

Asia PKI Consortium Signs MoU with DICT Philippines to Strengthen Digital Trust and Interoperability



In a landmark development for the Asia-Pacific digital ecosystem, the Asia Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Consortium, under the leadership of its Chair Ms. Eva Chan, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) of the Philippines. The MoU was officially signed on **30 May 2025** in **Manila, Philippines**, during the **Special Steering Committee meeting** of the Asia PKI Consortium.

The agreement was signed by **Ms. Eva Chan**, Chair of the Asia PKI Consortium, and **Mr. Henry Rhoel R. Aguda**, Secretary of DICT, and is aimed at fostering closer collaboration between the two entities to strengthen digital trust, cybersecurity, and public key infrastructure across the region.

The MoU is a significant step toward building a more secure and interoperable digital ecosystem. With both organizations focused on developing trusted digital identity frameworks, the partnership will enable businesses, governments, and individuals to engage in secure digital transactions and interactions across borders.



Ms. Eva Chan, Chair of the Asia PKI Consortium, highlighted the importance of the MoU, stating, "This partnership represents a significant milestone in advancing the region's digital transformation. By working together with DICT Philippines, we are not only promoting stronger digital trust but also ensuring that digital identities across the region are secure, trusted, and fully interoperable. This collaboration will provide a foundation for a safer, more connected digital future for Asia."

Mr. Henry Rhoel R. Aguda, Secretary of DICT, also expressed his enthusiasm about the collaboration: "The Philippines is committed to advancing its digital infrastructure, and this MoU with the Asia PKI Consortium will enable us to integrate global best practices for digital security and PKI systems. By partnering with such a respected and influential organization, we will enhance our e-government services and ensure our digital transformation is built on a strong foundation of trust and security."



The partnership outlined in the MoU includes several key objectives:

- Developing a digital trust framework aligned with global standards.

- Promoting interoperability of digital identity systems across borders.
 - Jointly conducting educational initiatives to raise awareness about the importance of digital security and public key infrastructure.
 - Collaborating on projects aimed at enhancing the overall digital economy and cybersecurity in the region.
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The Asia PKI Consortium and DICT Philippines will also work closely on the development of seamless, secure digital services that improve the user experience and ensure the long-term sustainability of the region's digital economy. This collaboration is poised to address the growing challenges posed by increasing digital threats and to promote a more secure, interoperable digital landscape in the Philippines and throughout Asia.

The MoU signing during the Special Steering Committee meeting of the Asia PKI Consortium marks an important step in the Consortium's ongoing efforts to build a global network of secure, interoperable digital trust infrastructures. With Ms. Chan's leadership and the partnership with DICT, the Asia PKI Consortium is set to play an even more significant role in shaping the future of digital identity and security in the region.

About the Asia PKI Consortium

The Asia PKI Consortium is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the adoption and interoperability of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) across the Asia-Pacific region. The Consortium brings together governments, enterprises, and technology providers to foster collaboration on PKI standards, digital trust, cybersecurity, and e-governance initiatives. Through its work, the Consortium aims to build a secure digital ecosystem that fosters cross-border cooperation, enhances user trust, and drives innovation in digital identity and security.

About the DICT, Philippines

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is the government agency responsible for implementing the national ICT policies, programs, and projects in the Philippines. DICT plays a pivotal role in advancing the country's digital transformation agenda, strengthening cybersecurity, and ensuring the accessibility and interoperability of digital services for the public. Through its initiatives, DICT aims to empower Filipinos by providing them with a secure, accessible, and reliable digital environment.
