

## APRICOT'2000 Sponsorship Invitation

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Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel  
Seoul, Korea  
Feb28th-March 2nd, 2000

Greetings!

Thank you for your interest and generous support of APRICOT (the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies) -- the region's premier Internet Operations forum.

It is only with your generous financial and in-kind sponsorship that APRICOT continues to help develop and advance the essential skills and understanding necessary to build a robust Internet infrastructure in the Asia Pacific.

We are delighted to extend our invitation to you to encourage your sponsorship and participation in APRICOT'2000, to be held from *February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2000* at the Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel Seoul, Korea (<http://www.walkerhill.co.kr>).

We are expecting between 500-800 key engineers and senior decision makers from around the region to attend the Seoul summit.

As you may know, the Internet economy in Korea is one of the largest in the Asia Pacific region (with over 6 million users) and continues to expand at a breathtaking pace.

Furthermore Korea still maintains a productive manufacturing industry that has lent a unique flavour to APRICOT2000 -- especially in terms of the selecting technologies and developing the technical conference programme.

Selecting the host economy for APRICOT2000 was especially difficult this year, given the excellent proposals received to host the operations summit in India, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines and Hong Kong!

Nevertheless, Seoul was awarded APRICOT2000 on the basis of the broad base of community support from the Korea Network Information Center (KRNIC), National Computerization Agency (NCA), the Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI), the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), the Open Systems Infrastructure Association (OSIA) and Inet, Inc. (a leading ISP).

Our honourable host in Seoul will be the Ministry of Information and Communication.

Should you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to visit our website (<http://www.apricot2000.ne.kr>) or send email to [bkkim@nic.or.kr](mailto:bkkim@nic.or.kr)

On behalf to the APRICOT2000 Executive Committee and our wonderful local hosts, I look forward to your continued support of APRICOT and to your participation in our unique community event.

See you in Seoul!

Yours sincerely,  
Pindar Wong  
Chairman  
APRICOT2000 Executive Committee

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## Sponsorship Summary Table

Benefit	Platinum Sponsor	Gold Sponsor	Silver Sponsor
Private Hospitality Suite for discrete business discussions	Yes	No	No
Optional Seat on APRICOT Fellowship Committee	Yes	No	No
Logo in banners, print advertising, mailings and press releases	Yes, Prominent	Yes, Prominent	Yes, Standard
Logo in online advertising	Yes	Yes	Yes
Logo Size	Large, Prominent	Prominent	Standard
Use of VIP Lounge for business meetings	No.	Yes	No
Table for Brochure/Literature Distribution	Yes, Prominent Location	Yes, Prominent Location	Yes Standard Location
Free Conference and Tutorial Registrations	16	8	4
Sponsorship Contribution	USD\$20,000	USD\$10,000	USD\$ 5,000
Sponsorship Contribution (25% Early Bird Discount -- application received on or before 11 <sup>th</sup> January)	USD\$15,000	USD\$ 7,500	USD\$ 3,750

## Important Dates

- ⊙ 11<sup>th</sup> January 2000 - Deadline for 25% Early Bird Discount
- ⊙ 11<sup>th</sup> February 2000- Final Deadline for Financial Sponsors

## Contact Points

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## What is APRICOT?

***“Our mission is to develop and advance the skills and understanding necessary to grow a robust Internet infrastructure in the Asia Pacific”***

The annual Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT) is an educational, non-profit, conference run by volunteers to develop and maintain Internet operational stability in Asia Pacific Region.

APRICOT's success is largely due to the excellence of its no-nonsense programme that is focused on Internet operational issues (i.e. issues surrounding the smooth day-to-day operation of Internet-based networks and services).

APRICOT is made possible through generous financial and in-kind sponsorships from distinguished corporate sponsors and valuable volunteers.

Since 1996, APRICOT has provided a unique and successful educational forum for Internet builders in the region to learn from their peers and other leaders in the Internet community from around the world.

APRICOT has now clearly established itself as the Asia Pacific's premier regional Internet Operations Summit where related regional Internet organizations come together to host their annual general meetings and share valuable experience.

Last year, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ([www.icann.org](http://www.icann.org)) held their first Asia Pacific meeting during APRICOT'99.

