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Administrative Practice of .CN Domain Names

**China Internet Network Information Center
(CNNIC)**

Outline

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- ❖ Structure
- ❖ Policies and Regulations
- ❖ Evolution of .CN Domain Names
- ❖ Reform of .CN Domain Names

Administrative Pattern

Department in Charge	The Ministry of Information Industry (MII)	Number
Registry	CNNIC	1
Registrars	Domestic: 24 Overseas: 30	54
Resellers	Domestic	Over 3000

Liabilities of MII

- ❖ Formulate the regulations and policies concerning the administration of the Internet domain names;
- ❖ Establish the system for Country (or Regional) Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) under .CN and Chinese domain names;
- ❖ Administer the registry of .CN ccTLD and Chinese domain names;
- ❖ Supervise and administer the domain name registration service;
- ❖ Be in charge of the international coordination regarding domain name issues.

Liabilities of CNNIC

- ❖ Operate, maintain and administer the corresponding top-level domain name servers and databases, ensure the secure and reliable operation of DNS;
- ❖ Formulate rules concerning the domain name registration in accordance with the Regulations;
- ❖ Select domain name registrars based on the principle of non-discrimination;
- ❖ Supervise and administer the registration service provided by domain name registrars;
- ❖ Appoint the third party as neutral domain name dispute resolution institution;
- ❖ Other duties designated by the MII

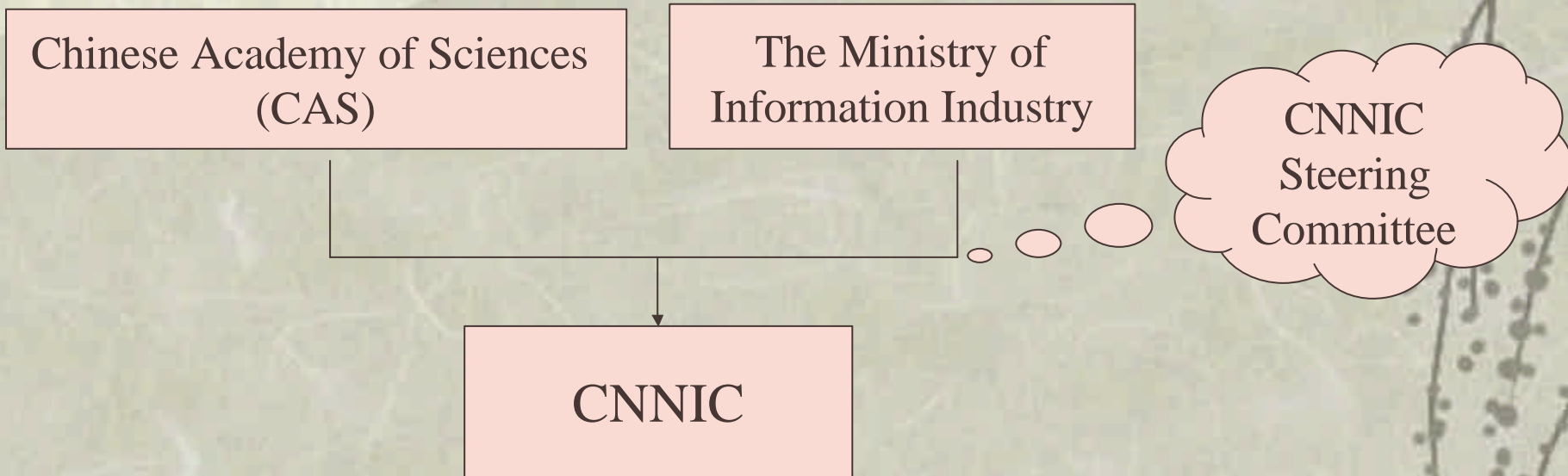
Liabilities of Registrars

- ❖ Provide domain name registration services in accordance with the policy of “First Come, First Serve”;
- ❖ Not to reserve any domain names or do so in disguised form;
- ❖ Not to represent any actual or potential domain name holder;
- ❖ Ensure the quality of the domain name registration services;
 - Publish the contents, durations and fees of domain name registration
 - Provide service of Searching online for the registration information
- ❖ Review and audit proposed domain names (Article 19, “Domain Name Administration Rules”);
- ❖ Bear the obligations of transferring the registration information of the domain name holder;
- ❖ Delete certain registered domain name according to regulations.

