ALAC, and the ALAC consists of 15 members who are selected from the five regions. So there's three members from each of the five regions, and those five regions are listed below. Of course, the Asian, Australasian, and Pacific Islands section is the most important because that's us. And, of course, and then there's the others: AFRALO, the African Regional At-Large Organization; the EURALO in Europe, North America, and Latin American and the Caribbean. So, and you—just to note—just to note that our incoming chair is from NARALO, okay? But that's okay. We can adopt him and include him into APRALO. You can be an honorary APRALO member, Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK: I'm honored.

MAUREEN HILYARD: So really, I just wanted—I think that that's basically sort of like how we fit into the ICANN community. But I think that one of the things that I wanted to sort of point is the next slide, which—and, I mean, there are other slides that we could have actually included, but this is an old slide. I don't know how old it is. But it basically shows you, and it's not all of them, where our member organizations are actually situated. And this is just in APRALO. So

it shows you the extent like this is like half the world is in our region. And so we've, you know, and we have the member organizations whom I hope when we go to do a check after this meeting, we're going to see that they're all active. But we just like to note that Lianna is, and Siranush are from an ALS that's probably in the far left-hand side of the map and I am on the ALS on the far bottom right. So there we go.

From Siranush in Armenia to me in the Cook Islands, we sort of like are at the expense of the APRALO At-Large Communities. So, you know, we cover a lot and we are a very active group and under Amrita's leadership as we have done under Satish's leadership over the last seven years, I believe, Satish, that we, you know, we've actually become a very forceful and a very active group within the At-Large Community. And I foresee that we are going to continue to be this way, too. If we have few more members, a few more voices joining our group, we'd be very thrilled. Thank you. And now I'd like to pass it on to—if you don't mind, there are some bits and pieces that I know that Heidi would like to also explain to you that are of value to our community.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Maureen, and hello, everyone. My name is Heidi Ullrich and I lead the At-Large Support Team. I'm thrilled to see you here. As a former academic, I always feel so happy to see students and to be among them. So welcome. I wanted to add

just a few more before you're going to hear from Siranush, who's also supporting ICANN and bringing in new members.

ICANN offers an online series of courses called ICANN Learn. And I encourage all of you to go on, look at their catalog. It's an extensive catalog about how ICANN works. And the At-Large Community has developed two courses relatively recently. The first is just a welcome and introduction to At-Large. It's called Welcome to Our World. It's a very unique and interesting world. And the second one is on policy development and discusses all about how you can have your voice heard and that for the end users. So I do encourage you to look at that. I'll put the link to those courses into the chat.

Also, At-Large has a capacity-building working group and they hold a series of workshops online and the current one is about skill building. So there's, in fact, tomorrow there's going to be a session on leadership; how you can build your leadership skills within the ICANN context. So we can encourage you to come to that.

And then also there is a series. If you look at the ICANN Org website in the upper left tab, there is a tab for beginners or welcome, and there's a series of beginners guides that I would encourage you to take a look at, too. And I'll, again, I'll put the link into the chat shortly. So thank you and welcome again.

MAUREEN HILYARD: If I can just add one more thing. One of the things that's really, really important for APRALO is, of course, there is that our color is red and that our motto is celebrating diversity and I think that that's really important.

ASYRAF MIERZA: All right. Thank you very much for the speech. So now we will hand to Ameena for the program details on the ICANN Discover and the expectation. Over to you.

PUTERI AMEENA: Thank you, Asyraf. All right, let's begin. I'll talk a bit about the program schedule for the students. And next slide, please. Oh, okay, it's a bit smaller. So basically, I've sent this schedule in the WhatsApp group, but we will start here at the briefing. And after this, there is the coffee break for 30 minutes. You are welcome to take the food. It's normally at the corridors. At 10:30—okay before that, during the first coffee break, I hope before you go, we can gather together closer and we will divide you in groups.

So at 10:30 you can either go straight to the venue or come back here in Conference Hall 2 so we can go together. Each group will have a coordinator with you. That will be me, Asyraf, Professor Heidi, and also Aris. So we will guide each group to either of the

sessions. If you're interested with the sessions, just let us know. But if you just want to know what is going on in either of those sessions. Feel free to join.

So the first session will end at 12:00 and we will have our lunch break. You will be receiving your coupon, your lunch coupon from Aris later and it's in cafe EDE on the ground floor. Please be back by 1:15. Okay, next slide.

