Internet Society and Information Technology Standards Committee Host Seminar for Technical Community on Internet Standards

[Singapore, 22 October 2012] — The Internet Society and the Information Technology Standards Committee (ITSC) hosted a one-day event on 17 October to discuss Internet standards, the standards process, and its importance to industry and everyday life.

Joining the seminar were participants from the technical community, including representatives from academia, industry, and policymakers. Featured speakers from the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), ITSC, and the Internet Society shared insights on Internet standards and processes, the work of standards organisations, how standards contribute to innovation in industry, and the importance of collaboration amongst standards bodies.

Discussions covered the value of standards and how standards are a part of everyday life, helping with the daily tasks we take for granted, for example online banking, electronic payments, and travel bookings. The seminar also highlighted the fact that IT standards play an important role in cross-industry and cross-sector projects, such as system inter-communications, building management systems, and process control and monitoring. Participants explored how Singapore could contribute further to various standards development efforts, and a call was made for greater active participation in ongoing ITSC and IETF standards-making processes.

"The ITSC is happy to collaborate with the Internet Society and IETF to promote the awareness of ICT standards to our industry and look forward to more such opportunities to develop the ICT standards community here," said Yap Chee Yuen, Chairman, ITSC.

The IETF is a large international community of network designers, operators, vendors, and researchers concerned with the evolution of the Internet architecture and the smooth operation of the Internet. It is open for participation by any interested individual without fees or membership requirements. The Internet Society is the organisational home for the IETF. IETF standards are synergistic with the ITSC, which promotes and facilitates the Singapore Infocomm standardisation programmes.

"The Internet Society was proud to collaborate with ITSC on this ground-breaking event and we look forward to building on this relationship in the years ahead," said Rajnesh Singh, Internet Society Regional Bureau Director, Asia-Pacific. "We share a strong belief in the importance of open Internet standards and Singapore, as a regional hub, is well positioned to contribute to the Internet standards process."

About the Internet Society

The Internet Society is the trusted independent source for Internet information and thought leadership from around the world. With its principled vision and substantial technological foundation, the Internet Society promotes open dialogue on Internet policy, technology, and future development among users, companies, governments, and other organizations. Working with its members and Chapters around the world, the Internet Society enables the continued evolution and growth of the Internet for everyone. For more information, visit www.internetsociety.org

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