A Introduction to CNNIC

- **Foundation: June 3,1997**
- **Non-profit, .CN ccTLD Domain Name Registry**

Structure



Main Tasks

- **Operation and Management of .CN Name Server**
- **Technical Research on Chinese Domain Name, keyword and other Internet resources allocation technologies;**
- **Allocation service of LDAP, IP address & AS numbers;**
- **Statistical Survey on Domestic Internet Development and other related services;**
- **International Liaison and Cooperation**



Policies and Regulations

Documents of MII

- ❖ **China Internet Domain Name Regulations**
- ❖ **Authorization –
Accredit China Internet Network Information Center
(CNNIC) as the Domain Name Registry**

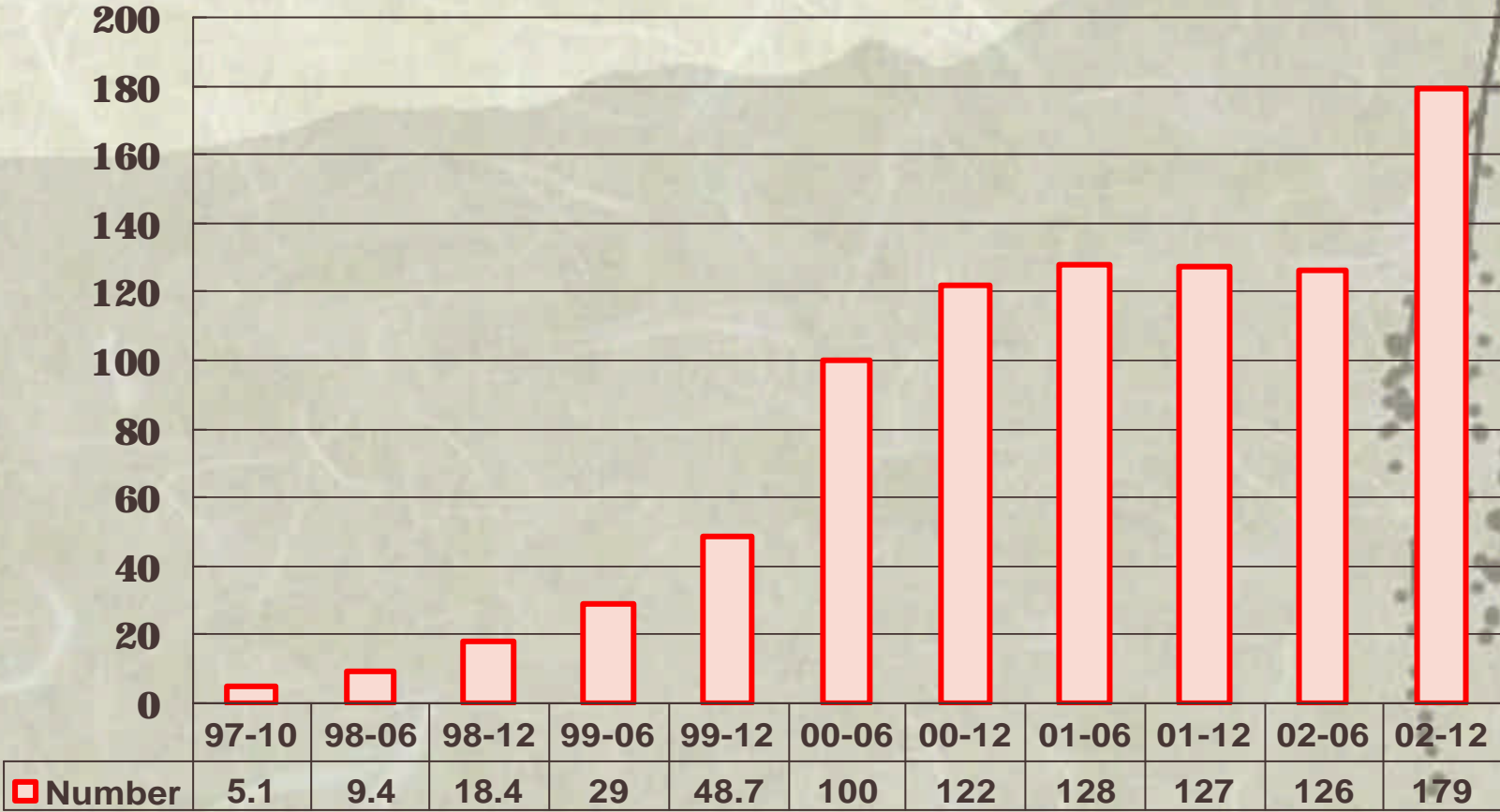
CNNIC Regulations

- ❖ **CNNIC Implementing Rules for Domain Name Registration**
- ❖ **CNNIC Registrar Accreditation Policy**
- ❖ **CNNIC Domain Name Transfer Registrars Rule**
- ❖ **CNNIC Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy**
- ❖ **Rules for CNNIC Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy**



Evolution of .CN Domain Names

Number of Domain Names (Thousand)



Reform of .CN Domain Name

Permit the registration of Second Level Domains

- ❖ Domain names can be registered under the top level domains:

