

Asia PKI Consortium Co-Organizes Global Forum on Digital Organizational Identity with GLEIF in Hong Kong

Focusing on Trade, SME Finance, and Digital Public Infrastructure Interoperability



On 07 November 2025, the Asia PKI Consortium (APKIC) partnered with the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF) to co-organize the Global Forum on Digital Organizational Identity and the vLEI Hackathon 2025, hosted at Cyberport 3, Hong Kong. The event brought together leading voices in digital identity, regulatory technology, and supply chain finance to explore how verifiable organizational identities (vLEIs) and trusted digital infrastructure can enhance trade, compliance, and financial access for businesses globally

Keynote Address by APKIC Secretary General Vijay Kumar

The forum was inaugurated with a powerful **keynote session**, featuring **Mr. Vijayakumar Manjunatha**, Secretary General of the Asia PKI Consortium. In his address, Mr. Vijay emphasized the critical role of **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** in enabling **secure, sovereign, and interoperable digital trust ecosystems**, particularly for cross-border trade and finance.

He highlighted APKIC's commitment to:

- Promoting **trusted digital identity frameworks** for both individuals and organizations
- Supporting **federated governance models** that respect national policies while enabling seamless interoperability
- Contributing to global initiatives such as vLEI and Legal Entity Identifiers (LEIs) that align with PKI and certificate-based trust models across Asia



Eva Chan's Leadership in Program Execution

The event was **actively co-driven by Ms. Eva Chan**, Chairperson of Asia PKI Consortium and CEO of Certizen Technology. Ms. Chan played a central role in program coordination, opening sessions, and workshop facilitation—underscoring the Consortium's leadership in bridging **technical standards, policy frameworks**, and **regional implementation strategies**.

Ms. Chan delivered **joint welcome remarks** alongside **Mr. Alexandre Kech (CEO, GLEIF)** and remained actively engaged throughout the day, fostering dialogue between regulatory agencies, industry players, and technical experts.



Program Highlights

The full-day agenda included:

- **Opening Remarks** from the Hong Kong Digital Policy Office (DPO), eBRAM, Cyberport, and APKIC
- **Technical Workshops** on vLEI integration into digital infrastructure, conducted under Chatham House Rule, co-led by GLEIF, Cardano Foundation, eBRAM, Certizen, PolyU, and HKUST
- **Industry Roundtables** on KYB (Know Your Business), B2B payments, SME finance, and cross-border regulatory compliance
- **Expert Panels** on:
 - Trade and supply chain digitization
 - Empowering SMEs with identity and data control
 - Designing interoperable DPI for regional digital economies
- **Finalist Presentations** from the **vLEI Hackathon**, with groundbreaking prototypes focused on trade resilience, credentialing, and SME enablement



Shared Vision and Collaboration

The event reinforced shared goals between APKIC and GLEIF, particularly in:

- Advancing **cryptographically verifiable digital organizational identities**
 - Ensuring **compliance-by-design architectures**
 - Enabling **trusted cross-border transactions** that are scalable, privacy-preserving, and inclusive
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Both organizations emphasized that **open standards, cross-sector collaboration, and interoperable infrastructure** are fundamental to realizing the vision of a digitally connected, economically empowered global society.

Closing and Next Steps

The day concluded with remarks from **Mr. Alexandre Kech (GLEIF CEO)**, followed by a networking **cocktail reception**. Participants praised the event's content depth and its pragmatic focus on real-world adoption of digital trust technologies.

The **Asia PKI Consortium** reaffirmed its commitment to continue working with partners such as **GLEIF, ICC DSI, eBRAM, and regional regulators** to build the foundation for **secure, trustworthy, and interoperable digital identity ecosystems**—supporting not just large enterprises, but also the **millions of SMEs** forming the backbone of the global economy.

