

# ccTLD Redelegation Case Study

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# ***Background***

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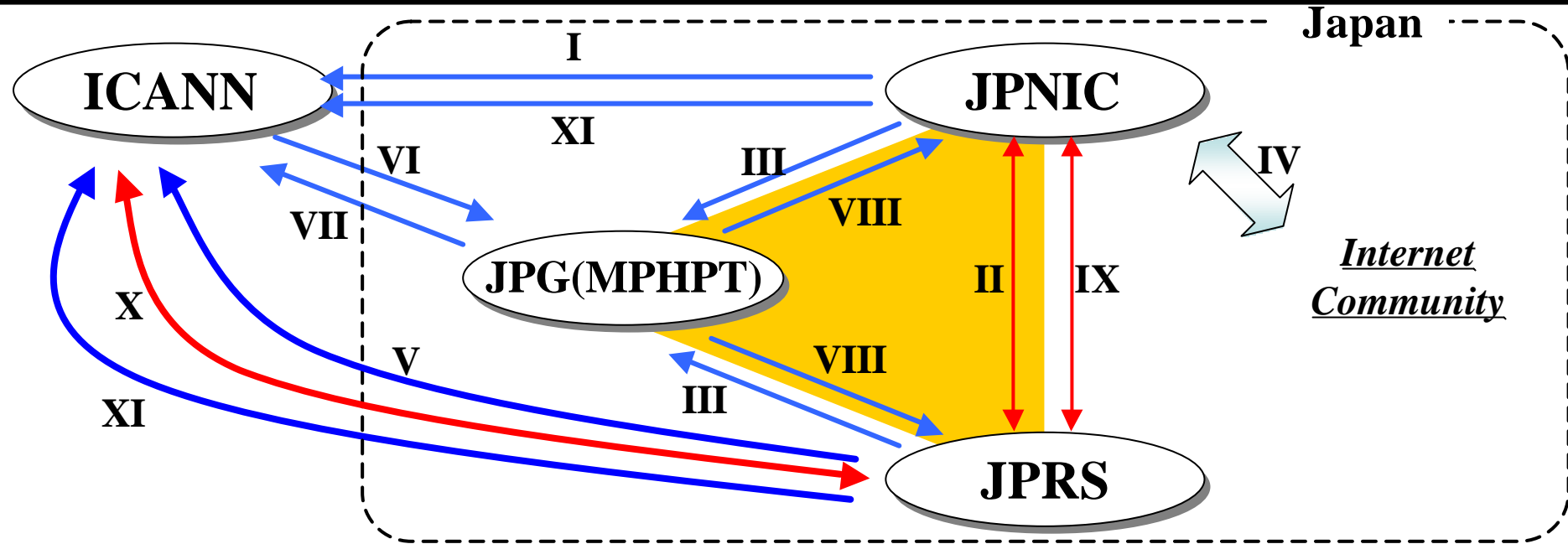
- **August 1986**
  - **.jp top-level domain was delegated to Jun Murai by IANA**
- **December 1991**
  - **JNIC was founded to provide a framework for operation of the .jp top-level domain**
- **April 1993**
  - **JNIC reorganized itself as JPNIC, with ISPs, research networks, and academic networks located in Japan as its members**
- **March 1997**
  - **JPNIC obtained approval to operate as a corporate body, from**
    - **the Science and Technology Agency**
    - **the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture**
      - **these two are now merged into the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology**
    - **The Ministry of International Trade and Industry**
      - **currently the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**
    - **the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications**
      - **currently the Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications**

# *Redelegation*

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- **In 2000**
  - JPNIC considered to establish a commercial company and to redelegate the .jp management to the company in order to streamline decision making
  - JPNIC consulted with its members and local Internet community
  - JPNIC decided to establish JPRS
- **February 2001**
  - JPRS started to serve as the operator of the .jp top level domain entrusted and under the outsource contract with JPNIC
- **February 2002**
  - JPRS and ICANN made an agreement on .jp management, which was endorsed by Jun Murai and the Government
- **April 2002**
  - Redelegation from JPNIC to JPRS
  - Administrative contact : Koki Higashida, President and CEO of JPRS.

