

**Comments by the Government of Japan
on Assessment of the Transition of the Technical Coordination and
Management
of the Internet's Domain Name and Addressing System**

The Government of Japan appreciates this opportunity to provide comments on “Assessment of the Transition of the Technical Coordination and Management of the Internet's Domain Name and Addressing System” prepared by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), United States Department of Commerce.

Since the Internet has now grown into an essential global infrastructure, it is crucial that the technical coordination and management of the Internet's resources be performed securely and stably.

The Government of Japan believes that the governance mechanism of the Internet's resources should continue to be improved in an evolutionary manner based on the current ICANN-centered structure to adapt to the change of the Internet environment, as it is recognized that the existing arrangements for Internet governance have worked effectively.

Through the process, each national government needs to play a proper role in the field of public policy. The Government of Japan hopes the function of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) should continue to be improved although it fulfills certain functions in the context.

The Government of Japan recognizes ICANN's efforts to achieve the responsibilities included in the Joint Project Agreement (JPA), which encompasses elements of considerable significance for ensuring that the private sector takes the lead in the management of the Internet's resources with greater transparency and accountability.

Also, it is assumed that the unallocated IPv4 address space will be depleted within a few years, which constitutes an issue that must be addressed immediately. To ensure that sustainable development of the Internet will not stagnate and that the entire world will continue to enjoy its benefits, ICANN should work positively to facilitate smooth deployment of IPv6.

In addition, because the IDN ccTLDs (Internationalized Domain Name country code Top Level Domain) enable the representation of domain names in each mother tongue, and they are expected to increase the diversity of domains and contribute to the development of the Internet, the Government of Japan hopes for the swift introduction of IDN ccTLDs. .

The Government of Japan believes that ICANN should continue to implement improvements so that it is able to address upcoming Internet expansion-related issues quickly and appropriately.

The Government of Japan is pleased to provide these comments on the NTIA's Notice of Inquiry.