The key benefit of attending APRICOT is to synchronize local and regional activities with the rapid developments in the wider Internet in an objective manner that distinguishes between operational realities and marketing 'hype'.

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Host Economy	Singapore	Hong Kong	Philippines	Singapore	Seoul
No. of Attendees	280	630	320	632	500-800*
No. of Countries Represented	18	25	24	25	25*
No. of Sponsors	10	27	18	19	19*

[\* Note: Current Estimates for APRICOT2000]

Whilst it is appreciated that there is a natural desire for each successive APRICOT to be bigger and better than the previous one, APRICOT is primarily a conference with an educational objective. The primary desire is to bring the knowledge required to those that can benefit most from such knowledge.

The intense week-long summit consists of seminars, workshops, tutorials, conference sessions, birds-of-a-feather (BOFs), and other forums all with the common goal of :-

- a) spreading and sharing the knowledge required for operational stability and development of the Internet within the Asia Pacific region.
- b) developing affinity groups that foster mutual support throughout the year.

Specifically, there are 5 parts to the structure of events during the APRICOT2000 week (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Friday March 3):-

1. <b>Tutorials</b>	6-8 Tutorials Per Day over 2 days	(Mon, Tues)
2. <b>Conference</b>	4 Track Conference over two days	(Wed, Thurs)
3. <b>Birds-Of-A-Feather Meetings</b>	Evenings Meetings over two days	(Mon, Tues, Wed)
4. <b>AP* (AP 'Star') Meetings</b>	Monday, Tuesday and Friday	
5. <b>Social Activities</b>	Opening Reception	Tuesday Evening
	Lunches	(Wed, Thurs)
	Closing Social	Thursday Evening

All of the key Internet operations groups in Asia and Pacific meet for the annual and semi-annual meetings during APRICOT.

- **APRICOT is not an Internet Marketing Conference.** APRICOT is about bringing true subject matter experts together with those who can benefit most from the information. APRICOT provides a unique, vendor neutral forum for frank discussions on the skills and technologies that are either at the heart of today's Internet or very likely to see operational deployment within the next 12 months. It allows attendees to synchronize with the rapid developments in the wider Internet and an opportunity to dispel marketing 'hype'.
- **APRICOT's mission** is to address the critical need to develop and advance the skills and understanding necessary to grow a robust Internet infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region.
- **The people who attend APRICOT are the real people building the Internet in the Asia & Pacific region.** Many of *best* Internet engineers and key decision makers attend APRICOT either to teach, present, or do their own "networking".

See [www.apricot2000.ne.kr](http://www.apricot2000.ne.kr) or [www.apricot.net](http://www.apricot.net) for the latest details.

## Why Sponsor APRICOT?

- APRICOT influences opinion.
- APRICOT is unique.
- Sponsoring APRICOT contributes to the growth of the regional Internet Markets.

By providing a vendor-neutral forum from the frank exchange of skills and experience, APRICOT provides the chance to participate in a quality, content-rich and highly focussed event. APRICOT lets you learn first hand the issues that your current or potential users are facing with existing products or services in the market.

Whilst APRICOT does *not* directly have a sales focus (there are plenty of other commercial conferences throughout the year for this), it does allow very discrete marketing opportunities 'out of band'. These opportunities allow you to create awareness of new products and or services, together with opportunities to refine product/service/concept offerings for the Asia Pacific marketplace.

APRICOT is *only* held once per year and is the key opportunity to meet directly with influential individuals and network builders throughout the Asia and Pacific region.

By sponsoring this volunteer activity, your company is actively demonstrating that it contributing to the growth of the Internet in the Asia Pacific.

By contributing the time of your best engineers, your company is helping to spread the skills necessary to help build a commercially reliable Internet infrastructure in the region.

## What is Different about APRICOT2000?

- Direct Involvement of host economy in technology selection process
- Private Hospitality Suites Provided
- Expanded Terminal Room
- New APRICOT Skills Clinic
- Full-Scale APRICOT Fellowship Programme for 50+ Fellows from Developing Economies
- Better building of communities and affinity groups
- Many Asia Pacific Internet organizations and groups schedule events during APRICOT
- Follow-on Asia Pacific Operational Activities during the Internet Engineering Task Force ([www.ietf.org](http://www.ietf.org)) meeting in Australia (March) and the INET2000 Conference in Japan (July) ([www.isoc.org](http://www.isoc.org))

APRICOT has been extremely successful in targeting a select audience.

