ACIA: Asia and Commons in the Information Age
— An International Workshop

Date: January 19-20, 2008
Place: Taipei, Taiwan

Call for Participation and Sponsorship

Introduction

The ACIA workshop is a self-sponsored meeting organized by people who are working on commons-related projects in the Asia Pacific region. The workshop aims to provide a forum for people to discuss the cultural, social, and legal aspects of commons in the information age, and to provide a place for active collaborations. The objectives for the ACIA workshop are:

1. Strengthening the Asia Commons by bringing in more members and improving links to related organizations within the Asia Pacific region;
2. Promoting the commons in the region, and providing a forum to develop practical strategies for this promotion;
3. Providing a forum for industry engagement, and in particular identifying and presenting successful commercial uses of open content licensing within the region;
4. Providing a forum for discussion of topics of importance to the Asia Commons (e.g., the meaning of ‘open’ in our age, and the history and role of the commons in Asia).

The ACIA workshop is open to all people who are interested in commons and the related issues. The workshop language is English.

Workshop Schedule

The following is a tentative workshop program (details can be found at the workshop wiki site: http://meeting.creativecommons.org.tw).

- Jan. 18 (Fri.) late afternoon: Reception for workshop participants.
- Jan. 19 (Sat.):
  - Morning session:
    - Opening
    - Keynote by Prof. William Fisher of Harvard Law School
    - Presentations from the information and content industries
    - Panel on commons-based economies and industry engagement
  - Afternoon session:
    - Panel on legal aspects of commons
    - Panel on cultural aspects of commons
    - Closing presentation
  - Evening: Dinner and concert
• Jan. 20 (Sun.):
  o Morning session:
    ▪ Case study presentations and project showcases
    ▪ Open meeting of Creative Commons jurisdiction project teams
  o Afternoon: Optional social events

Cost break-down

• The Institute of Information Science, Academia Sinica (located at Nangang, Taipei City), provides the meeting venue and facility, arranges on-campus accommodation for speakers, and prepares the meeting website and proceedings.
• Except for invited speakers, participants arrange their own transportation.
• Except for invited speakers, participants pay a small fee registration (around US$ 10) to cover food and refreshment.
• Sponsorship is sought to support the travel expense of invited speakers and key participants.

Sponsorship

The workshop organizers wish to seek your support in funding the travel of key participants to the workshop. These participants are global leaders who run cutting-edge projects with expert legal knowledge and advanced information technology. They include, for example, the Creative Commons jurisdiction project teams who bring the Creative Commons licenses to the Asia Pacific.

It is estimated that about 100 active participants around the globe will come to Taipei to attend the workshop. This presents an excellent out-reaching and networking opportunity.

Your sponsorship will directly fund the travel expense of the key participants. The workshop organizers will match you with the key participants. You will support them directly. Currently we have about 10 key participants in need of travel support. We will be very glad to match you with them.

Your names and organization logos will be featured prominently on the workshop web sites and proceedings. Space will also be provided at the workshop venue for exhibition purpose.

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