ITU WSIS Thematic Meeting on Cybersecurity

Session 4:
International /Intergovernmental Cooperative Initiatives in Countering Spam

The ASEAN Telecommunications Regulators' Council (ATRC)
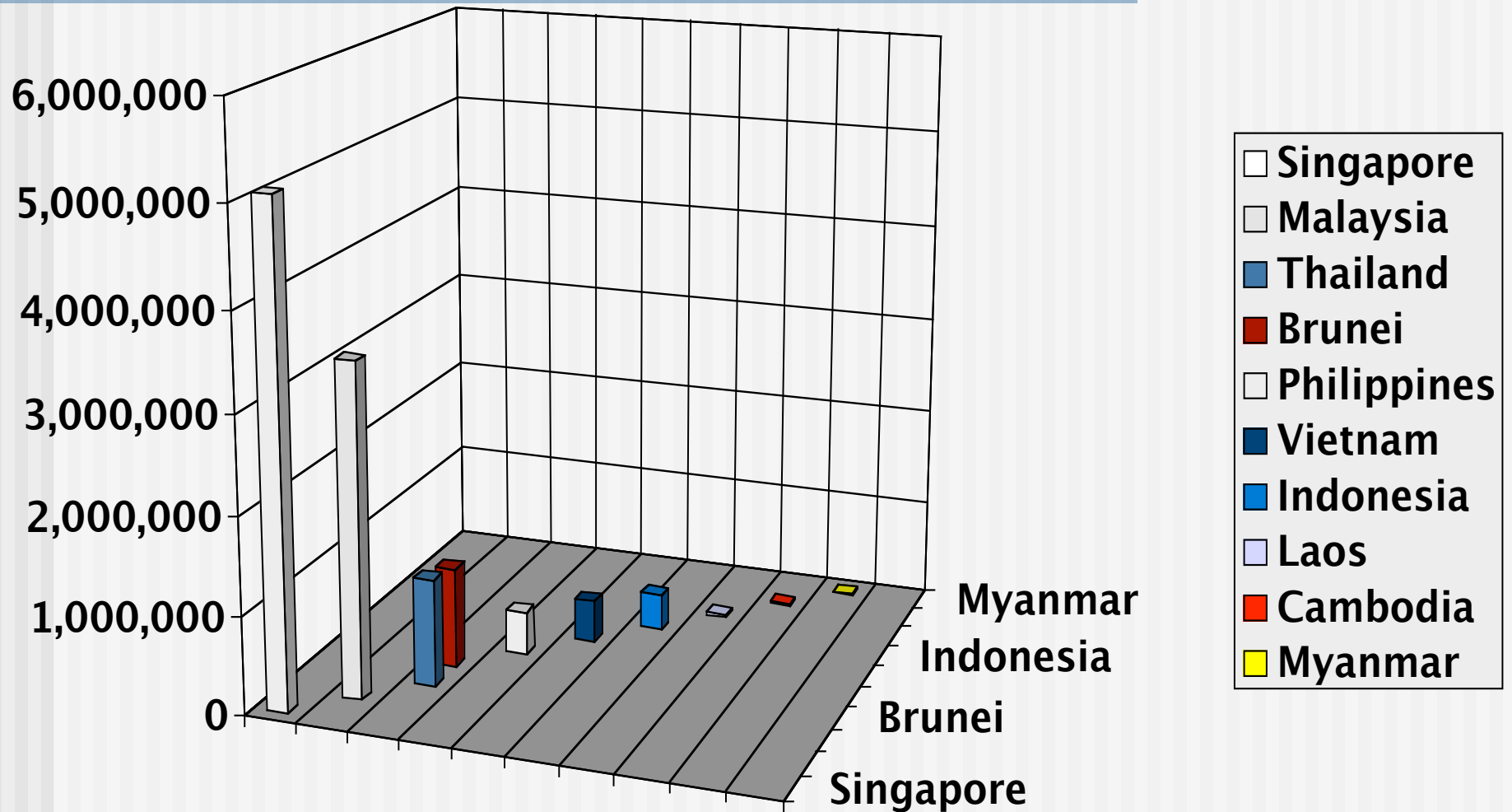
What this presentation will cover

- What is the ASEAN Telecommunications Regulators' Council (ATRC)?
- Background of the ATRC Anti-Spam initiative
- Action Plan
- Way Forward

What is the ATRC

- The ATRC is a grouping of Telecommunications Regulators within the ASEAN region.

- Next meeting i.e. the 11th is in Penang, Malaysia in August 2005

Internet Users in ASEAN (2003)

Background of the ATRC Anti-Spam initiative

■ During the last ATRC meeting in Vientiane, Laos in July 2004, member countries agreed for Malaysia (MCMC) to spearhead ATRC's action plan on Anti-Spam. The action-plan called for:

o Exchange of skills and sharing

o Facilitate cooperation between industry and Anti-Spam groups within ATRC economies

o Bilateral agreements

o Engage in cooperation with other international groups

Cont; [Background of the ATRC Anti-Spam initiative]

- An Anti-Spam workshop was organized in MCMC's headquarters in Cyberjaya, Malaysia from 3rd May to 5th May 2005
- Collate information on Anti-Spam initiatives from ATRC economies
- 18 papers were presented with representations from the ITU, OECD, FTC, ACA, DCITA, MIC Japan, Microsoft, local ISPs plus regulators from ATRC i.e. MCMC, IDA, Postel, MICT, AiTi
- A closed-door meeting was held on 5th May between regulators of the ATRC.

Anti-Spam Laws within the ATRC economies

- No ATRC economies have specific Anti-Spam laws

  But economies do undertake:
- MOUs
- Endorsement of Action Plans

Action Plan

- To be discussed in 11th ATRC meeting:

  o MOU on network security; or
  o MOU on Anti-Spam
  o Other type of cooperation

Action Plan

- **Upon agreement of framework - proposals:**
- Establishment of ISP Forum
  - Development of Code of Practice
  - Awareness campaign
- Enforcement powers
  - Laws or provisions in current laws
  - Ensure enforcement powers
  - POC network for escalation
- Information Sharing
  - Compromised servers
  - Spammers
  - Trends

Way Forward

- To check disparity between ATRC economies on Anti-Spam initiatives.
- Joint programs to assist economies whose Internet penetration and network that are not matured to be better prepared.

Thank You

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