One of the fundamental principles and distinctive feature of APRICOT presentations has been vendor neutral objectiveness, providing neutral informed opinion rather than the technical sales presentations that many

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conferences suffer from. Extra effort has been placed this year to continue this tradition which has been a main draw among participants who value the vendor-neutrality and objectiveness of APRICOT.

Furthermore, there was direct input into the technology selection process from the host economy (Republic of Korea) such that APRICOT can have maximum relevance and impact to the local Internet industry.

As APRICOT is only once per calendar year, a long time by Internet Industry standards, there needed to be a better way to build the peer relationships and affinity groups that have contributed to APRICOT's success. Consequently, more effort is being placed with APRICOT'2000 to developing an on-line community as well as allowing more structured social events throughout the week (e.g. organised 'meet me' breakfasts, lunch and dinner meetings). These structured social events are valuable as they help provide the discrete marketing opportunity alluded to earlier.

The traditional APRICOT Terminal room has been expanded to include an APRICOT Skills Clinic to allow for hand-on demonstration, interactive questions and answers concerning sponsored equipment and technologies.

In addition, many regional Internet groups will also be having their various meetings during the week of APRICOT. These include :-

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|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Asia Pacific Network Information Centre AMM | <a href="http://www.apnic.net">http://www.apnic.net</a> |
| 2. Asia & Pacific Internet Association AGM     | <a href="http://www.apia.org">http://www.apia.org</a>   |
| 3. Asia Pacific Networking Group AGM           | <a href="http://www.apng.org">http://www.apng.org</a>   |
| 4. Asia Pacific Top Level Domain AGM           | <a href="http://www.aptld.org">http://www.aptld.org</a> |

Furthermore, next year will be a very special year in the development of the Internet in the Asia Pacific given at that the Internet Engineering Task Force (the entity responsible for developing Internet technical standards -- [www.ietf.org](http://www.ietf.org)) is hosting its spring meeting in Adelaide Australia in March. Also the Internet Society's annual global conference INET ([www.isoc.org](http://www.isoc.org)) will be held in Yokohama Japan in July 2000. As such, APRICOT will be organising follow-on events at both the IETF and INET meetings.

Please see the APRICOT website for the detailed weekly schedule of events ([www.apricot.net](http://www.apricot.net) or [www.apricot2000.ne.kr](http://www.apricot2000.ne.kr))

## How do I sponsor APRICOT?

There are two kinds of APRICOT sponsors:

1. *financial sponsors* who contribute the essential funds to run the event
2. *in-kind sponsors* who contribute their time, services or products for the event.

Whilst we obviously encourage our sponsors to be both financial and in-kind sponsors, it should be noted that the opportunity to present tutorials and conference sessions is not related to sponsoring APRICOT. Indeed, the separation of concerns between our conference sponsorship activities and the development of the programme is necessary to ensure the independence and quality of the presentations. All enquiries with respect to the conference programme should be directly sent to either the Programme Chair (Mr. Robert Berger: [rberger@ibd.com](mailto:rberger@ibd.com)) or the Programme Committee ([apricot\\_tech@ibd.com](mailto:apricot_tech@ibd.com)).

Sponsoring APRICOT provides organizations with access to a select set of individuals involved in the decision making and daily operation and administration of the Internet.

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## Financial Sponsorship

In order to financially sponsor the APRICOT conference, you will need to complete and return by fax the APRICOT2000 Sponsorship Agreement (attached or available from the <http://www.apricot2000.ne.kr> ) on or before midnight UTC/GMT Friday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2000.

All financial sponsors are required to fax the agreement to:-

Byung-Kyu Kim, Ph. D.  
Director of Korea Network Information Center  
Fax : +82-2-2186-4499

All logo positions, hospitality suites and table spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis.

There are three levels of sponsorship (Platinum, Gold and Silver) with the following summary of benefits:

<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Platinum Sponsor</b>	<b>Gold Sponsor</b>	<b>Silver Sponsor</b>
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## Save 25% with the Early Bird Discount

All financial sponsors will enjoy a 25% Early Bird Discount should applications be received by fax to +82-2-2186-4499 on or before midnight UTC/GMT 11<sup>th</sup> January 2000.

