Internet and Open Public Data for Public-Private Partnership Development

Synopsis
Designed as a multi-stakeholder discussion forum with representatives from all key stakeholders the session is expected to discuss the following areas:

- Concepts of Public Data and enabling policy and regulations in Thailand and the region
- How Open Public Data will help on transparency, accountability, and civic engagement
- Collaboration and private sector role in public services
- How Internet-inspired methodology and process be applied to city governance and national governance
- Intellectual property concerns and legal risks that may obstruct information sharing and collaboration

In addition, the session will showcase several best practices in the region as well as globally.

Keywords: open data, data commons, open public data, open government data, open government, open governance, public sector information, public-private partnership, ict4d, transparency, and accountability

Target: policy makers, standard bodies, civil society, and industry

Type: Roundtable Discussion

Language: Thai/English (simultaneous translation)

List of Speakers/Panelists

- Mr. Sunil Abraham, Executive Director, Centre for Internet and Society, India
- Mr. Kittichai Phihatbunyarat, Founder, Aristo Solutions Technology
- Mr. TH Schee, Founder, Fertta Communications, Taiwan
- Mr. Charin Thiratitayangkul, Director, Promotion and Technology Transfer Division, Electronic Government Agency

Moderator: Mr. Klaikong Vaidhyakarn, General Manager, ChangeFusion Institute

Expected Outcome

- Understanding the concept and benefits of Open Public Data and Open Government Data for businesses, government, community and other socio-economic developmental activities.
- Understanding strategic challenges through selected case studies from
various governments, countries and regions.

- Crystalizing the positive collaboration and outcomes of public-private sector partnership on public open data scheme.
- Exploring strategies on starting Open Public Data initiatives

**About Speakers**

**Sunil Abraham**

Sunil is a social entrepreneur and Free Software advocate. He founded Mahiti in 1998, which aims to reduce the cost and complexity of ICT for the voluntary sector by using Free Software. He was elected an Ashoka fellow in 1999 to 'explore the democratic potential of the Internet'. Between June 2004 and June 2007, Sunil also managed the International Open Source Network a project of United Nations Development Programme’s Asia-Pacific Development Information Programme serving 42 countries. Between September 2007 and June 2008, he managed ENRAP an electronic network of International Fund for Agricultural Development projects in the Asia-Pacific facilitated and co-funded by International Development Research Centre, Canada. He is now the Executive Director of Bangalore-based research organisation, the Centre for Internet and Society.

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**Kittichai Phiphatbunyarat**

Kittichai founded mobile application developer Aristo Solutions Technology Co., Ltd.
and led it through strategic partnerships with AIS and DTAC. He’s been growing
geek culture and tech community in Chiang Mai and Bangkok through helping to
organize Barcamp Chiang Mai and taking part in the Young Executive Network
of the Chiang Mai Chamber of Commerce. He won 1st runner-up at AIS Startup
Weekend 2011 as part of the GotIt team. Attended 3 Day Startup and Disrupt
University to explore ideas from top universities and accelerators in Silicon Valley.
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**TH Schee**

TH Schee, a well recognized figure in the regional industry was originally a college
dropout, who pioneered several canonical community projects which spawned
dozens of startup ventures, launched web campaigning sites for presidential/mayor
election since 2002. He served as a senior manager at Academia Sinica, Yam.com,
Mio.com, Sanlih E-Television and JUT Living Development Group. He is a frequent
invited speaker on topics relating to the forefront of digital revolutions. Currently,
TH Schee is working on many ICT projects that power #OpenData in the Asia-Pacific
region. He is now the CEO of Fertta.com.
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**Charin Thiratitayankul**

Charin is a Director of Promotion and Technology Transfer Division at Thailand’s Electronic Government Agency. The Agency is a government body under the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology. Its main responsibility is to drive the implementation of electronic government activities, encourage the implementation of public online service and increase opportunities and equal access to the government services.

**Klaikong Vaidhayakarn**

With his exceptional skill in ICT for Development, Klaikong was a manager of Information Technology Institute for Education (ITIE) and ICT Team Leader of Thai Fund Foundation. He is currently a general manager of ChangeFusion working for ICT Plan together with Thai Health Promotion Foundation to provide technology tools for thousand of Thai Health Promotion Foundation’s partners. He is specialized in capacity building. His great contribution in social development led to the success of the Mekong ICT Camp, the technology camp for NGOs around Mekong sub-region. He frequently attends International workshop on ICT for Development as a delegate as well as a guest speaker.

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About Panel Organizer

*Thai Netizen Network*

Promoting internet freedom and defending civil rights, Thai Netizen Network started as a reaction to suppressive internet policy of the post-2006 coup government. The Network founding members are bloggers, lawyers, journalists, computer scientists, software developers, and media activists, some of whom worked together before in projects like Thai Wikipedia and Creative Commons Thailand. In the past few years, the group working a lot with human rights lawyers, giving consultation on electronic evidence, digital security, and Computer-related Crime Act. TNN’s major areas of work now are an amendment of Computer-related Crime Act, a proposal for personal data protection online, and a capacity building program for local civil society organizations to participate in regional and global internet governance mechanism.

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About INET Bangkok 2013

In collaboration with the Thailand Internet community, the National Science & Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) and the Ministry of Information & Communication Technology (MICT), the Internet Society is hosting the INET Bangkok, with a conference theme of “Internet: The Power to Create.” Our programme will focus attention on how the Internet can become a positive and productive force in society through innovative and new applications.

INET Bangkok 2013 will be held between 7-8 June 2013 at Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (MRT station Queen Sirikit National Convention Center).

More information can be found on [http://www.internetsociety.org/inet-bangkok/](http://www.internetsociety.org/inet-bangkok/) (English) and [http://inetbangkok.in.th/](http://inetbangkok.in.th/) (Thai).

Netizen Meetup: Post-INET Bangkok Event

A post-INET event on Sunday 9 June. Netizen Meetup is an informal meeting of tech community and policy people. This time we got two guests from outside Bangkok: an internet and opensource lawyer from Kuala Lumpur to talk more on Trans-Pacific Partnership and internet governance; and a software developer from Taipei to talk on OpenStreetMap and Open Data movement there. Everybody is welcomed and it’s free to join, no invitation is required. We will meet from 10:00 til 16:00 at a co-working space named “Glowfish”, 6th floor, Asoke Towers (MRT station Petchaburi, Exit 2). More info at [https://thainetizen.org](https://thainetizen.org)