International ICT Volunteers (IIV)

Background Paper

Context

Since 2012, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has implemented an international ICT volunteers programme in collaboration with the National Information Society Agency of the Republic of Korea (NIA) known as NIA/ITU International ICT Volunteers. The programme has dispatched over 300 volunteers to more than 10 countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

NIA/ITU KIV Programme 2012		
Host Country	**Host Organization**	**Number of volunteers**
Cambodia	National ICT Development Authoirty (NIDA)	16
Indonesia	Ministry of Communicatin & Information Technology (MCIT)	40
Laos PDR	Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications	4
Mongolia	National IT Park (NITP)	8
Nepal	Nepal Wireless Network	12
Philippines	Barangay San Antonio	8
Sri Lanka	Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL)	16
Thailand	Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT)	48
Viet Nam	Ministry of Information and Communications	4

NIA/ITU International ICT Volunteers 2013		
Host Country	**Host Organization**	**Number of volunteers**
Cambodia	National ICT Development Authoirty (NIDA)	8
Indonesia	Ministry of Communicatin & Information Technology (MCIT)	12
Mongolia	National IT Park (NITP)	8
Thailand	National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC)	36

NIA/ITU International ICT Volunteers 2014		
Host Country	**Host Organization**	**Number of volunteers**
Cambodia	National Institute of Post, Telecommunications and Information Communication Technology (NIPTIC) & Cambodia Senate	44
Indonesia	Ministry of Communicatin & Information Technology (MCIT)	12
Laos PDR	Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications	12
Mongolia	National IT Park (NITP)	12
Nepal	Nepal Wireless Network	4
Sri Lanka	Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL)	12
Viet Nam	Nong Lam University	4

Having recognized the power of youth and benefits of this programme, at the WTDC-14 Regional Preparatory Meeting (RPM)[1] held in Cambodia during 30 April and 2 May 2013, Asia-Pacific member countries endorsed a proposal on 'international collaboration on multistakeholder empowerment of ICT volunteers' which was initiated by the Republic of Indonesia and tabled at the meeting.

Later in the same year, at the Connect Asia-Pacific Summit held in Bangkok, Thailand on 18 November 2013 whereby some 625 participants from 37 ITU Asia-Pacific Member States, including 7 Head of State/Government, 30 Ministers, deputy ministers, and Ambassadors attended the Summit, ITU announced the ITU International ICT Volunteers Programme known as IIV Programme.

The WTDC-14 held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates during 30 March and 10 April 2014 adopted the Dubai Action Plan (DuAP) which includes an Asia-Pacific Regional Initiative on 'development of broadband access and adoption of broadband'. The initiative identifies an expected result which is *"international collaboration on multi-stakeholder empowerment of ICT volunteers"* in that ITU is mandated to foster and coordinate efforts in implementing ICT volunteer programmes in the Asia-Pacific region.

International ICT Volunteers (IIV)

International ICT Volunteers programme (IIV) is an open platform for multi-stakeholders including governments, NGOs, academia, private sector, international organizations, and others to mobilize human and various resources aimed at empowering people at all levels including youth, professional, women and girls, and retired people; and providing them an opportunity to work towards promoting ICT for development in national and international levels.

IIV Framework enables national and international ICT volunteer programmes whereby volunteers come from different backgrounds with various skills and expertise. The framework also provides an opportunity for volunteers to network with each other thereby exchanging their knowledge and experience and driving creativities and innovations among them.

NIA/ITU International ICT Volunteers

The NIA/ITU International ICT Volunteers is a unique programme jointly implemented by ITU and NIA under the IIV framework. The programme dispatches young Korean volunteers to countries around the region and to work with various organizations in the countries for a period of either one month or two months usually around July and August of each year. Volunteers are dispatched in groups (teams). Each team consists of four members.

Prior to dispatching, volunteers are required to participate in a boot camp with an intensive programme aimed at preparing and training the volunteers to be ready for on-site works. The programme also monitors and evaluates performance of the volunteers in that they are required to present their work achievements at an evaluation meeting usually organized at the end of their assignments.

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[1] WTDC (World Telecommunications Development Conference) is held every four years with aims to establish work programmes and guidelines for defining telecommunication development questions and priorities and to provide direction and guidance for the work programme of the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) over the next four-year period.

This year, the NIA/ITU IIV 2015 programme will dispatch 100 Korean volunteers to seven countries namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam. The IIV-2015 Boot Camp will be hosted by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. The evaluation meetings will also be hosted by MCMC and be held at Cyberjaya, Malaysia.

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NIA/ITU International ICT Volunteers 2015			
Host Country	Host Organization	One-month Team	Two-month Team
Cambodia	National Institute of Post, Telecommunications and Information Communication Technology (NIPTIC)	7 teams	2 teams
Indonesia	PT Bonet Utama		2 teams
Laos PDR	Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications		2 teams
Malaysia	Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)		2 teams
Sri Lanka	Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL)		2 teams
Thailand	ITU & National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC)	2 teams	5 teams
Vietnam	Ministry of Information and Communications	1 team	

2015 Programme Schedule

No	Key Activity	Timeline	Location
1	Conduct 'demand survey'	Jan-Mar 2015	-
2	Application period	Apr 2015	Korea R.O.
3	Interview period	May 2015	Korea R.O.
4	Orientation in Korea	May 2015	Korea R.O.
5	First IIV Partners Meeting	8 Jul 2015	Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
6	Boot Camp	9-12 Jul 2015	Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
7	Dispatching period		
7.1	One-month period	13 Jul – 6 Aug2015	Countries

7.2	Two-month period	13 Jul – 27 Aug 2015	Countries
8	Evaluation sessions		
8.1	One-month period	8-9 Aug 2015	Cyberjaya, Malaysia
8.2	Two-month period	29-30 Aug 2015	Cyberjaya, Malaysia