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Dear ASOCIO Members and Friends,

Welcome to the 4th quarterly E-Newsletter for 2022.

I am proud to note that in 2022 we have undertaken numerous milestone events successfully, comprising conferences, webinars, collaborations, MOU signings, launches and others including the publication of the Digital Trust Whitepaper. This last quarter of 2022 had saw the organizing of three of our most signature events which was held from 26-28 October in Singapore. I would like to thank SGTech for successfully hosting this year's General Assembly, ASOCIO Digital Summit and Tech Excellence Awards Night.

A number of important key decisions were made during the 3-day event. I am delighted to announce that Mr. Brian Shen from CISA has been elected as the new Chairman of ASOCIO for the 2023-2024 term at the General Assembly 2022. On behalf of the current Board, I would like to congratulate Mr. Brian Shen and the new Board and we look forward to his leadership in bringing the association to greater heights. The General Assembly also saw the introduction of an Honorary Lifetime Chairman position and the appointment of Japan Information Industry Association (JISA) as the co-opted Vice Chairman position. Both of these positions will be permanent members of the ASOCIO Board. Two Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) were signed between ASOCIO and FKII for FKII to become the host of ASOCIO Digital Summit 2023 in Seoul, South Korea while the other between ASOCIO and Smart Cities Network (SCN) on the partnership to identify and scope bankable projects aligned to the United Nations' Sustainability Development Goals. Both MOUs were signed with Mr. Jhinsup 'JJ' Jhung, Chairman of FKII and Mr. Tay Kok Chin, Chairman of SCN respectively.

At the ASOCIO Tech Excellence Awards Night, we had celebrated a total of 52 award recipients across 10 economies. The Honorary Lifetime Chairman Award was presented to Mr. Kafi Abdullah in recognition for his outstanding support to the growth of ASOCIO for the past two decades. Once helmed the organization as Chairman from 2013 – 2014, he has since continued to play an active role as the Immediate Past Chairman and Former Immediate Past Chairman as well as heading the Awards Committee. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board for presenting me with the Special Recognition Award for my 6 years of service as ASOCIO Chairman, the longest Chairmanship in ASOCIO history.

The Digital Trust white paper had also been completed and launched during the ASOCIO Digital Summit in Singapore. On behalf of ASOCIO, I would like to convey my appreciation and thanks to the PTF/NNEWG committee and all of our members for the support in making this publication a success. As we will embark 2023 in a couple of more weeks, we should look forward to upcoming events which have been confirmed and agreed upon in the General Assembly, namely the Plenary Meeting and Multi Trade Visit in Taiwan as well as the Digital Summit in Seoul, South Korea.

As my Chairmanship will be ending at the end of this year, I would like to take this wonderful opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continuous support in bringing ASOCIO to greater heights and recognition in this region. Your valued friendship is highly regarded and will be forever cherished.

Happy holidays and wishing you a great 2023 year ahead.

Thank you.





# PAST EVENTS: PLENARY MEETING & ATCI GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 2022 Plenary Meeting hosted by ATCI was a great success with nearly 35 delegates attending physically for the two-day event from 21 – 23 July 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand. Representatives for the event included Bangladesh, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Laos and Myanmar. Other accompanying activities included a special briefing on the World Congress on Innovation & Technology (WCIT) 2022 to ATCI members, the ATCI Golf Tournament 2022, a lavish appreciation dinner and a special tour to the old capital city of Ayutthaya. Thank you ATCI for hosting a successful plenary meeting session and being a great host throughout the event.



The full-day Plenary Meeting was compact with over 20 agendas and important decisions, appointments and resolutions were passed. Highlight of the meeting was the follow-up discussion from the Strategic Planning held in Penang in May which includes strategies for new membership recruitment, ASOCIO branding, new events and initiatives. PIKOM presented on a proposed research collaboration with ASOCIO on digital employment and salary trends in selected economies in the region. JISA also presented on their new initiative called the ASEAN – CBP Platform, an online platform that provides information on the latest cyber security measures and policies in Japan and across the region. Congratulations ASOCIO.

