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The Cooperation Committee of CIAPR Launched New Website

WWW.APCITY.ORG

In compliance with the requirements of *Shanghai Declaration* and *The Statutes of the Cooperation Committee of High Level Forum on City Informatization in the Asia Pacific Region*, after the first Forum of CIAPR, the website of the Cooperation Committee of CIAPR should be reconstructed from the conference affairs website into a consultation and service platform for city informatization in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as a working platform of RCOCI. In October 2000, under the instruction of the United Nations, WWW.APCITY.ORG underwent an overall reconstruction, and has established an IT platform integrating the functions of consultation and work on city informatization.

This reconstruction covers many aspects, including the contents, columns and page design of the website.

The priority in the reconstruction is the orientation of the website development, so as to steer the conversion from a single platform for news releasing and services for conference to a functional platform for international standing bodies. As the website is free from geographical and time restraints, the urgent task at present in operation is to enhance the functions and utilities of the website. The website under reconstruction serves as a combination of new services for conference affairs and powerful platform for routine office work.

In order to function better as a “Network Hub” among IT enterprises in the Asia-Pacific cities, with a focus on the hot issues in the IT industry, Apcity.org has launched a new column—IT enterprise solution, which includes a survey of world-famous IT enterprises, cases of E-government solution, case study on successful systems, E-business solution, integrated technology programs, ASP out

source services, etc. The objective of this column is to provide more useful information to the enterprises, governments and individuals visiting the website, to acquaint them with the features of our website, and to activate the visitors' participation.

With the purpose to enlarge the amount of information, we include in the data concerning more Asia-Pacific cities, more comprehensive information on city templates, and more typical and realistic cases of informatization in all trades in the Asia-Pacific cities. The issuance of relevant news, policies and laws updated per week better demonstrates the authority, instruction and readability of the website.

To better present the website's function of serving for communication and cooperation at the inter-enterprise level and the inter-government level as well as communication and cooperation between enterprises and governments, the new www.apcity.org has been largely databased, with the whole website driven by Database. And a completely new BBS and online cooperation column (electrical cooperation intention) have been added in the website. This will further demonstrate the conception of B To G in the interaction.

Besides, a column of "About Us" has been added in Apcity.org, which serves to promote the publicity of the website both online and offline, and expands the impact of CIAPR, facilitating the smooth operation of cooperation channels. The content of the columns include The Statutes of the Cooperation Committee of CIAPR, the brief introduction of RCOCI, the introduction of Asia-Pacific informatization website and its structure, together with the introduction of development projects of apcity.org, as well as its telephone number and e-mail.

After the reconstruction, the website will possess a system with complete functions of conference affairs service and network office platform. On this basis, through further development, the website will extend many fields, such as E-commerce, distance education, medical care, among cities in the Asia-Pacific region.