## Financial Sponsors' Benefits

**Platinum** sponsors contribute US\$ 20,000. Sponsorship provides:

- Private Hospitality Suite -- to conduct discrete business meetings or promotional activities
- Optional Seat on APRICOT Fellowship Committee if 10% of sponsorship fee delegated to the APRICOT Fellowship Programme
- Prominent large logo positioning and sponsorship mention in banners, print advertising, mailings and press releases
- Prominent large logo positioning in online advertising
- Distribution of company-supplied brochures or gift (bags, mouse pads, pens, etc.)
- Sixteen (16) free conference or tutorial registrations

Note1: There are only 5 Hospitality Suites available (Azalea, Lilac, Dahlia, Acacia and Dafodil rooms). Each Hospitality Suite is a function room that is provided to the Platinum sponsor to do as it wishes on a first come, first served basis.. It is highly encouraged that all prominent sales activities be confined to the hospitality Suites. Hotel liason details will be provided to sponsors to contact directly and make any special arrangements.

Note2: Assistance with local arrangements will be provided on request.

**Gold** sponsors contribute US\$10,000. Sponsorship provides:

- Use of VIP Lounge to conduct discrete business meetings
- Prominent logo positioning and sponsorship mention in banners, print advertising, mailings, press releases and interviews subordinate to PLATINUM sponsors
- Prominent logo positioning in online advertising
- Distribution of company-supplied brochures to attendees during registration.
- Eight (8) free conference or tutorial registrations

**Silver** sponsors contribute US\$5,000. Sponsorship provides:

- Standard logo positioning and sponsorship mention in banners, print advertising, mailings, press releases and interviews subordinate to PLATINUM and GOLD sponsors
- Prominent logo positioning in online advertising
- Distribution of company-supplied brochures during the conference
- Four (4) free conference or tutorial registrations

## Sponsorship of APRICOT Social Activities

You can choose to sponsor, at additional cost, one (1) of the following:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. APRICOT Opening Reception    | (Evening, Tuesday February 29th)      |
| 2. APRICOT Breakfast 'Meet Me'  | (Wednesday March 1)                   |
| 3. APRICOT Lunch                | (Wednesday March 1)                   |
| 4. APRICOT Evening Dinner       | (Wednesday March 1)                   |
| 5. APRICOT Breakfast 'Meet Me'  | (Thursday March 2)                    |
| 6. APRICOT Lunch                | (Thursday March 2)                    |
| 7. APRICOT Closing Social Event | (Evening, off site, Thursday March 2) |

The cost of sponsoring any of the social events is approximately US\$ 30-35 per head for sit down meals or receptions, US\$15-20 per head for breakfast.

All bookings are provided on a first come first served basis.

We are expecting between 500-800 delegates. E.g. an APRICOT Lunch for 500 delegates will be approximately US\$ 15,000 per lunch.

Please contact [bkkim@nic.or.kr](mailto:bkkim@nic.or.kr) or [pindar@hk.super.net](mailto:pindar@hk.super.net) should you have any questions regarding sponsoring an APRICOT social event.



## APRICOT FELLOWSHIPS

Not all people can afford to come to APRICOT. Hence, APRICOT has created a fund to provide fellowships to individuals in lesser developed economies in the Asia & Pacific region.

APRICOT Financial Sponsors can earmark 10% of their sponsorship funds for the APRICOT Fellowship program.

Currently there have been 66 applications from 33 countries to the APRICOT Fellowship Programme.

Seed funding for the APRICOT Fellowship Programme has been allocated by APNIC and the APRICOT2000 Executive Committee. Furthermore, there will also be Special Invitees from AFRICA. Specifically from afriNOG (African Network Operations Group), afriNIC (African Network Information Center) and a Senior person/Leader within the AFRICAN Internet Community.

Platinum Sponsors who contribute to the APRICOT Fellowship programme will have the option of appointing an individual to serve on the APRICOT Fellowship Committee.

