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The Hague, May 3, 2024

Dear Mr. Petter Holen,

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention the incorrect designation of Taiwan on your website.

Recently we have received complaints from our compatriot concerning the incorrect designation refer to "Taiwan" as "Taiwan, province of China" in the "list of Members" page on your website (as attached).

This erroneous designation creates the impression that Taiwan is part of the People's Republic of China, which is completely contrary to reality and constitutes a misjudgment of the legal and international status of Taiwan. In reality, the People's Republic of China has never exercised any jurisdiction over Taiwan. In terms of its legal and international status, Taiwan is a fully-fledged democracy with its own elected President, Parliament and independent judiciary, based on its own Constitution. Taiwan independently conducts its own foreign affairs and defense policy, issuing our own passport and currency, and the country is widely regarded by the international community, both in reality and virtual world, a trustworthy partner and contributor.

We acknowledge that the website's content adheres to the standards outlined in ISO 3166. However, we suggest that alternative approaches could have been considered to prevent potential misunderstandings prior to the correction of the ISO system. For instance, enclosed please find the usage of Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) and American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), which referring to

Taiwan as "TW" under the section of "Economy," or using A2/A3 codes from the ISO system to categorize members in the "Country/Geographical Areas" section.

In addition to that, enclosed please also find the usage of the Government of the Netherlands Website (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), which referring to Taiwan only as "Taiwan," for your reference. I encourage you to follow the above-mentioned practices.

It would be highly appreciated if you could help adjust the improper and misleading designation as soon as possible. My colleague Mr. Jonathan Yang (email: [tyyang@mofa.gov.tw](mailto:tyyang@mofa.gov.tw); tele: 06-20400489) remains at your disposal for further questions on this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I am looking forward to hearing positive response from you soon.

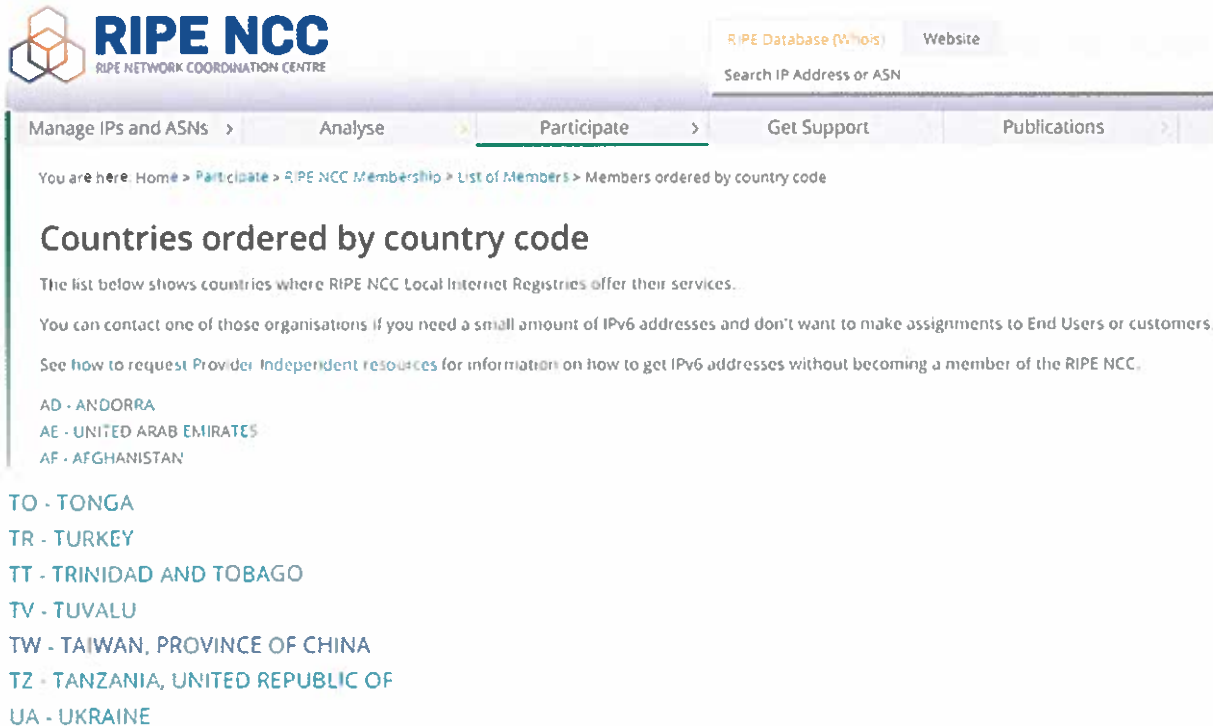
Sincerely yours,

The image shows a handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be '陳欣新' (Chen Hsin-Hsin). To the right of the signature is a red square seal with Chinese characters, likely '陳欣新' (Chen Hsin-Hsin).

