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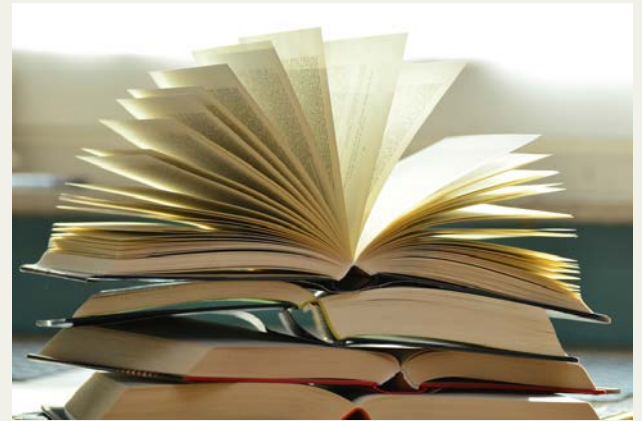
The Book contains abstracts of full papers presented at the 29th AMIC Annual Conference held from 28 to 30 September 2023 in Bandung, Indonesia. It can be accessed via <https://amic.asia/.../03/AMIC-29th-Book-of-abstracts.pdf>

In 2023, AMIC received 444 abstracts of which 368 or 82.61% qualified for presentation in Bandung. A total of 169 abstracts of academic papers were presented by 205 participants.



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It will address online disinformation and hate speech and help better regulate digital platforms governance in order to protect freedom of expression and other human rights.

The global launch was the main agenda of the forum, Shaping an Internet for Trust Global Knowledge Network To Help Regulate Digital Spaces held from 21 to 22 February at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. The Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) is one of the founding members of the newly-organized network. AMIC Secretary-General Ramon R. Tuazon attended the event online but AMIC representative to India, Dr. Chandrabhanu Pattanayak and former AMIC Board of Management member Dr. Emmanuel Lallana attended the sessions in person.

The launch comes exactly one year to the day after UNESCO's "Internet for Trust" (I4T) international conference that brought together over 4,000 participants to discuss digital platform governance and led to the publication of UNESCO's "Guidelines for the Governance of Digital Platforms" in November 2023. To help monitor the impact of these guidelines and keep them continuously applicable, UNESCO supported the establishment of different stakeholder networks including for regulatory authorities, think tanks, and research centers.

The network, "I4T Global Knowledge Network", gathers leading think tanks and research centers in areas of digital and data policy from both the Global North and Global South. *continue on next page*



Academia and Think Tanks... *continued*

The Network will inform digital platform governance policy and practice by fostering rigorous research on initiatives for the better governance of digital platforms, digital cooperation and AI-powered digital infrastructure and overall digital information and communication using generative AI.

The I4T Global Knowledge Network has chosen to act as a network of knowledge producers only, leaving out the membership of governments or corporations. It is supported by UNESCO, but independent in its deliberations and decisions.

The I4T Global Knowledge Network offers region-by-region analyses of the impact of digital regulations on public debate, elections, and emerging interdependent issues. It will interact regularly with the two other global I4T networks of regulators and election management bodies.

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The February 2024 forum provided an opportunity to validate the network's operating model and its 2024 roadmap of events and publications. It also served as a [Brazil T20](#) side-event, for the inclusive digital transformation task force.

In the first year, the I4T Global Knowledge Network will focus on identifying key regulatory and related governance issues at two interrelated levels. At a general level, it will identify regulatory and governance issues around digital networks and platforms. More specifically, it will focus on issues of internet- and platform regulation tied to elections taking place in 2024, a year during which 81 countries will hold nationwide elections. (END)



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The nonprofit Asia Pacific Media Network, publishers of Pacific Journalism Review research journal, has until now relied on its [Facebook page](#).

“The APMN is addressing a gap in the region for independent media commentary and providing a network for journalists and academics,” said director Dr. Heather Devere.

“Our network aims to protect the free dissemination of information that might challenge political elites, exposing discrimination and corruption, as well as analysing more traditional media outlets.”