# ICANN-JPRS ccTLD Sponsorship Agreement "Chronicle"



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| <p><b>I</b> Letter from JPNIC on its intent of .jp transfer (LOI)<br/>01/02/2001 JPNIC → ICANN</p> <p><b>II</b> Memorandum on the transfer (MoU)<br/>09/11/2001 JPNIC ↔ JPRS</p> <p><b>III</b> Report of the execution of the MoU<br/>12/11/2001 JPNIC&amp;JPRS → JPG(MPHPT)</p> <p><b>IV</b> Public comment forum on the transfer and Sponsorship Agreement<br/>16-30/11/2001 JPNIC</p> <p><b>V</b> Request for Redelegation and Sponsorship Agreement<br/>03/12/2001 JPRS → ICANN</p> <p><b>VI</b> Inquiry about the redelegation<br/>25/12/2001 ICANN → JPG(MPHPT)</p> | <p><b>VII</b> Endorsement<br/>30/01/2002 JPG(MPHPT) → ICANN</p> <p><b>VIII</b> Notification of the Endorsement<br/>30/01/2002 JPG(MPHPT) ↔ JPNIC&amp;JPRS</p> <p><b>IX</b> Agreement on the transfer<br/>31/01/2002 JPNIC ↔ JPRS</p> <p><b>X</b> Execution of ccTLD Sponsorship Agreement<br/>27/02/2002 ICANN ↔ JPRS</p> <p><b>XI</b> Report of the execution of the Agreement on the transfer<br/>01/04/2002 JPNIC&amp;JPRS → ICANN</p> |
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## ***Modification needed for Japan***

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- quadrilateral situation instead of "normal" trilateral one
  - ICANN
  - JPRS
  - Government
  - JPNIC
- *JPNIC's role in relation to GAC Principles:*
  - JPNIC remains responsible for assuring public interest along with the Government
  - In the Sponsorship Agreement the interventions by the government or public authority are interpreted into those by the Governmental Authority and JPNIC
- the Communication Between the Governmental Authority+JPNIC and the Delegee are referred to
  - in the Endorsement letter by the Government
  - In the Memorandum
  - in the ccTLD Sponsorship Agreement

# ***How JPRS runs in line with the interest of the LIC***

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- About the JP domain name service policy
  - JPRS established JP Domain Name Advisory Committee
  - several people from the Japanese LIC
  - Initial members are the representatives from the following 6 sectors
    - JPNIC (Japan Network Information Center)
    - JP domain name registrars
    - ISPs
    - user companies
    - academic people
    - individual Internet users
  - Advisory Committee discusses about the policy of the JP domain name services from various points of view
  - The process of its discussion and the advisory report is open to the public.
  - After getting reports from the Advisory Committee, JPRS informs JPNIC of its action as a response to the advisory report. And then, JPNIC reports it further to the Government.
- About the organizational stability as an registry
  - JPRS reports its financial report to JPNIC at least once a year. And then, JPNIC reports it further to the Government.

## ***Some outstanding .JP features***

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### 1)JP-DRP

- October 19, 2000
  - after 1 year discussion in JPNIC with several occasions of consultation with the LIC.
- 19 cases filed and resolved
- relatively small number
  - registration at the third level has the following restrictions :
    - registrant must reside in Japan
    - registrant can register only one domain name
  - registration at the second level in a controlled way
    - Priority registration (sunrise period)
      - Trademarks, registered names, university names, personal names in full, and registered Organizational Type domain name label
    - Concurrent registration
      - All applications which arrived in this period were regarded as arrived at the same time, not in the order received.
    - First-come-first-served registration

# ***Internationalized Domain Names***

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## **2)Japanese Domain Name registration**

- **at the second level**
  - Ex) ? 総務省.jp
- **Launched in February 2001**
- **Three steps along with ASCII domain names**
  - **priority registration period**
    - 22,600 were Japanese among 29,100 domain names registered in total
  - **concurrent registration period**
    - 28,600 were Japanese among 55,800 domain names registered in total
    - 65,200 applications were received in getting 28,600 domain names
  - **First-come-first-served basis registration period**
    - 52,000 are registered as of Feb.1, 2003
- **Japanese market is very positive in registering and using Japanese domain names.**



# **Message from Jun Murai, former administrator**