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## GALLERY: PLENARY MEETING & ATCI GOLF TOURNAMENT



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## ASOCIO played a major role in supporting WCIT 2022 including the ASOCIO Smart City Track, Exhibitions and Delegates participation

Dubbed as the Olympics of ICT industry, the World Congress on Innovation and Technology (WCIT) 2022 was organized in the tropical island of Penang, Malaysia from 13 – 15 September 2022. As one of the world's largest and most prestigious ICT events, it features discussions with visionaries, captains of industry, government leaders, innovators and academics from over 80 countries. ASOCIO had the privilege to play a major role in supporting WCIT 2022 that includes being the International Content Provider and had successfully organized the ASOCIO Smart City Track with participation from member economies such as Laos, Myanmar, South Korea, and Malaysia.



# World Congress on Innovation & Technology (WCIT) 2022















**SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT: ASOCIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022** 

## IN SINGAPORE

#### **Resorts World Sentosa** Convention Centre, Singapore

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### 26 October 2022

At the ASOCIO Annual General Assembly 2022 on 26 October 2022 in Singapore, Dr Brian Shen was elected as the Chairman of ASOCIO for the 2023/2024 term effective 1st January 2023. He will be taking over from Mr David Wong who has served as Chairman for 6 years and will be ending his term by the end of 2022.

The General Assembly also saw the .... introduction of an Honorary Lifetime E Chairman position and the appointment of Japan Information Industry Association (JISA) as the co-:: opted Vice Chairman position. Both of these positions will be permanent members of the ASOCIO Board.

In conjunction with the General Assembly 2022, ASOCIO had also conducted its 64th Board Meeting, Digital Summit 2022 and Tech Excellence Awards 2022 held at the World Resorts Sentosa Convention Centre, Singapore from 26 – 28 October 2022.

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## Key decisions and resolutions passed during the General Assembly 2022

- 1. Dr Brian Shen was elected as the Chairman of ASOCIO for the 2023/2024 term effective 1st January 2023.
- 2. Introduction of a Lifetime Honorary Chairman position and to be a member of the Council.
- 3. Appointment of JISA as a permanent member on the ASOCIO Council.
- 4. Shortening of the Election notice from 90 days to 30 days.
- 5. FKII was selected as the host of the 2023 ASOCIO Digital Summit in Seoul, South Korea.
- 6. CISA was selected as the host of the 2021 ASOCIO Plenary Meeting and Multi Trade Event in Taiwan.
- 7. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between ASOCIO and FKII for FKII to become the host of ASOCIO Digital Summit 2023 in Seoul, South Korea. Another MOU was signed between ASOCIO and Smart Cities Network (SCN) on the partnership to identify and scope bankable projects aligned to the United Nations' Sustainability Development Goals.
- 8. The full list of elected ASOCIO Board members for 2023/2024 term are as follows;

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NO	NAME	POSITION	ECONOMY
1	Dr Brian Shen	Chairman	Taiwan
2	David Wong	Immediate Past Chairman	Malaysia
3	Bunrak Saraggananda	Past Immediate Past Chairman	Thailand
4	Abdullah Kafi	Honorary Lifetime Chairman	Bangladesh
5	Yutaka Sasaki	Vice Chairman	Japan
6	John Choi	Vice Chairman	South Korea
7	Supak Lailert	Vice Chairman	Thailand
8	Reggie Wong	Vice Chairman	Hong Kong
9	Wong Wai Meng	Vice Chairman	Singapore
10	Nawaraj Kunwar	Vice Chairman	Nepal
11	Stan Singh	Vice Chairman	Malaysia
12	Nguyen Van Khoa	Vice Chairman	Vietnam







# **ASOCIO Digital Summit 2022**

In today's rapidly digitalizing and inter-connected world, understanding Digital Trust and how to capitalize on its opportunities is an imperative for anyone interacting in the digital economy.

ASOCIO in collaboration with SGTech and Apec Business Advisory Council (ABAC) had organized the ASOCIO Digital Summit 2022, the world's first global summit on Digital Trust on 28 October 2022 at Resorts World Sentosa Convention, Singapore. Officiated by Singapore's Senior Minister of State for Communications and Information Mr Tan Kiat How, the Summit was part of the Singapore Week of Innovation and Technology (Switch) conference which brought together more than 9,000 participants from start-ups and small firms, investors, companies, government and research bodies.



GALLERY: ASOCIO DIGITAL SUMMIT 2022















### **Position Paper**

## Trading with Trust in the new Digitalized World: How Digital Trust can enable Regional Trade

ASOCIO NNEWG POSITION PAPER ON DIGITAL TRUST

MEDIA RELEASE DECEMBER 2022

As ASOCIO, our objective is to develop the ICT industry across the Asia Oceania region by promoting trade as well as fostering relationships between its member economies. This has been our mission and objective since our founding in 1984.

