

# Korea Communications Standards Commission visits ACMA

Staff from ACMA's Sydney office hosted a visit from Chun Il Park, Commissioner, and Paul Yang, International Coordinator, of the Korea Communications Standards Commission (KCSC) on 11 February. The purpose of the visit was for the KCSC delegates to learn about ACMA's role in broadcasting and online and content regulation.

The KCSC is an independent statutory organisation that integrates the review functions of the Korean Broadcasting Commission and functions of the Korea Internet Safety Commission. It is responsible for the review of broadcasting content and illegal and harmful content on the internet, and safeguarding the rights and interests of media consumers.

The Korean Government is currently making significant changes to its communications legislation, with the aim of developing a legislative framework for converged communications. A bill was brought before the Korean parliament in November last year, known as the basic law for broadcast and telecommunication development. This bill will integrate currently separate laws for telecommunications carriers and television broadcasters.

ACMA is developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the KCSC that will potentially allow for the exchange of information and expertise in key areas of interest for both organisations.

ACMA staff briefed the delegation with background information about ACMA's

role and regulatory remit, and the legislative framework for Australian broadcasting, including an overview of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and broadcasting codes and standards. The delegates were also given specific information on content standards and the broadcasting classification framework, and broadcasting and online and content investigations.

The visit of the KCSC delegation to ACMA was part of a series of meetings the delegates attended over four days in Australia with several bodies, including the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, the ABC, and the Advertising Standards Bureau.

ACMA representatives who met with the KCSC delegation included Chris Cheah (Acting Deputy Chair), Kath Sillari (Executive Manager, Content and Code Compliance Branch), Andree Wright (Executive Manager, Codes, Content and Education Branch), Richard Fraser (Manager, Content Assessment), Jenny Brigg (Manager, Content, Monitoring and Review) and Cecilia Rice (Project Manager, Investigations).



ACMA STAFF, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: RICHARD FRASER, ANDREE WRIGHT, CHRIS CHEAH, KATH SILLARI (OBSCURED), JENNY BRIGG AND CECILIA RICE. KCSC DELEGATION MEMBERS: CHUN IL PARK, KCSC COMMISSIONER (LEFT) AND PAUL YANG, INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR KCSC.