E-mail: [apricot-fellowship@nic.or.kr](mailto:apricot-fellowship@nic.or.kr) for details on the APRICOT Fellowship program or see the APRICOT website (<http://www.apricot2000.ne.kr>)

## In-Kind Sponsorship of APRICOT Terminal Room and Skills Clinic

In addition to cash sponsorship, we are also looking for in-kind sponsorship of Internet connectivity, networking equipment, cabling and hardware for the APRICOT terminal room, Skills Clinic and APRICOT conference (e.g. Mbone).

The frequently visited APRICOT terminal room will provide Internet connectivity to both speakers and conference attendees during the Internet Conference. Initial connectivity and terminal room equipment has been kindly provided by INET Inc (a leading Internet Service Provider in Korea).

There will be special recognition for these in-kind sponsorships in the terminal room itself.

The APRICOT2000 Terminal Room has been augmented to allow for the inclusion of a hand-on APRICOT Skills Clinic. This Skills Clinic is where engineers can interactively ask questions and have their networking or engineering problems discussed and resolved. For Senior Engineers that wish to contribute their hands-on experience and expertise to the skills clinic, please contact Philip Smith ([pfs@cisco.com](mailto:pfs@cisco.com)).

For in-kind sponsors that wish to arrange for their latest hardware/software to be showcased or demonstrated during the clinic, it is hoped that any import/export requirements are handled by your regional representative offices. Failing which, our local organizers will assist, as best they can, on a case by case basis. Any specific requirements should be sent to Dr. Byung-Kyu Kim of the Korean Network Information Center ([bkkim@nic.or.kr](mailto:bkkim@nic.or.kr)) or Pindar Wong ([pindar@hk.super.net](mailto:pindar@hk.super.net))

Email [apricot-domestic@apricot.net](mailto:apricot-domestic@apricot.net) if you are interested in providing in-kind sponsorship to the APRICOT Terminal Room.

## Sign-up Soon For The Best Positioning!

Logo positions, sponsoring of social events etc. are limited and allocated on a first come/first served basis. So please sign-up soon to enjoy the Early Bird discount and best positioning.

Please contact us as soon as possible via email, telephone, or fax to express your interest and commitment to sponsor APRICOT.

## More Information

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Please see the [www.apricot.ne.kr](http://www.apricot.ne.kr) website for the latest details concerning APRICOT2000.

The [www.apricot.net.kr](http://www.apricot.net.kr) website in the central information coordination point for APRICOT2000.

Should you have any additional questions, please send them to [bkkim@nic.or.kr](mailto:bkkim@nic.or.kr) or [pindar@hk.super.net](mailto:pindar@hk.super.net)

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## APRICOT in Korea

### The History and Background to the Local Internet Industry in Korea

Networking in Korea began in July, 1982 by connecting PDP-11 in Seoul National University and VAX 11/780 in Korea Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication with 1200bps leased line.

In 1983, a voluntary group of researchers started to build the first IP based network in Korea called System Development Network(SDN). SDN had a link to EUNET, UUCP Net in 1983 and to CSNET in 1984. In 1985, SDN had 20 organizations online and was providing and testing UUCP connection to Indonesia and other Asian countries.

In the meantime, government sponsored networks such as KREONET(for national labs) and KREN(for universities) started to appear in 1988. KREONET was also an IP based network while KREN was a part of the international BITNET.

In 1990, SDN established a sister organization called HANA to fund the international leased line to Hawaii to participate in the PACCOM project. With this 56Kbps link, Korea began to have international IP connectivity to the world. Right after this, KREONET also opened a link to the USA and Internet in Korea began to be more popular. The Network operation center of HANA/SDN was transferred from the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) to Korea Telecom in 1991.

In 1993, the Korean Network Information Center (KRNIC) was formed to support the sustainable growth of the Korean Internet community. KRNIC also participated in the early stage of APNIC pilot services proposed by the Asia Pacific Networking Group (APNG) from 1993 through 1994. Operation of KRNIC was transferred from KAIST to the National Computerization Agency (NCA) in 1994 and incorporated as an independent legal body in 1999.

1994 was the turning point into the commercialization of the Internet in Korea.

