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## **PAN ASIAN e-COMMERCE ALLIANCE EXPANDS ITS HORIZON**

(15th April 2011, Singapore) Tradelink Electronic Commerce Limited (“Tradelink”, SEHK: 0536), as Hong Kong’s representative member in the Pan Asian e-Commerce Alliance (PAA), announced that the 37th Pan Asian e-Commerce Alliance (PAA) Steering Committee meeting hosted by CrimsonLogic Pte Ltd. was held from 14th to 15th April 2011.

During the two-day meeting, members discussed various initiatives aimed at improving the efficiency of trade flows through greater co-operation among PAA members, including the wider usage of e-Certificates of Origin and mutual recognition of Public Key Infrastructure. Also discussed was the rising demand of advance submission of pre-departure and pre-arrival shipment information to customs authorities around the globe and the role of PAA members in the process. Members noted their readiness to assist customers within their respective jurisdictions to comply with such requirements.

The meeting noted with satisfaction that acceptance and recognition of the PAA services reached another new height, with PAA members expanding their cooperation with banks from different continents to link up the banking community with the business community that PAA members serve. Leveraging on such collaborations, services such as open account and trade finance could be facilitated, enhancing efficiencies and bringing greater value to stakeholders.

The PAA welcomed CONEX from France, GLSHK from Hong Kong and KGH NET from Sweden to the meeting to introduce their services to members. "PAA looks forward to exploring possibilities with these organizations to bring greater value and benefits to all the economies and stakeholders involved" said Dr. Michael Choi, Chairman of the PAA.

In his welcome speech, Mr. Leong Peng Kiong, CEO of CrimsonLogic greeted PAA members visiting the fast-changing Singapore and attending the PAA meeting. Mr. Leong expressed his appreciation for all the hard work the PAA members had put in throughout the meeting. Mr. Leong also welcomed delegates from the Singapore Customs and the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore for gracing the occasion.

In his address, the Guest of Honour, Mr Fong Yong Kian, Director-General, Singapore Customs, shared with the participants some of the latest trade facilitation initiatives in Singapore, including TradeXchange and TradeFIRST. Mr Fong also commented on the evolving relationship between Customs and the trade community which has now turned into a hand in hand synergistic partnership. This was an area the PAA was ideally suited to make contributions, according to Mr. Fong.

Mr. Fong applauded PAA members for working together to enhance cross border trade facilitation and stated “The PAA has achieved and expanded considerably in its first 10 years. I am confident that PAA

will continue to actively foster the growth of more innovative trade services and hence, increase economic competitiveness and promote prosperity and growth amongst Asian economies.”

“This 37th PAA meeting also marks a new chapter of the PAA history as we are now entering into the 2nd decade of our voyage. I am confident that PAA will continue to leverage and make use of the Information and Communication Technologies, ICT, with particular focus in the Internet of Things, IOT, to create more benefits and values for the facilitation of global trade in the near future to put our PAA secure cross border transactions into an even higher ground.” PAA Chairman, Dr Michael Choi added.

The 38th PAA Meeting will be held in Macao SAR on 4th to 5th August 2011.

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**Photo Caption:**

The 37th Pan Asian e-Commerce Alliance Steering Committee Meeting was held in Singapore from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

**About Pan Asian e-Commerce Alliance**

The Pan Asian e-Commerce Alliance (PAA) aims to promote and provide secure, trusted, reliable and value-adding IT infrastructure and facilities to enhance seamless trade globally. PAA was founded in 2000, by CrimsonLogic (Singapore), Trade-Van (Chinese Taipei) and Tradelink (Hong Kong SAR), and has a total of 12 members from their respective countries currently. Combined customer base of the PAA members now exceeds 200,000 organisations, representing almost all active trading enterprises in the Asian market. For more information about PAA, visit <http://www.paa.net>.

**About Tradelink Electronic Commerce Limited**

Established in 1988, Tradelink Electronic Commerce Limited, a joint venture between the Hong Kong SAR Government and private sector shareholders, is a leading provider of trade-related electronic services for both Hong Kong and international business communities. Over the years, by perfecting its infrastructure and developing services that meet users’ practical needs, Tradelink has earned the trust of the trading community and built a superb reputation that underscores its dominance in the public e-trading services sector. It offers a unique

range of customer support solutions, designed specifically to help customers gain maximum benefits from e-commerce. It makes the use of electronic services as affordable, convenient and user-friendly as possible for its customers. On 28 October 2005, Tradelink was listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (Stock Code: 0536). For more information about Tradelink, please visit [www.tradelink.com.hk](http://www.tradelink.com.hk).

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