

*“Private sector-led management is the key for Internet success”*

**IGTF-J (Internet Governance Task Force of Japan  
submits its contribution to the  
UN working Group on Internet Governance**

Sep 13, Tokyo -- Internet Governance Task Force of Japan (IGTF-J), which was established to participate in the activities of United Nations' Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG), submitted its contribution on WGIG's scope, composition and working methods.

“Internet Governance” around the management issues of the Internet was hotly debated among developed and developing nations during the process of World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), held in Geneva last December hosted by the United Nations. As a result, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan was asked to setup a Working Group on Internet Governance in October, which will investigate the issues and report its outcome to the Tunisian phase of the Summit to be held November 2005.

In its contribution, IGTF-J is calling for the following:

- The WGIG should carry out an objective study of the issues relevant to the Internet Governance that require worldwide examination.
- The WGIG should not be captured by political biases.
- The structure of WGIG should ensure that the opinions of all stakeholders are fully reflected.
- The WGIG' processes should be open and transparent
- Measures should be taken to ensure that non-native speakers of English can participate effectively.

WGIG is defined to allow full participation of the governments, private sector, civil society and related International organizations, but the specific members will be decided by the Secretary General Annan in October based on the outcome of the Consultations on the establishment of the Working Group on Internet Governance to be held in Geneva, 20-21 September. The WGIG is expected to become operational in November.

IGTF-J is a joint group, established on August 20 by the individuals and organizations from the Japanese Internet Community and Private Sector to engage in the activities of the Working Group on Internet Governance ( WGIG. ) Its members include Japan Network Information Center (JPNIC), Japan Internet Providers Association (JAIPA), Japan Registry Services (JPRS) and Internet Association Japan (IA Japan).

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