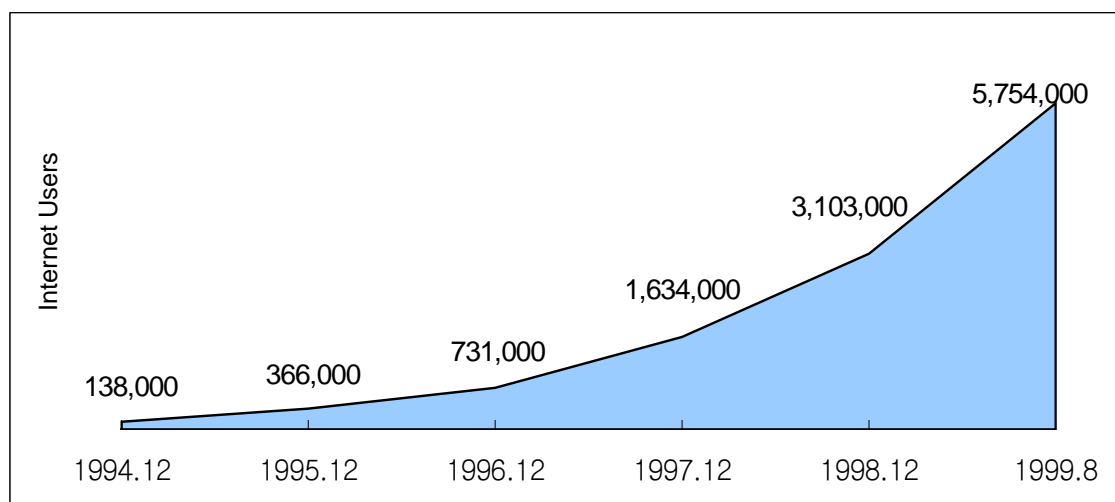
Inet, Inc., in-kind sponsor of the APRICOT Terminal Room, started to provide the first commercial Internet services, and other companies offered commercial services right after.

Currently, Korea has more than 37 Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and around 6 million Internet users.

### Current Statistics: Internet Users in Korea

The number of Internet users in Korea has steadily increased by 112% per annum since 1994, which means the growing rate of an additional 200,000-500,000 users per month!

#### Number of Internet Users in Korea (source: KRNIC)



Currently, there are 37 ISPs and they are providing Internet connectivity services to local Internet users. The number of domain name registrations is also increasing enormously.

Internet statistics until the end of August 1999, sourced by KRNIC is shown below.

#### **STATISTICS OF DOMESTIC INTERNET INDUSTRY**

No. of ISPs	No. of WSPs	No. of .kr Domain names	No. of .kr Hosts
37	936	140,863	460,974

#### **Prospects of progress**

The Korea government is planning to build an environment that can provide high-speed network service to everyone at the speed of 1.5-2Mbps with very low price, and increase the number of domestic Internet users up to 10 million by 2001. (Cyber Korea 21 1999.3.31)

Cyber Korea 21 will create a total of 1 million new jobs by 2002, while establishing a strong foundation for a knowledge-based nation.

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
e-commerce market (provider-customer)	14	63	150	672	1,486
EDI total sales (100 million won)	141	216	591	9,449	16,063
Company using EDI (Number of Organizations)	11,564	13,592	19,000	26,000	35,500

Prediction of domestic E- Commerce market change in 2000 is shown above  
(source by : Ministry of Information and Communication report 1999)

Also the current status and forecast of market size in value-added telecommunication services in Korea is shown in below:-

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Data Network</b>	1,493	2,687	2,183	2,120	2,502	3,178	4,130	5,370
<b>Value-Added Communication Network</b>	2,504	4,656	6,438	8,606	12,642	19,055	29,673	46,481
<b>On-Line Information</b>	284	315	449	677	914	1,233	1,665	2,248
<b>Voice Telephone Number</b>	660	976	1,333	1,722	2,238	2,797	3,497	4,371
<b>High Performance Fax</b>	125	218	162	199	239	287	344	413
<b>Others</b>	-	1,068	427	387	406	427	448	470
<b>Total</b>	5,067	9,920	10,992	13,711	18,941	26,977	39,757	59,353

*Unit: 100 Million Won*

*(Source by :  
1999 Annual  
Report of  
Ministry  
Information  
Communication)*

## History of Past APRICOTs (1996-1999)

### APRICOT'99

The fourth APRICOT was held in Singapore from 1 - 5 March '99. The attendance of 632 represented over 25 countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world.