Hsin-Hsin Chen  
Representative

c.c. Felipe Victolla Silveira  
Chief Technology Officer  
RIPE NCC

## RIPE NCC Website Screen shot (Membership page)



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### Countries ordered by country code

The list below shows countries where RIPE NCC Local Internet Registries offer their services.

You can contact one of those organisations if you need a small amount of IPv6 addresses and don't want to make assignments to End Users or customers.

See how to request Provider Independent resources for information on how to get IPv6 addresses without becoming a member of the RIPE NCC.

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AE - UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
AF - AFGHANISTAN

TO - TONGA  
TR - TURKEY  
TT - TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
TV - TUVALU  
TW - TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA  
TZ - TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF  
UA - UKRAINE



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### Local Internet Registries offering service in Taiwan, Province Of China

- 10dencehispahard, S.L. <Registry Based in Spain>
- Accenture B. V. <Registry Based in Netherlands>
- Addrex, Inc. <Registry Based in United States>
- Advorsor LLP <Registry Based in UK>
- AECOM Limited <Registry Based in UK>
- Agilent Technologies, Inc. <Registry Based in United States>
- Akari Networks Limited <Registry Based in Hong Kong>
- Alida Inc. <Registry Based in Canada>
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## List of Country Codes and RIRs

We maintain a list of [ISO 3166](#) defined country codes on our [FTP Site](#).

This list states the **country names** (official short names in **English**) in alphabetical order as given in **ISO 3166-1** and the corresponding two- and three- letter codes. It also shows the five Regional Internet Registry (RIR) service regions - [AFRINIC](#), [ARIN](#), [APNIC](#), [LACNIC](#) and [RIPE NCC](#).

We update the list whenever a change to the official code list in ISO 3166-1 is made by the ISO 3166/MA.

Country	A 2	A 3	Region
AFGHANISTAN	AF	AFG	APNIC
TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA	TW	TWN	APNIC
TAJIKISTAN	TJ	TJK	RIPE NCC
TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF	TZ	TZA	AFRINIC
THAILAND	TH	THA	APNIC
TIMOR-LESTE	TL	TLS	APNIC

# APNIC Website Screen shot (Membership page)



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  - ▶ **Who are our Members?**
  - ▶ How much does it cost?
  - ▶ Billing procedure
  - ▶ Manage your membership
- ▶ Membership and Internet Resource Application Process

## Who are our Members?

APNIC exists for the benefit of its Members and other stakeholders in the Internet community.

Membership tiers correspond to the number of IP address resources each organization has rights over.

Name	Membership category	Economy
AboveNet Communications Taiwan Co., Ltd	MEDIUM	TW
Jehovah's Witnesses in Taiwan	SMALL	TW
NC Taiwan Co., Ltd.	SMALL	TW
Singapore Telecom Taiwan Ltd	SMALL	TW
Sky Wise International Limited Taiwan Branch	VERY SMALL	TW
Taiwan Network Information Center	EXTRA LARGE	TW
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	ASSOCIATE	TW
Verizon Taiwan Co. Limited	MEDIUM	TW
YAHOO! TAIWAN HOLDINGS LIMITED, TAIWAN BRANCH	MEDIUM	TW

# ARIN Website Screen shot (Membership page)

Your IPv4 address is 149.6.98.235



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## Our Region

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## ARIN's Region


ARIN's service area includes all of the countries or geographical areas in the list below. The links on the right provide a list of the countries or geographical areas within each Regional Internet Registry's region, and a map is available below showing all regions.

## Complete List of Countries or Geographical Areas in the ARIN Region

Countries and Geographical Areas in the ARIN Region

Country / Geographical Area	A 2	A 3
Anguilla	AI	AIA
Antarctica	AQ	ATA
Antigua and Barbuda	AG	ATG

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## Consular fees in Taiwan

Find out how much you need to pay for consular services, such as issuing passports, identity cards and consular declarations, on the list of fees. Fees will have to be paid upon application at the consular counter. You will receive a receipt.

You can only pay cash, in New Taiwanese Dollars (NTD).



Government of the Netherlands

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## Representations: Taiwan

### Netherlands representation(s) in Taiwan

- ▶ [Representation\(s\) of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for Taiwan](#)

### Questions?

Contact the Public Information Service

**Ministry responsible**

- ▶ [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)