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Attention: New gTLD Evaluation Process

Subject: Letter of support for .osaka, requesting TLD name (hereinafter referred to as “.osaka”)

This letter is to confirm that the Osaka Prefectural Government (hereinafter referred to as “the government”) fully supports the application for .osaka submitted to ICANN by INTERLINK.CO., LTD. in the New gTLD Program. As the Governor of Osaka Prefecture, I confirm that I have the authority of the government to be writing to you on this matter. As the local municipality, the government has the authority to decide conditions to use .osaka as a trustworthy domain, and to issue a letter of support to INTERLINK.CO., LTD. who complies with these conditions.

The gTLD will be used by the applicant to make Osaka more globally well known and to enhance the brand strength of Osaka. The government has worked closely with the applicant in the development of this proposal.

The government supports this application, and in doing so, understands that in the event that the application is successful, the applicant will be required to enter into a Registry Agreement with ICANN. In doing so, they will be required to pay fees to ICANN and comply with consensus policies developed through the ICANN multi-stakeholder policy processes.

The government further understands that, in the event of a dispute between the government and the applicant, ICANN will comply with a legally binding order from a court in the jurisdiction of the government.

This application is being submitted as a community-based application, and as such it is understood that the Registry Agreement will reflect the community restrictions proposed in the application. In the event that we believe the registry is not complying with these restrictions, possible avenues of recourse include the Registry Restrictions Dispute Resolution Procedure.

I can advise that in the event that this application is successful the government will enter into a separate agreement with the applicant. This agreement will outline the conditions under which we support them in the operation of the TLD, and circumstances under which we would withdraw that support. ICANN will not be a party to this agreement, and enforcement of this agreement lies fully with the government.

The government understands that the Geographic Names Panel engaged by ICANN will, among other things, conduct due diligence on the authenticity of this documentation. I would request that if additional information is required during this process, that ICANN contacts the Osaka Prefectural Government's IT Promotion Division, by E-mail in the first instance.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this application.

Yours sincerely



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Governor, Osaka Prefecture