With the global economy becoming increasingly digital, the world has also seen the rapid rise in misinformation, consumer scams, cybersecurity attacks and data breeches. Under such circumstances, Trust has never been more important as the key ingredient to ensure continued cross-border business transactions and sustaining global trade.

As such, we stand behind the recommendations outlined in this paper. We believe in the importance of sustaining regional trade as the digital economy grows, and encourage our member economies to nurture greater Digital Trust across the region by:

- 1. Exploring interoperable, regional Digital Identity systems;
- 2. Working towards mutual recognition of Trust Marks;
- 3. Harmonizing standards for cybersecurity, privacy, data protection, and intellectual property to enable cross-border data flows;
- 4. Adopting standard data governance contractual clauses;
- 5. Establishing dispute resolution channels for regional consumer and business protection.

This is our pledge as a federation of ICT associations representing 24 economies throughout in the Asia-Pacific region, a region accounting for USD 800 billion of ICT revenue. We will strive to promote the best practices and recommendation outlined in the paper, in hopes to bring about a more prosperous future for the digital economy in the region. Download the position paper <u>HERE</u>.





# ASOCIO TECH EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2022

In conjunction with the ASOCIO Digital Summit 2022, technology and innovation leaders were recognized at the regional stage - clinching awards at the ASOCIO Tech Excellence Awards 2022 at Resorts World Sentosa Convention, Singapore. The prestigious ASOCIO Tech Excellence Awards are given to the deserving individuals and organizations that have contributed outstanding technology solutions and services and have made remarkable and successful efforts at providing digital opportunities to the society.

This year saw a total of 52 awards recipients across 8 categories from 10 member economies including tech companies from Bangladesh, Thailand, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Japan, Myanmar, Vietnam, Singapore and Laos. The ASOCIO Honorary Lifetime Chairman Award was presented to Abdullah Kafi in recognition for his outstanding support to the growth of ASOCIO for the past two decades while ASOCIO Chairman David Wong also received a Special Recognition Award for his 6 years' service as ASOCIO Chairman, the longest Chairmanship in ASOCIO history.



### ASOCIO TECH EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2022

28<sup>th</sup> October





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NO	ORGANIZATION	AWARD CATEGORY	ECONOMY
1	Hitachi Solutions Ltd, & Sumitomo Mitsui	Outstanding Tech Company Award	Japan
	Construction Co., Ltd.		
2	Netbay Public Company Limited	Outstanding Tech Company Award	Thailand
3	CJ OliveNetworks	Outstanding Tech Company Award	South Korea
4	SecureAge Technology Co., Ltd.	Outstanding Tech Company Award	Taiwan
5	FIFOTech	Outstanding Tech Company Award	Banglades
6	Microsec	Outstanding Tech Company Award	Singapore
7	Century Software (M) Sdn Bhd	Outstanding Tech Company Award	Malaysia
8	Datacom Co., Ltd.	Outstanding Tech Company Award	Laos
9	Ultimate Solutions Co., Ltd.	Outstanding Tech Company Award	Myanmar
10	Vietnam Post and Telecommunication Corporation (VNPT)	Outstanding Tech Company Award	Vietnam
11	Kuno Kinzoku Industry Co., Ltd.	Outstanding User Organization Award	Japan
12	National Digital ID Company Limited (NDID)	Outstanding User Organization Award	Thailand
13	Ren Ci Hospital	Outstanding User Organization Award	Singapore
14	Sunway Group	Outstanding User Organization Award	Malaysia
15	Tan Long Group	Outstanding User Organization Award	Vietnam
16	Maruhan Japan Bank Lao	Outstanding User Organization Award	Laos
17	The Excise Department, Ministry of Finance	Digital Government Award	Thailand
18	Department of Information and Communication Technology (DoICT)	Digital Government Award	Banglades
19	Information Management Center of New Taipei City Government	Digital Government Award	Taiwan
20	DOUZONE BIZON	Digital Government Award	South Korea
21	Ministry of Manpower	Digital Government Award	Singapore
22	MyDIGITAL Corporation	Digital Government Award	Malaysia
23	Thua Thien Hue Province	Digital Government Award	Vietnam
24	E-Gov, Digital Government Center, MTC	Digital Government Award	Laos
25	Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	Digital Government Award	Myanmar
26	Conicle Co., Ltd.	EdTech Award	Thailand
27	Flying Cape Technologies	EdTech Award	Singapore
28	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	EdTech Award	Malaysia
29	FPT Polytechnic	EdTech Award	Vietnam
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		AWARD CATEGORY	ECONOMY
31	-	EdTech Award	Myanmar
32	SK Inc.	HealthTech Award	South Korea
33	Ministry of Public Health	HealthTech Award	Thailand
34	Diabetic Association of Bangladesh	HealthTech Award	Bangladesh
35	Service Systems Technology Center, Industrial Technology Research Institute	HealthTech Award	Taiwan
36	iHEAL Medical Group Sdn Bhd	HealthTech Award	Malaysia
37	SB Lab Lao Green Pass Vaccine Management	HealthTech Award	Laos
38	OnDoctor Company Limited	HealthTech Award	Myanmar
39	T-NET Co., Ltd.	Cybersecurity Award	Thailand
40	Doosan Digital Innovation	Cybersecurity Award	South Korea
41	Data Terminator Pte Ltd	Cybersecurity Award	Singapore
42	LGMS Berhad	Cybersecurity Award	Malaysia
43	Cyberus Sole Co., Ltd.	Cybersecurity Award	Laos
44	BKAV Corporation	Cybersecurity Award	Vietnam
45	iTrain Asia Pte. Ltd.	Environmental, Social & Governance Award	Singapore
46	Electricity Generation Authority of Thailand (EGAT)	Environmental, Social & Governance Award	Thailand
47	Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission	Environmental, Social & Governance Award	Bangladesh
48	Tatung System Technology Inc.	Environmental, Social & Governance Award	Taiwan
49	Lao Telecommunication Public Company	Environmental, Social & Governance Award	Laos
50	Easy Rice Digital Technology Co., Ltd.	Start-Up Award	Thailand
51	LOCA Co., Ltd.	Start-Up Award	Laos
52	Base Enterprise Joint Stock Company	Start-Up Award	Vietnam

