

Statement from the Asia Internet Coalition:

The meeting on March 12 with YB Dato' Sri Azalina Othman Said was the first opportunity for the AIC to share information with the Government on everything internet companies are doing to help to prevent the spread of misinformation.

We share the Government's stated desire to work together to make the internet safer and better and look forward to commenting on draft legislation once available.

We believe that prescriptive legislation designed to control the exchange of information will not adequately address the issue of false news effectively since discerning whether information is "true" or "false" can be highly subjective and risk compromising access to information and legitimate exchange of ideas.

False information is a highly complex issue, and is best addressed through solutions developed collaboratively with the news industry and government. We look forward to further dialogue to ensure a fair and balanced outcome of any legislative efforts in this area.

About the Asia Internet Coalition

The Asia Internet Coalition (AIC) is an industry association made up of leading internet and technology companies. The AIC seeks to promote the understanding and resolution of Internet policy issues in the Asia Pacific region.