Pacific Journalism Review editor Dr. Philip Cass said: “For 30 years, PJR has been the only journal focusing exclusively on media and journalism in the Pacific region.”

APMN has members in Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Indonesia, and the Philippines and has links to the Manila-based AMIC, Asia-Pacific’s largest communication research centre.

Deputy director and founding editor of PJR, Dr. David Robie, was [awarded the 2015 AMIC Asia Communication Award](#) for his services to education, research, institution building and journalism.

Conference partner

The new website publishes news, newsletters, submissions, and research, and the network is a partner in the forthcoming [International Pacific Media Conference](#) being hosted by the University of the South Pacific on July 4-6.

APMN is also a partner of Auckland’s [Mount Roskill-based Whānau Community Centre and Hub](#).

Many of the team involved were a core group in AUT’s Pacific Media Centre which closed at the end of 2020.

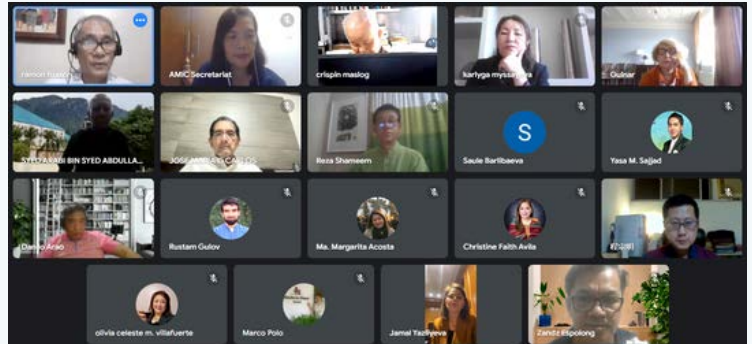


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Also appointed were **Saifuddin Ahmed, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore); **Hamilton Chung-Ming Cheng, PhD**, Research Fellow, Delegation to ABU Digital Broadcasting Symposium, Taiwan Public Television Service Foundation (Taiwan); **Rustam Gulov**, Independent Media Consultant, Media-Alliance of Tajikistan (Tajikistan);



E. Nezhir Orhon, PhD, Professor, Faculty of Communication Sciences, Anadolu University (Turkiye); **Oguljamal Yazliyeva, M.A., CSc.**, PhD Candidate, Department of Russian and East European Studies Institute of International Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic (Turkmenistan); and **Dr. Sabir Haque**, Assistant Professor, School of Arts and Sciences, American University of Ras Al Khaimah (Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates).

As AMIC representatives, they will be the principal local contacts between the AMIC Headquarters and the AMIC members in their respective countries/territories. They are expected to support AMIC in its various activities including membership generation, research, publication, and promotion of initiatives. They enjoy a two-year term from date of appointment. (END)



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SACA is an organization of media and communication scholars and practitioners in South Asia and the South Asian diaspora worldwide. It was constituted in 2015 at San Francisco as an umbrella organization of teachers, scholars, researchers, and professionals who examine the media and communication practices of the nine-country region of South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka) and the South Asian diaspora worldwide.

Thirteen candidates, eight based in the United States, four in India, and one in Pakistan, contested the online election. One hundred and eleven SACA members participated in the online election supervised by Dr. Deb Aikat of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA.

In his congratulatory message to the new officers, AMIC Secretary-General Ramon R. Tuazon assured the officials of AMIC's commitment to work closely with SACA in the areas of research, publications, and training. (END)



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In an interview with the *Asia Pacific Report*, conference chair Associate Professor Shailendra Singh of USP, noted that digital disruption and the COVID-19 pandemic had posed major challenges for news media organizations and journalists “*to the point of even being an existential threat to the news media industry as we know it.*”

Dr. Singh is the newly-appointed AMIC Representative to Fiji.