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# PIKOM 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM)

5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### **New Elected Council Members**

PIKOM's Annual General Meeting was held on the 05th of December 2022. The following were elected to the Council for the stated term as per below;

AGM 2022 Results				
Position	Candidate	Company	Term	
	Ong Chin Seong	Powerware Systems Sdn Bhd	2022/2023	
Deputy Chairman	Alex Liew	Glocomp Systems (M) Sdn Bhd	2022/2023	
	Alex Loh	Nera (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd	2022/2023	
Treasurer	Anthony Raja Devadoss	Agensi Pekerjaan Korn Ferry (M) Sdn Bhd	2022/2023	
Immediate Past Chairman*	Dr Sean Seah	SCCW Holdings Sdn Bhd	2022/2023	
Councillor	Wing K Lee	YTL Communications Sdn Bhd	2022/2024	
Councillor	Dato' Munirah Looi	Brandt International Sdn Bhd	2022/2024	
Councillor	Raymond Devadass	Daythree Business Services Sdn Bhd	2022/2024	
Councillor	Dato' Seri Ivan Teh	ADV Fusionex Sdn Bhd	2022/2024	
Councillor	Eric Chong	Axiata Digital eCode Sdn Bhd	2022/2023	
Councillor	Datuk Teoh Eng Kee	EKTECH Communications Sdn Bhd	2022/2023	
Councillor**	Stan Singh - Jit	IronHorse Asia Sdn Bhd	2021/2023	
Councillor**	Catherine Lian	IBM Malaysia Sdn Bhd	2021/2023	

\*By virtue of serving as chairman in the outgoing council \*\* Serving the second year of the term as councilor







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# 2022 Key Events

NO.	EVENTS & ACTIVITIES	DATE
1.	ASOCIO Winner's Circle Webinar	2 March 2022
2.	ASOCIO 62 <sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting & Strategic Planning Session 2022 in Penang, Malaysia	19 – 21 May 2022
3.	Vietnam Asia DX Summit 2022	25 – 26 May 2022
4.	Transform Asia to Digital Service Society Forum 2022 in Taipei, Taiwan	19 – 22 July 2022
5.	ASOCIO Plenary Meeting & ATCI Golf Tournament in Bangkok, Thailand	21 – 23 July 2022
6.	World Congress on Innovation & Technology 2022 in Penang, Malaysia	13 – 15 September 2022
7.	Annual General Assembly, ASOCIO Digital Summit & Tech Excellence Awards Night 2022 in Singapore	26 – 28 October 2022











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