APRICOT'99 was sponsored by the following 19 companies:

- AboveNet
- Alcatel
- Asia & Pacific Internet Association
- Asia Pacific Network Information Centre
- Ascend Communications
- AT&T
- Cisco Systems
- Commercial Internet Exchange Association
- Compaq
- Hongkong Telecom
- Nortel
- O'Reilly and Associates
- Pacific Internet
- PSINet
- SGNic
- Singapore Telecom
- Teleglobe
- Unitech
- Webworks

### APRICOT'98

The third APRICOT was held in Philippines from 16 - 20 February'98. The attendance of 320 represented over 24 countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world.

APRICOT '98 was sponsored by the following 18 companies:

- Aponet
  - Ascend Communications
  - Asia & Pacific Internet Association (APIA)
  - Asia Internet Holding
  - AT&T Asia Pacific Group
  - Bay Networks
  - Breeze Wireless Communications
  - Cisco Systems
  - Digital Equipment Asia Pacific
  - Hong Kong Telecom
  - Infonet Services Corp
  - Kokusai Denshin Denwa (KDD)
  - MCI International
  - NeTrue Communications
  - NTT Global Business
  - Orion Network Systems
  - Singapore Exhibition Services
  - United Nations –Asia-Pacific Development Information Programme (APDIP)
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**APRICOT'97**

The second APRICOT was held in Hong Kong from 27-30 January '97. The attendance of 630 people from over 25 countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world.

APRICOT '97 was sponsored by the following 27 companies:

- APNIC
- Ascend
- Asia Internet Holdings
- AT&T
- Bay Networks
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Cisco Systems
- Cogwheel
- Commercial Internet Exchange
- Data Communications
- Digital
- Dynalab, Inc.
- Gilat Satellite Networks
- Global One
- HK Net
- Hong Kong Telecom
- IBM
- KDD
- NTT
- O'Rielly & Associates
- Sembawang Media
- Softbank Expos
- Sourcecom
- Spyglass
- Star Internet
- Telstra
- The Black Box

**APRICOT'96**

The first APRICOT was held in Singapore between 17 - 19 January '96. The attendance of 280 people represented over 18 countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

APRICOT '96 was sponsored by the following 10 companies:

- Global One
  - Cisco Systems
  - ATT Jens
  - Singapore Telecom – SingNet
  - IBM Japan
  - Digital Equipment Corporation
  - The Commercial Internet Exchange
  - Sembawang Media
  - CSA Automated
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### APRICOT Attendee Country Profile

<b>ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN by Countries of Origin</b>	<b>APRICOT '96 17 - 19 January Singapore</b>	<b>APRICOT '97 27 - 30 January Hong Kong</b>	<b>APRICOT '98 16 - 20 February Philippines</b>	<b>APRICOT '99 1 - 5 March Singapore</b>
Australia	10	10	14	15
Belgium	-	1	-	-
Bhutan	-	-	-	4
Brazil	-	-	-	2
Brunei	3	6	-	-
Cambodia	-	1	2	2
Canada	-	-	1	1
China	3	6	6	5
Emirates	-	3	-	2
France	-	-	2	1
Guam	-	1	-	-
Germany	-	-	2	-
Hong Kong	30	122	10	15
India	4	6	3	7
Indonesia	11	10	1	15
Japan	22	47	32	17
Korea	7	16	5	9
Macau	-	8	-	-
Malaysia	16	16	13	23
Mongolia	-	-	4	-
Nepal	-	3	-	1
Netherlands	-	3	1	-
New Zealand	2	2	3	5
Pakistan	1	-	2	1
Philippines	5	23	93	19
Singapore	132	38	53	135
Sri Lanka	2	1	5	5
Sweden	-	1	1	1
Switzerland	-	-	2	-
Taiwan	12	12	6	7
Thailand	11	23	1	18
United Kingdoms	-	-	-	2
United States of America	11	63	55	21
Vietnam	-	-	-	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>336</b>

Note: Above attendance breakdown does include not a number of delegates that did not wish to list their country or speakers, sponsors, exhibitors and members of various related events such as APNG, APIA, APNIC, APLe and APTLD.