# Policy Considerations during IPv4 Address Exhaustion Period?

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#### Summary

- Again, English version of <u>"Analysis and Recommendations on the Exhaustion of IPv4 Address Space"</u> is now available on JPNIC Web
  - One click from <a href="http://www.nic.ad.jp/en/">http://www.nic.ad.jp/en/</a>
  - Hard copies are available at the Registration Desk outside
  - Mandarin version will be available from NIIEPA, Taiwan
- This presentation shows a couple of idea as an Internet Registry
  - Responding to Expert Team's recommendations
  - For your discussion with closer eyes on this issue

## Principles of IP Address Policy

### Five principles of IP Address Policy

- <a href="http://www.apnic.net/docs/policy/add-manage-policy.html">http://www.apnic.net/docs/policy/add-manage-policy.html</a>
  - <u>Uniqueness</u>
    - Inherent
  - Registration
    - Inherent
  - Aggregation
    - less important because of smaller available space
  - Conservation
    - Important not only for new assignees but existing ones, especially who hold early big assignments
  - Fairness
    - Mush more important because of very limited available space

### Aggregation

- More efficient aggregation will need larger allocations
- Larger allocations with limited address space will result in smaller number of allocation
  - Lucky ISPs will hold and unlucky ISPs will miss
- Aggregation will be respected less than fairness and Conservation

#### Conservation / Efficient Use

- Current policy allows an assignee to hold "as many IP addresses as the assignee actually needs"
  - Can we ask applicants "please get less IP addresses than you actually need?"
    - That should be asked after an enabling technology is available
  - No, we cannot.
- Internet Operators are aware of hoarded-up IP addresses
  - Some think "IPv4 address will never depleted if class-As are returned to registries

#### Fairness

- The very most important when we share the limited resource
- It will be unfair if *lucky ISPs hold and unlucky ISPs miss*
- It will be unfair if someone need to struggle to squeeze the efficiency of IP address use while some others do not need that but just put them.

# A couple of ideas and call for your thoughts

# How about charging for all IP address blocks?

- Charging for all IP address blocks in a uniform fee schedule, even for the earliest assignments
  - /8 => XL => USD40K/year
  - /16 => Medium => USD5K/year in case of APNIC
  - consistent sharing of the cost of IP numbers management
    - Fairness between earlier and later allocations
  - Making an incentive to return unnecessary IP address
    - Efficient use of unused IP address space

#### The last minute fairness

- Imagine the last block allocation.
- The interest of obtaining IPv4 address conflicts.
  - The network plan (≒investment plan) should take into account the amount of available IP address
  - Adjustments will be done much earlier than the last minute
- How about the "Patent Office Model"?
  - Information of pending applications is disclosed
  - To allow them to see the trend of consumption earlier than consumed
  - It should work for having Carriers realize the exhaustion

# Your thoughts?

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