

## BACKGROUND

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) statistics provide vital information on the performance of businesses and are indicators of the knowledge economy. ICT statistics assist both the business sector in planning its future directions and the government to facilitate policy decisions. ICT is both an industry in itself and an enabler across the whole economy.

With the increasing maturity of ICT statistics collection in the Asia Pacific region, technical conferences and other forms of information exchange will become increasingly important. The main objective for the conference is to ensure comparable frameworks and understanding in ICT statistics among Asia Pacific countries. It provides an opportunity for agencies to share their experiences in building comparable data collection and dissemination knowledge on ICT statistics.

The Asia Pacific Technical Meeting on ICT/IT&T was previously held in Brisbane Australia, 2000 and in Hong Kong China, 2002. This year the conference was renamed the Asia Pacific ICT Technical Meeting.

### **Date and Venue**

30 November –  
2 December 2004  
Lion Harbourview Lounge,  
Wellington Convention Centre,  
111 Wakefield Street  
Wellington, **New Zealand**



# PROGRAMME

## TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2004

- 0900 Registration
- 0930 **Welcome and Opening Address**  
*Geoff Bascand, Deputy Government Statistician, Statistics New Zealand*
- 0945 **Topic: Business Performance and ICT, and conference outcomes**  
*Eileen Basher, Business Performance, Statistics New Zealand*
- 1000 **Country Reports**  
Each country present to give 20 minute overview of current ICT Stats programme, discuss existing issues, expectations about conference and future ICT statistical activity.  
1. Hong Kong  
2. China
- 1040 Morning Break
- 1100 **Country Reports cont.**  
3. Australia  
4. Singapore  
5. New Zealand
- 1215 **Conference Photo**
- 1230 Lunch
- 1315 **Review of Action Points from 2002 IT&T conference**  
Specific updates from each country assigned topics.
- 1400 **Topic: OECD Standards Work**  
*Sheridan Roberts, OECD*  
The paper will cover OECD standards work in the area of ICT statistics and OECD's role in the Global Partnership for Development.
- 1445 **Topic: Availability and Analysis of ICT Indices in the Asia and the Pacific**  
*Roberto Pagan, UNESCAP Statistics Division*
- 1515 Afternoon Break
- 1530 **Topic: Classification of ICT Occupations**  
*David Hunter, Australia Bureau of Statistics*  
Report on the approach the ABS is taking towards the classification of ICT occupations in the new Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).
- 1615 **Topic: ABS ICT Satellite Account Framework**  
*Louise Talbot, Australia Bureau of Statistics*
- 1700 End of Day 1

## WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2004

- 0830 **Reflection on Day 1**  
Open Forum  
All countries
- 0900 **Topic: IT Security (I)**  
*Stephen K.C. Leung, Census & Statistics Department, Hong Kong, China*  
Starting from the reference year 2002, a new Section on IT security has been

added in the *Annual Survey of Information Technology in the Business Sector*. This paper will share Hong Kong's experiences in collecting this data in the business sector.

- 0945 **Topic: IT Security (II)**  
*Mike Scott, Australia Bureau of Statistics*  
Business IT security and SPAM, ABS experiences of collecting this type of data.
- 1030 Discussion and Actions: Trust and Privacy and IT Security
- 1045 Morning Break
- 1100 **Topic: ABS Integrated Business Characteristics Survey Project**  
*Louise Talbot/Mike Scott, Australia Bureau of Statistics*  
Presentation including developments in the Business Longitudinal Database project
- 1145 **Topic: Study on the Measurement and Appraisalment of China ICT Application Level**  
*Mr. Wang Qiang,, Department of International Statistical Information China*  
This paper introduced an indicator system on the appraisalment of China ICT Application Level, and a survey indicator system on the application of ICT in government, business and household sector. This paper will be an introduction on the ICT development level research and survey conducted by the National Bureau of Statistics of China.
- 1230 Lunch
- 1330 **Wellington Field Trip**  
Includes: 1hr Harbour Cruise, 1hr tour of Parliament, ½hr Meeting with Hon. David Cunliff (Associate Minister of ICT), Tour of Wellington (via Mt. Victoria).
- 1900 Conference Dinner

## THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2004

- 0830 **Topic: New Issues**  
Open forum (countries to submit ideas prior to, and during conference) to present and discuss specific new challenges with ICT statistical collections
- 0915 **Topic: Knowledge-Based Economy and Society (KBE/S) Indicators**  
*Louise Talbot/Mike Scott, Australia Bureau of Statistics*  
This paper is a brief outline of the ABS KBE/S framework, followed by more detail on the context and economic and social impacts dimensions. This is followed by an outline of the three core dimensions, along with the indicators which have been published so far in the KBE/S product itself.
- 1000 **Topic: Statistic to measure the Knowledge-Based Economy: The Case of Hong Kong, China**  
*Stephen K.C. Leung, Census & Statistics Department, Hong Kong, China*  
This paper aims at reviewing the existing frameworks on KBE promulgated by different organizations with a view to drawing up an appropriate framework for Hong Kong, China
- 1045 Morning Break
- 1100 **Topic: Broadband Issues**  
*Mike Scott, Australia Bureau of Statistics*  
Focus on definitional issues and comparability across the region and experiences collecting broadband information from both supply and use sides
- 1145 **Topic: 2003 Survey on Unsolicited E-Mails/E-Mail Spam** (presentation and discussion). *Ms Lee Meng Chung and Mr Stevens Ng, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore*  
The Survey on Unsolicited E-mails was an ad-hoc survey conducted by IDA to understand the nature and extent of e-mail spam in Singapore. This paper will reveal the results of this survey.
- 1230 Lunch

- 1330 **Conference Open Discussion and Action Points**  
Open discussion on progress made during conference, action points assigned to countries and ideas for further cooperation and conferences
- 1430 **Conference Conclusion and Way Forward**  
*Eileen Basher, Business Performance Statistics New Zealand*
- 1500 **Conference Finish**

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Dates:* 30 November to 2 December 2004
- Conference venue:* Lion Harbourview Lounge,  
Wellington Convention Centre,  
111 Wakefield Street  
Wellington,  
NEW ZEALAND
- Conference language:* The official language is English. No simultaneous translation will be available.
- Conference fees:* There are **no fees** for this conference. All lunches, refreshments and field trip costs will be provided during the conference, as well as the conference dinner. Accommodation, breakfast and dinners and transportation are to be paid for by each participant.
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