

# MoU paves the way for stronger international ties

On 5 November 2010, the Chairman of the Korea Communications Standards Commission (KCSC), Mr Lee, Jin Kang, met Chris Chapman, Chairman of the ACMA, in Sydney for an official ceremony to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the agencies.

'The MoU builds upon the ACMA's already strong relationship with the KCSC, Korea's content regulatory agency, and confirms that our respective organisations hold each other in high esteem,' said Mr Chapman. 'The ACMA looks forward to developing even stronger links with the KCSC.'

The signing of the MoU is part of the ACMA's broader international engagement strategy, which recognises that in an increasingly connected world, global cooperation is required to address issues such as internet security and content safety, numbering and addressing, telecommunications standards and spectrum management.

The ACMA sees engagement and dialogue with international stakeholders as critical to making communications work in Australia's public interest.

'The ACMA values the development of the ACMA/KCSC MoU because it has the potential to assist our organisations to achieve greater awareness of best practice regulation and gather strategic intelligence on developing issues in the dynamic global communications sector. It also allows us to collaborate on cross-jurisdictional issues, including compliance and enforcement,' said Mr Chapman.

Mr Lee, also spoke of the importance for bilateral cooperation.

'In an age of technological development, cooperative systems between countries are pivotal to confronting the demands of a rapidly changing regulatory environment ... with the signing of this MoU, a new channel has opened, through which the two organisations will intimately discuss communications issues and work as equal partners.'

The MoU, which was signed in English and Korean, is effective for an initial term of five years. ☎



Chris Chapman and Lee, Jin Kang at the official ceremony to sign the MoU in Sydney.