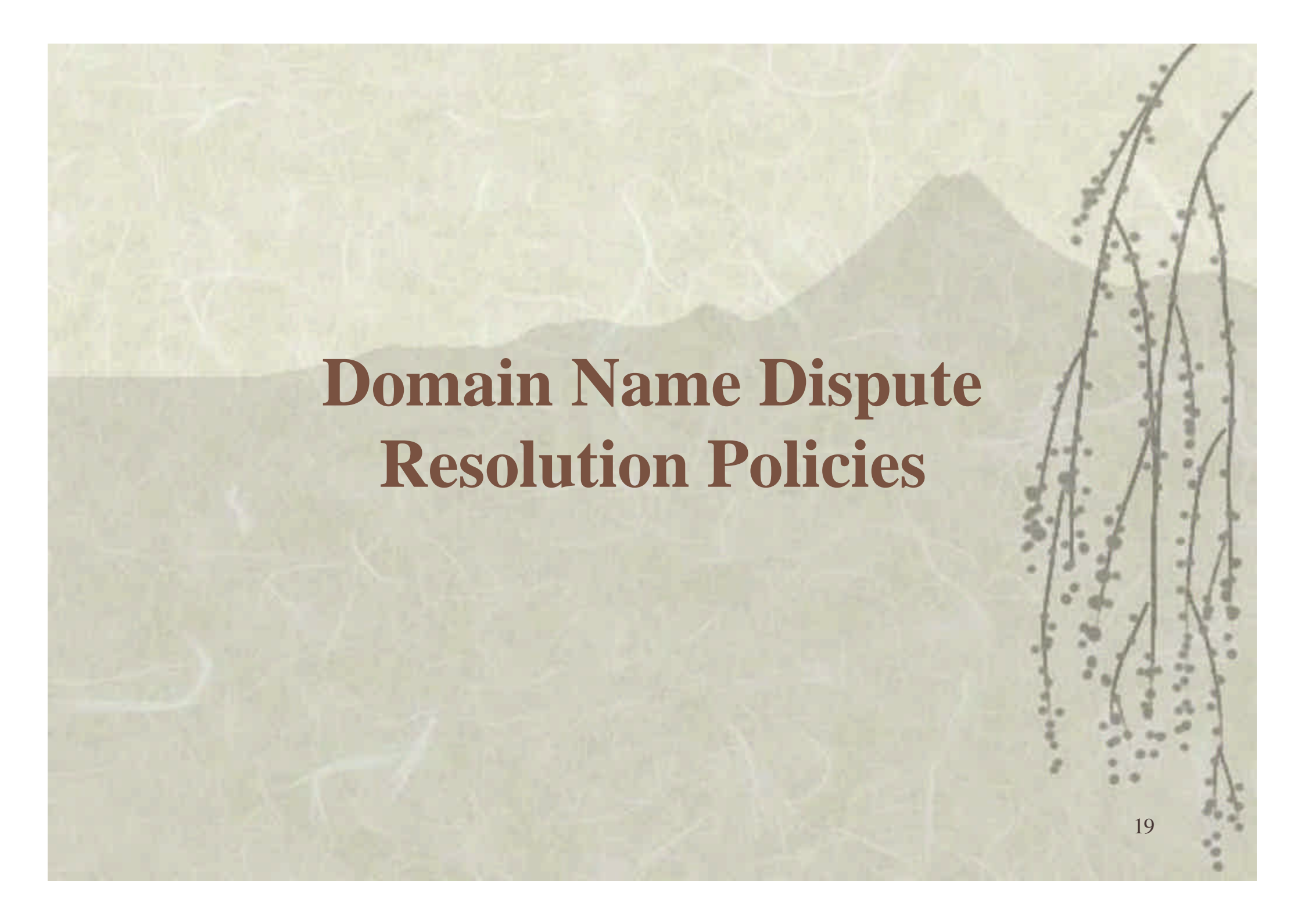
Such as “cnnic.cn”

Qualification of Applicants

- ❖ Organizations that are legally registered and capable of bearing the civil liabilities independently:
 - Domestic legal person
 - Foreign legal person
- ❖ Any individual oriented application is not accepted for the moment.

Application Procedures

- ❖ Simplified procedures - Apply Online
 - Sign contracts with registrars
 - Promise to comply with the regulations set by the state and registry
 - Ensure the truth, accuracy and integrity of the registration information
 1. the domain name to be applied for;
 2. the host names and IP addresses of the primary and secondary DNS servers;
 3. the domain name holder's company name;
 4. the contact information of domain name
 - No need to submit written materials, except GOV.CN
 - the material in written which proves the applicant to be a governmental institution.

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Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policies

Means of Dispute Resolution

- ❖ Negotiation
- ❖ Litigation
- ❖ Non-governmental Dispute Resolution Policies
 - Advantages: faster, higher efficiency, lower cost

Domain Name Dispute Resolution Institutions

- Policy Maker:
CNNIC

- Dispute Resolution Service Providers
 - i. China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission——CIETAC
 - ii. Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
——HKIAC

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