And then at 1:15, come back to this same hall for the APRALO meeting. Here, you will hear more from other community members in the Asia-Pacific region. And just open your ears, open your mind, and listen to what's going on in this APRALO. This is specifically for APRALO APAC. This is a different one, but I'll go back. I'll go there next.

After that at 2:30, you're going to have another coffee break. And at 3:00, we will disperse again for our groups. Apologies for the typo there. That's supposed to be 1, 2, 3, and 4, not 3 and 3. And, (Inaudible 00:32:09), can you go down a little bit. Thank you.

At 4:00 PM, we're going to have the third break and the last session for the day is APAC Space. This is the session where it talks about all what's going on in APAC. And, yeah, I don't want to leak and spoil with the agenda, but we'll just see what we will share about there. Next slide, please.

Okay, I would like to share just few points to set the expectations, especially for newcomers. So, first, like we've heard from the leadership teams, there's going to be a lot of acronyms and jargon terms. I would suggest that—this is what I did before. I just wrote down what the acronyms are. For example, I heard ICANN, I just wrote down ICANN and then come back to it. Coming to the second point, Google-ing. Googling what the terms are, what do they actually do. Even when you Google, the definitions might be quite overwhelming and still jargon terms. And that's why you're going to have a heap of questions. So please do not hesitate to ask, reach out to us. If you don't want to talk directly to us, you can message us on WhatsApp. You can private message us, you can talk in the group, but it's best to talk directly to us or other community members, so they can explain it to you and share with you as much as they can. Next slide, please.

Okay. Oh, I got to the first point already. So what's next for today and also after this program. I would like to invite you to ask questions to any, and, if possible, every community member you meet. You can look at your texts and if they have some golden stickers or something that is written ICANN Board, you can just go to them like, "Hi, I'm newcomer. I'm here with the APRALO program, ICANNdiscover, and what is an ICANN Board do?" Just talk to them.

Second is the upcoming Internet governance projects in Malaysia. We're currently preparing and brewing some projects and be in the loop by being a member of the Internet Society Malaysia Chapter, wherewith that you will be subscribed to our mailing list and we will send the invitations and information there.

I would like to echo Heidi's point on ICANN Learn just now. There's a lot of, like, the jargons. You can look at them up on ICANN Learn and find out what it is about. It's a few short courses that you can just browse through and see the multi-stakeholder model, the community, what do they do, what is a policy development process. There's a lot more to explore, so I would call it the adventure of Internet governance in ICANN. So I hope you're excited because I wasn't still –

I would like to also read a comment from Zoom from Bill Jouris. He mentioned just a few minutes before. I'm just going to read it as it is. "In addition to all the different groups, which you might be part of and be welcomed here, I would like to mention one other option: I essentially just wandered in off the street without being a member of any of those groups—which is the ICANN community—I was still welcomed. If you don't belong to one of the groups mentioned, there is still a place for you here. There is a place for everyone; you just have to take your time and look for it. Be with us and we'll walk through with you." Next slide, please.

And that is from me for the program schedule and expectation. For those who have not become a member, you can go to the internetsociety.org, click on the Member Login, be a member and join the Malaysia Chapter, and you'll be in the loop. Thank you. Back to Asyraf.

ASYRAF MIERZA: Thank you, Ameena. Now we hand over to Siranush for the fellowship opportunities towards the student.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. My name is Siranush Vardanyan and I'm representing the Fellowship Program. I'm managing the program from ICANN Org site, but my home and my heart is always in APRALO in Asia-Pacific because when I came to ICANN first time as a fellow, Asia-Pacific was the place who accepted me and adopted me as a new child and new student like you. And I'm so, so much appreciating that welcoming atmosphere in Asia-Pacific that I stayed here for longer than I thought I would be. But again, my heart is always here and I'm always in red showing my respect and my love to Asia-Pacific whenever I'm invited to come and join you.

And 10 years ago, actually, I would dream of seeing young students to facilitate an important session. So kudos to Asia-Pacific who opened the door not only to the strong faces here, but also to young people who are actually the next generation and

future of ICANN. So my whole welcome to you. I will be brief about the fellowship and NextGen programs here because I hope that this presentation will be shared with all of you. But just to give an idea that fellowship started 15 years ago, and this the entire year we are celebrating 15th anniversary and we have more than 800 fellows coming and joining through knowing and learning about ICANN through the Fellowship Program. And I hope that more will come.

