

ICANN names Chinese scholar as VP for Asia

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(AP) -- The organization in charge of Internet domain names has selected a Chinese scholar as vice president for Asia.

The appointment of Xiaodong Lee was announced in Beijing on Thursday by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. Lee is a professor at the Chinese Academy of Sciences and has served as [chief technology officer](#) of the China Internet Network Information Center, which is in charge of registering names ending in ".cn" for China.

ICANN is preparing to begin taking bids next month for new [domain name suffixes](#). They could include brand names, hobbies and just about anything else.

The Chinese government embraces the Internet as a way to promote commerce, but it also tries to block access to foreign websites deemed subversive. China has the world's biggest online population.

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