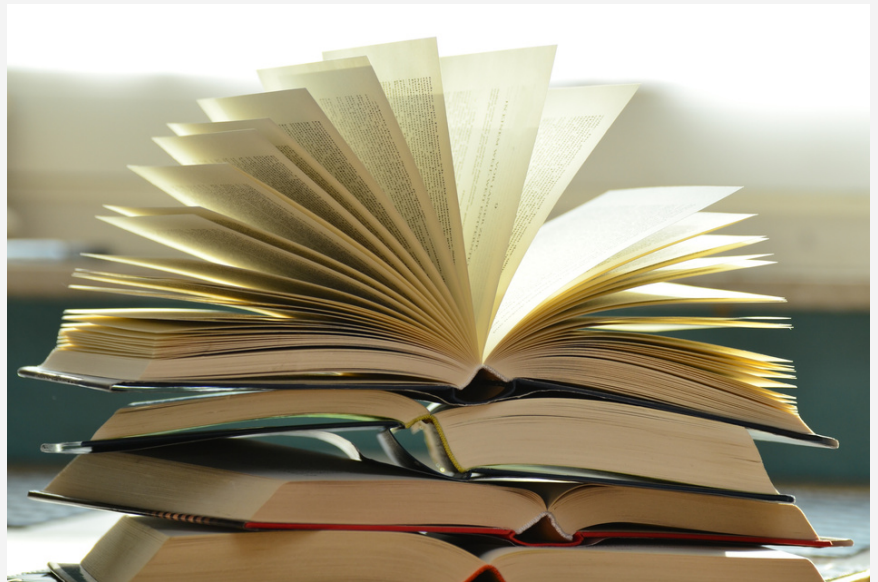
Among the key themes to be discussed are:

- Media, Democracy, Human Rights and Governance
- Media and Geopolitics
- Digital Disruption and Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Media Law and Ethics
- Media, Climate Change, and Environmental Journalism
- Indigenous and Vernacular Media
- Social Cohesion, Peace-building, and Conflict-prevention
- COVID-19 Pandemic and Health Reporting
- Media Entrepreneurship and Sustainability

Fiji’s Deputy Prime Minister and Communications Minister Manoa Kamikamica is the chief guest for the 2024 Pacific Media Conference. Full details at the conference website: www.usp.ac.fj/2024-pacific-media-conference/



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Currently he is also appointed as the Director of the Institute for Comparative Research in Human and Social Sciences of Tsukuba and the Director for the University of Tsukuba offices in Bordeaux and also in Grenoble France. Although a senior administrator, he also teaches in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Comparative Culture at the University of Tsukuba, and his research focuses on e-democracy, social media, and civil society in Japan and the network society. Until last year, Kaigo had been the chair of the Master's and Doctoral Program of International and Advanced Japanese Studies at the University of Tsukuba for six consecutive years and has also been the Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences for two years.

He is also the main acting faculty member that represents the University of Tsukuba in the Higher Education and Research for Sustainable Development (HESD) of the International Association of Universities, headquartered in UNESCO. The University of Tsukuba is an IAU Global Cluster Head of the HESD which works with other higher education institutions in the IAU to develop initiatives and synergies to achieve the United Nations sustainable development goals and the 2030 agenda. The University of Tsukuba is the Cluster Head for SDG 10 (reduced inequality). (END)

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The MoU signing was held at the BTRC headquarters between BIGF Secretary-General **Mohammad Abdul Haque** and Lt. Col. **S M Rezaur Rahman**, psc, sigs, Director - Systems and Services division of the BTRC.

The BIGF and BTRC are committed to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

They seek to strengthen their partnership by focusing on jointly selected priorities and by pursuing a more strategic and coordinated collaboration by leveraging their respective strengths and broadening their combined impact, building on existing and new collaborations.

At the same time, the Bangladesh Initiative for Unified Voices on Global Digital Compact and Summit of the Future 2024, under the auspices of the BIGF and Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC), has been actively engaging stakeholders since 2022. This engagement encompasses various actors, including Parliamentarians, government officials, the UN system, private sector representatives, media, technical communities, civil society organisations (CSOs), academia, and youth communities.