If you look around this table, the faces speak for themselves. How was the impact of the Fellowship Program, particularly for APRALO. Look at Maureen, Pavel, Amrita, Gunela, Ali Almeshal, Professor Suhaidi, Aris, and the new generation - Ameena. They all came to ICANN through the Fellowship Program. I mean, it says everything; how is the impact of that program for the future of ICANN.

And then the NextGen and other another program, which we are running in ICANN in public responsibility support department, which I am part of, it started about five years ago, and it's for students from 18 to 30 years who are enrolled in university courses or in the study by the time of application. Next slide, please.

I will just give the differences of those two programs, fellowship and NextGen, for you to know the main criteria to apply, and the further you will have the links to go to reviewing our website. So

the main difference of two programs is that Fellowship Program is a global capacity development program. So by the time of the application, anyone from any part of the world can apply. For the NextGen program, it is regionally based program, which means wherever the ICANN meeting is taking place, only students from that particular region can apply, which means, like, for example, here in Malaysia, it's Asia-Pacific, and the NextGeners are all representatives from Asia-Pacific. So they are university students of Asia-Pacific region.

The fellowship is different. We have now, for ICANN75, 37 fellows, and they are representing the world. So they are coming from globally. So this is global development, capacity development. And there is a newcomer. Which means simply ICANN public meetings are open for everyone. There is no participation fee. ICANN provides the opportunity for anyone to come and join, be it virtually or be it in-person. And that's the reason why ICANN is implementing there is running their meetings actually every time in different places. Like here in Malaysia, it gives the opportunity to students from Malaysia to come and join us, right? If the meeting was in another continent, it would be hard for you to be there. So that's why ICANN is rotating the region. So anyone from any region is able to join. Newcomers, you have talked, many of you mentioned about the resources available, and I put some

links there also in my presentation which will be shared with you at the end so you can go and review them. Next slide, please.

So the difference also—another difference is age. For the students is 18 up to 30. For the fellowship, you should be 21 and up. There is no upper limit age for participation. And we have groups NextGen and fellowships selected for every ICANN meeting. We are announcing the applications about seven, eight months prior to any meeting. For now, actually fellowship application round for the next meeting in Cancun, Mexico is closed. The next one will be announced after the Christmas. It'll be for ICANN77 in Washington, DC.

The one difference between the three meetings, ICANN is implementing, this current one is AGM called Annual General Meeting. The second one, which is usually in March, is Community Forum. And the third one, which is usually during June, July period, is policy forum. For the NextGeners, it's open. All three meetings are open if you are based in the region, as I mentioned. For the Fellowship Program, there is only one limit for the policy forum, only alumni of the program, which means those who had been at least once a fellow can apply for the policy forum.

So for the newcomers, the fellowship is not opening the applications for the policy forum. So the next application round for the fellowship. To apply for the fellowship, will be for ICANN78, which is in October next year in Europe, I guess, in Hamburg,

right? So, next slide, please. Here—so we are providing travel support. We are providing the hotel accommodation and the stipend to all those who are selected. Next slide, please.

And there is an application process for applying to those programs you can apply only online. There is no way for you just to send your resume or CV to someone in ICANN and say, "I want to be a fellow." So there is an application portal. Every announcement, whenever the round is open, it is announced in the ICANN website for both programs. Then after the application, there is a selection process. Both programs have selection committee members assigned by the ICANN community supporting organizations and advisory committees.

After the fellows and NextGeners are selected, they are going through the mandatory mentoring process. By the time I was a fellow, there was harder because we didn't have mentors, but I was one of the luckiest people to have guided and mentored by Cheryl Langdon-Orr who is sitting there and who is guiding me all over till now, even I am now considered to be running this program for more than six years, but I'm always getting back to Cheryl and asking for support and for comment. So yes, that's true. We are learning every single time when we are coming to ICANN meeting; even we are considered the all-timers. But there is always the place to learn, there is always information to learn. And the only thing which can keep you here is passion. Passion to

be open for learning, passion to be open to support others. And you see that every single fellow and every single community member who is here is open to welcome newcomers. So take most out of this.

So there are responsibilities for the selected groups, fellows and NextGeners on site. When they are coming to the meeting, they are having mandatory sessions to participate, they have mandatory ICANN Learn courses to take. And after that, there is a post-meeting evaluation, what are the main takeaways, and they are becoming the part of the fellowship network. So this network continues to develop. Next slide, please.

