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MINC, the Multilingual Internet Names Consortium, is pleased to announce its newly selected Board of Directors.

The MINC Nominating Committee solicited nominations from around the world. Now it has selected a stellar group of individuals each committed to make Internet access feasible for all people, in their own native language, regardless of language.

The new MINC Board comprises eight members:

1. **Mr Geir Rasmussen, GNR Ltd.** – Was appointed CEO of GNR Ltd in August 2003 which runs the .name registry services. He was previously CTO and Chief Architect of Global Name Registry, supporting many aspects of the business, including providing technical solutions to Registrars and other partners of the company.
2. **Dr. Bruno Lanvin**, Senior Advisor, E-Strategies, the World Bank.
A French national, Dr Lanvin has held senior level positions in the United Nations before becoming the Executive Secretary of the G-8 DOT Force, and then the Manager of the World Bank's Information for Development (infoDev) Program.
3. **Prof. Tan Tin Wee**- Prof Tan Tin Wee – world renowned for his invention of a working internationalized domain name system (IDN) in 1998 at the National University of Singapore and the subsequent regional testbed in Asia Pacific as Chairman of APNG, and his involvement in founding MINC - which has become in the last couple of years the leader of the global movement to bring to reality the implementation and deployment of IDN on a global scale. He recently served as a consulting expert to the UNDP-APDIP ORDIG initiative to prepare a document on Internet Governance for the WGIG and WSIS process. He was responsible for building the first high performance Internet2 advanced network connection from Asia to STARTAP in 1997, making Singapore's Research and Education Network (SINGAREN) the first outside North America to achieve this linkage. He was a pioneer of WAIS, Gopher, Web, multicasting and multilingual Internet technologies in the early and mid 1990s, and a champion for Internet access amongst people with disabilities
4. **Mr Jean-François C. (Jefsey) Morfin** – Chair of INTLNET, he incorporated in 1978 to accompany the creation of the International Packet Switch Network and to support a user-centric network vision. VP R&D of AFRAC, a French Multilingual Global NGN (MGN) oriented endeavour. NICSO Secretary to support and advise ccTLDs and national internet communities. Involved in IETF, ISO, @large. Co-founder of Eurolinc.
5. **Mr Kangsik Cheon** - Has been involved in many IT related committees of Korea's government and served as a senior executive at Netpia.com a leader in keyword technology. He has been appointed and currently serves as a member of the United Nations Working Group on Internet Governance, WGIG, established by Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan.

6. **Mr Khaled Fattal, CEO International Business Enterprises Limited** - Mr Fattal is MINC's current chairman and CEO, and has served as its chairman since November 2002 and as CEO since early 2003. It has been under Mr Fattal's leadership that MINC has undertaken its mandate of December 2002 for reform and restructuring. He is an Arab American born in Syria, raised in Beirut Lebanon, who has been residing in the west for the last 30 years. Mr Fattal brings vast experience across many business sectors at international levels such as legal, FMCG, International Market development, IT and many others.
7. **Mr Charles Sha'ban, Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP)** - Executive Director, Regional Office Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) Experienced in Information Technology (IT) policies development and implementation strategies with extensive technical, management and training experience in IT including E-Commerce and Internet. He has also been appointed and currently serves as a member of the United Nations Working Group on Internet Governance known as WGIG, established by Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan.
8. **Prof. S. Subbiah, Chairman and Co-Founder of i-DNS.net International Inc.** the first company which pioneered i-DNS technology for global deployment of multilingual domain names Dr Subbiah has been involved in Internationalized Domain Names "IDN" movement from back in 1999 and has been responsible for launches of IDN in more than a dozen countries since then. Prof. Subbiah is also a faculty member at Stanford University in Applied Physics.

Full biographies of all new board members will be posted on the MINC website.

Since MINC declared a reform of its structure in 2002, it has steadily moved to make a local language Internet available for the entire world's people. This new Board will inaugurate MINC's campaign to move language by language.

In the coming weeks, please see the MINC web site to stay abreast of these important developments – <http://www.minc.org> .

[About MINC:](#)

MINC is the Multilingual Internet Names Consortium, whose work dates back to 1994 and which was officially formed in June 2000 to promote the Multilingualization of the Internet, the internationalization of Internet names including but not limited to multilingual Internet domain names and keywords. Over the years, MINC has established a wide range of links with international organizations, stakeholder organizations and other processes including The United Nations, the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS), ICANN, ITU, WIPO, IETF, as well as language groups such as JDNA (Japanese), CDNA (Chinese), INFITT (Tamil), EuroLINC (European Languages), CYINC (Cyrillic), GLWG (Georgian), RLWG (Russian) as well as The Arabic language and scripts WG (Arabic) and ULWG (Urdu). Our language groups develop their own language and variant tables, and coordinate with each other on these tables. They also discuss other IDN related issues like the development of Dispute Resolution Policies and the use of IDN in software applications. For more information about MINC, please refer to the website at <http://www.minc.org> or contact MINC secretariat at sec04@minc.org.