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Engr. Md. Mohiuddin Ahmed, Chairman; Md. Aminul Haque, Vice-Chairman; Engr. Sheikh Reaz Ahmed, Commissioner; Dr Musfiq Mannan Choudhury, FIDM, FCIM, Commissioner; and Md. Delowar Hossain, the Commissioner, Brig Gen Mohammad Khalil-Ur-Rahman, ndc, psc, te, Director General of the BTRC, and other senior officials were present at the MoU signing ceremony.

Also present were **Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu** (former MP and Minister) Chairperson, **Mr. AHM Bazlur Rahman**, a Lifetime Member of the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC), Vice Chairperson of BIGF, and Executive Coordinator of Bangladesh Initiative for Unified Voices on Global Digital Compact and UN Summit of the Future 2024, and **Mr. Hiren Pandit**, Policy Research Fellow of BIGF.

Engr. Md. Mohiuddin Ahmed, Chairman of BTRC, presided over the ceremony while Brig Gen Mohammad Khalil-Ur-Rahman, ndc, psc, te, Director General of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC), moderated the session. *(AHM. Bazlur Rahman-S21BR | Chief Executive Officer, MSS in Government & Politics, Bachelor of Laws (LL. B), Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication)*



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First, she was awarded by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, Thailand as the outstanding civil servant of 2024 representing STOU. Her outstanding work in the field of Development Communication has gained local to global recognition. Dr. Intaratat has initiated various innovative academies via online, onsite, and blended modes. One of the outstanding academies to serve all the marginalized is “**People Academy**” both for free and for university accumulation. It is the first academy which blended the world of university and career together under the Lifelong Learning mission of STOU via its credit bank, Competency bank with



e-portfolio in the national skilled labor database of Thailand.

Second, she was awarded by the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, the Department of Older Persons (DOP) for being with the outstanding organization that provides support to help in the holistic empowerment of Ageing Society in Thailand especially the Functional empowerment program embedded with ICT with the most tangible nationwide success of “**Smart Silver Economy**.” This initiative has a very high demand among all the aged and ageing people who want to work and earn by themselves. The “**Smart Silver Economy**” has been designed collaboratively with the current Thailand mission: Thailand 4.0 and Soft Power which is also relevant to all the aged people. Dr. Intaratat is being honored as a consultant of the Ministry, initiating the use of ICT and other appropriate innovations for the betterment of aged people, as well as the other marginalized.

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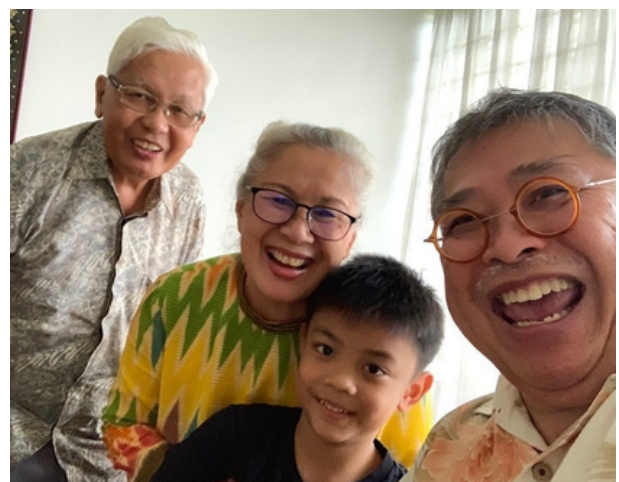
Dr. Adhikarya (left) poses with Dr. Dahlan during one of his visits

He was appointed Indonesia's Minister of Information in 1998, Chair of the BP-7 (Agency for Development, Education, Implementation of Guidelines for the Appreciation and Practice of Pancasila ideology), and also as the Deputy Minister of State for Population and Environment (1978-1983).

Dr. Dahlan was instrumental in establishing several non-governmental professional organizations related to the scholarship and practice of communication: e.g., the Indonesian Communication Scholars Association (ISKI), Indonesia Public Relations Association (Perhumas), Indonesian Association for the Development of Social Sciences (HIPIS), and had served as an Advisory Board Member of the Indonesian Journalists Association (PWI).

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Dr. Adhikarya shares a light moment with Dr. Dahlan, his wife, and grandson

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