So see the pictures of many fellows since ICANN29 when it started its first fellowship program. We are selecting up to 40 fellows for each meeting and plus five mentors who are supported and funded to come to ICANN meeting and support the newcomers on site as well. The next slide, please.

And the numbers you see here, we have the big number from Asia-Pacific region, which is actually the highest number. And I'm always thrilled to see the names selected from Asia-Pacific joining the fellowship program. You may see there is 813 fellows from 160 countries, but there are 1,246 fellowships. And you will say why it's the case because you can be a NextGen only once, but you can be the fellow three times. So the idea behind this, that first time you are selected as a fellow, you are complete newcomer, you are

lost, you are learning. The second time you can get the fellowship program is that you are—for yourself, you identified the community where do you want to land and start to deep dive into that particular community. And the third time you can be selected if you are already a part of that community, and selection committee supports you to get the further engaged into that particular community; be part of the policy discussions; be part of public comments; and be part of the leadership like many of you fellows are here now. So these are the numbers and how the two programs are working. Next slide, please.

For the NextGeners, I don't go through details, but we recently did alumni survey and we found out that about 84% of alumni of the fellowship program told that they are somehow engaged in different ICANN communities. Next slide, please.

The NextGen is selected only 12 NextGeners for each round. So there are only 12 slots, not like the fellowship, which is for like 40. Next slide, please. And just briefly to show you the next slide. Next slide.

This is the numbers and just the resources for newcomers. There are important resources available and I will encourage you to sign up for ICANN newsletters, particularly for Asia-Pacific because monthly newsletters are providing you the updates from the region and the events which you can take part of. We spoke about

the ICANN Learn Portal, so please, please, please go and try to find resources there. Next slide.

Regional opportunities. There are always summer schools. There are school on Internet governance. There are different DNS forums. So if you know what events are coming, you always can find a place to be there. Next slide.

And I think these are the links to our websites, fellowship program, and the NextGen program. And if you are a newcomer and you'll have any questions, you can always send an email to engagement@icann.org. And I think this is the last slide. So with that, I would like to give the floor back to our young facilitators and thank you for the opportunity to be with you.

ASYRAF MIERZA: Thank you so much, Siranush, for the overwhelming slash (Inaudible 00:51:59) explanations. Okay. And now I will skip action item eight as Ameena has mentioned about it. So I will go to action number nine, which is about Bingo Challenge. That will be explained by Aris. Over to you, Aris.

ARIS IGNACIO: So it's now my turn. Okay. So hello and good morning, everyone. And maybe those people who are online wherever you may be, good day to all of you. So before I start doing the bingo challenge,

because this is the youth, and usually whenever I talk to the youth, I do something before I proceed. So just be comfortable in your seats. Just follow what I'm going to say. And I hope everyone, you know, goes along with me.

Okay. So first of all, may I request everyone to stretch your arms upwards. Stretch it as high as you can. Okay. Just to make the blood flow because we are one hour into this thing and we're just doing sitting down and anything. Then stretch on your side. Okay. Make a roll. And make a big clap.

Thank you so much for participating.

Okay. Now let's go to business. So I will be distributing a bingo card here. And this certain bingo card will be quite—we will be giving you quite a challenge for today. And this bingo card will involve you meeting people; meeting people and promoting ICANN through your social media accounts. So it would be good if you're going to read on this and as much as possible you could approach any one of us: me, Ameena, and Asyraf for us to verify that you have as much as possible, being able to do the task, then we're going to step on it.

Then more often than not, we are expecting you to accomplish all of the tasks that are here. There's a free area here. So usually when you do bingo, there's a free area. So you finish the task and we might give you something. So yeah, I just have to work out

with people here with regards to that. Actually, I'm afraid of saying that.

It might come from my own resource. Okay.

So if you are quite ready to proceed, okay, I'll be distributing the bingo cards as we go along, and Asyraf and Ameena are doing a great job here, and I am just lucky that I'm supporting them.

And I am really lucky that I do have very capable people who are on the ground and, you know, having you guys here. I would like also to give thanks to everyone who supported our initiative. And it is really a great deal for us to have you as newcomers here in the ICANN program. And we do hope that each and every one of you would be very, very interested in joining and also participating with us. Okay. So without further ado, let's do this. Thank you so much.

ASYRAF MIERZA: Thank you, Aris, for the bingo change. Okay. Now we are running out time, so we'll be wrapping up the meeting session and hand over to (Inaudible 00:55:46)

SPEAKER: Thank you all for your participation. This session is now adjourned. Thank you.

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