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Mr Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb

Special Assistant to Hon'ble Chief Advisor

Ministry of Posts Telecommunications and Information Technology

Dear Sir,

**Subject: Request for Support – International Payment Process for APNIC Members in Bangladesh**

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on 25 May 2025. I greatly appreciated the opportunity to discuss the ongoing work of APNIC in support of Bangladesh's Internet development.

As discussed, we seek your valued support in facilitating a more efficient international payment process for Bangladeshi network operators — who are APNIC's Members. Increasingly, APNIC's Members in Bangladesh have encountered challenges in remitting payments to APNIC due to Bangladesh banking procedures. This results in late payments that could disrupt their APNIC membership continuity and, consequently, their ability to deliver stable and secure Internet services to Bangladesh citizens.

We respectfully request your assistance to raise this matter with the Bangladesh Central Bank to apprise domestic financial institutions on Bangladeshi network operators' relationship with APNIC, and to seek their assistance to facilitate APNIC Members' international payments to APNIC.

We believe this proactive step will greatly reduce the burden on APNIC's Members in Bangladesh, and consequently help ensure their uninterrupted access to essential Internet number resources, that is, IP addresses and Autonomous System Numbers (ASNs).

I also append additional information about APNIC for you/your team's reference. Should you or your team require any further information, we would be pleased to assist.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for your leadership in advancing Bangladesh's Internet development.

Yours sincerely,



**Jia Rong Low**

Director General (CEO)

APNIC

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Major General (ret'd) Md Emdad ul Bari  
Chairman  
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## **About APNIC**

APNIC (Asia Pacific Network Information Centre) is an open, member-based, not-for-profit organization that serves as the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) for 56 economies across the Asia Pacific region, including Bangladesh. APNIC's core responsibility is the distribution and management of Internet number resources — namely, Internet Protocol (IP) addresses and Autonomous System Numbers (ASNs). These Internet number resources are the building blocks of, and fundamental to, the operation of the Internet and are considered a public resource.

APNIC is headquartered in Brisbane, Australia, and provides technical, administrative, and community support to the region. APNIC does not maintain permanent offices outside of Australia.

## **APNIC Membership and Services**

Membership with APNIC is based on demonstrated operational need for Internet number resources. As of the date of this letter, APNIC serves 1,713 Members in Bangladesh, including national telecommunications companies, educational institutions, financial organizations, government departments, and Internet Service Providers.

These Members rely on APNIC to maintain the IP addresses and ASNs that are essential to their service delivery. APNIC Membership provides access to a range of services, including resource management, network security support, and capacity-building programs.

## **Membership Fees and Payment**

APNIC Members pay an annual fee based on the number of IP address holdings in their account. There are seven membership tiers (Associate to Extra Large), all of which provide equal access to APNIC's core services.

To support equitable participation, Members from Least Developed Countries (LDCs), including Bangladesh, receive a 50% discount on membership fees. Payment of Membership fees can be made by wire transfer, cheque, bank draft, or online (credit card or PayPal), and are processed in Australian dollars (AUD) at the prevailing exchange rate.

Importantly, non-payment of membership fees results in the suspension of services and the withdrawal of previously delegated Internet number resources — posing a significant risk to the continuity of Internet services for the citizens of Bangladesh.