

Asia PKI Consortium Holds Annual General Assembly and Steering Committee Meeting 2025 in Hong Kong

Regional Collaboration Strengthened with Over 17 Countries Participating



The **Asia PKI Consortium (APKIC)** convened its **Annual General Assembly (GA) and Steering Committee (SC) Meeting** on **6th November 2025** at the **Hopewell Hotel, Hong Kong**, with participation from **over 17 economies**. The meeting brought together leaders from trust service providers, national root CAs, regulatory bodies, and observer organizations to reflect on progress and chart the roadmap for regional and global collaboration on **PKI, digital signatures, and interoperable digital trust ecosystems**.

Opening Remarks and Organizational Updates

The meeting opened with a welcome by **Chairperson Ms. Eva Chan**, who emphasized the importance of inclusive cooperation, policy harmonization, and technical interoperability. **Vice Chairs Mr. Biju Varghese (India)** and **Mr. William Gee** shared their perspectives on recent achievements and the Consortium's future direction.



The **Secretarial Team**, led by **Mr. Vijayakumar Manjunatha**, presented updates on:

- Membership status and expansion plans
- New member onboarding
- Fee status and pending proposals

This was followed by short welcome notes from **new members and observers**, highlighting the Consortium's growing international relevance.



Working Group Presentations

Three active working groups provided structured updates:

- **Business Application Working Group (BAWG):** Shared updates on use cases and market-driven adoption of PKI in sectors such as finance, healthcare, and logistics.

- **Legal & Policy Framework Working Group (LPWG):** Provided insights on cross-border legal harmonization efforts.



A notable highlight was a **presentation by Mr. Albert Leung from eBRAM (Hong Kong)**, who shared developments in digital dispute resolution and e-arbitration using trusted identities and PKI-enabled platforms.



- **Technology and Standards Working Group (TSWG):** Delivered a technical roadmap focused on alignment with ETSI standards, root trust interoperability, and certificate validation mechanisms.



Additionally, **Mr. Stephan Wolf, the Chair of ICC Digital Standards Initiative (DSI)** delivered a keynote on the importance of **trusted organizational identities** and their role in **international digital trade**.

Country Updates and Regional Progress

Twelve countries and economies presented their latest PKI developments, highlighting diverse achievements, regulatory advancements, and technical innovation:

- **Bangladesh** – Update on national CA rollout and e-governance integration.
- **China** – Presented by **Joanna Zhu (TrustAsia)**, sharing progress on CA Services and domestic root infrastructure.
- **Hong Kong** – Delivered by **Mr. William Gee (HKPKI)**, showcasing PQC Call for action.
- **India** – Presented by **Mr. Subramanian (Zoho Corp)**, focusing on integration of eSign services into enterprise platforms.
- **Iran** – Presented by **Dr. Hamid Tofighi (ICeCD)**, offering insights into Iran's secure electronic certification infrastructure and their progress made in National PKI.
- **Japan** – **Mr. Atsushi Inaba** provided updates on Japan's role in regional trust policy dialogue and standards alignment.
- **Malaysia** – **Mr. Amir Suhaimi Hassan (POS Digicert)** shared Malaysia's experience with PQC conference and the digital future.
- **South Korea** – **Mr. YEONSU KIM (KISA)** highlighted compliance modernization and regulatory oversight models.
- **Saudi Arabia** – **Mr. Yasser Desouky (EMDHA)** presented on Saudi's trust services strategy and adoption.



- **Singapore** – **Mr. Carter Tan** gave insights PQC initiatives.
 - **Taiwan** – Presented by **Mr. Derek (ITRI)**, covering Taiwan’s innovations and progress made.
 - **Vietnam** – **Ms. Mai Thu Hang (NEAC)** provided an overview of Vietnam’s growing digital trust ecosystem and regional cooperation efforts.
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Each presentation offered practical lessons and innovative approaches to scaling PKI implementations, including **remote signing, mobile ID, public service integration, and international trust policy dialogues**.

Other Discussions and Strategic Planning

Additional agenda items included:

- Invitation for proposals for hosting the **Special Steering Committee Meeting 2026 (SSC 2026)**
 - **Approval of audited accounts** presented by the Company Secretary
 - Open discussion for new initiatives and member-driven proposals
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The day included a **group photo** session and a **networking dinner** at *The Grand Buffet*, providing an informal setting for continued cross-country dialogue and collaboration.

Outlook: Regional Trust, Global Impact



The 2025 General Assembly reaffirmed APKIC’s position as a leading forum for **regional policy convergence, technical alignment, and cross-border trust collaboration**. With its continued emphasis on **standards-based, federated trust governance**, the Consortium is poised to drive progress in **secure digital identity, legal interoperability, and DPI infrastructure** in Asia and beyond.
