

Statement in relation to AIC's Open Letter to Malaysian Prime Minister
dated 26 August 2024

It has been brought to our attention that AIC's Letter to the Prime Minister dated 26th August 2024 ("**AIC's Letter**") has been considered as an attack on the integrity and competence of the Malaysian Multimedia and Communications Commission ("**the MCMC**").

AIC has accordingly withdrawn the AIC's Letter.

We wish to make clear that AIC at no point intended to harm MCMC's reputation, nor attack its integrity or credibility.

The AIC appreciates MCMC's engagements with us and with other stakeholders.

Our intention was never to question MCMC's competency, but to engage in good faith in order to better improve and enhance Malaysia's regulatory approach to social media. We therefore retract the AIC's Letter and sincerely apologize for all distress and embarrassment caused to the MCMC by the publication of the AIC's Letter.

The AIC remains committed to collaborating with MCMC and the Malaysian government in a constructive and respectful manner.

We will continue to strive to provide thoughtful input to support the growth of Malaysia's digital ecosystem.

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About the Asia Internet Coalition

The Asia Internet Coalition (AIC) is an industry association comprising leading Internet and technology companies. The AIC seeks to promote the understanding and resolution of Internet policy issues in the Asia Pacific region. Visit www.aicasia.org for more information.