# Future Prospect for ATCF

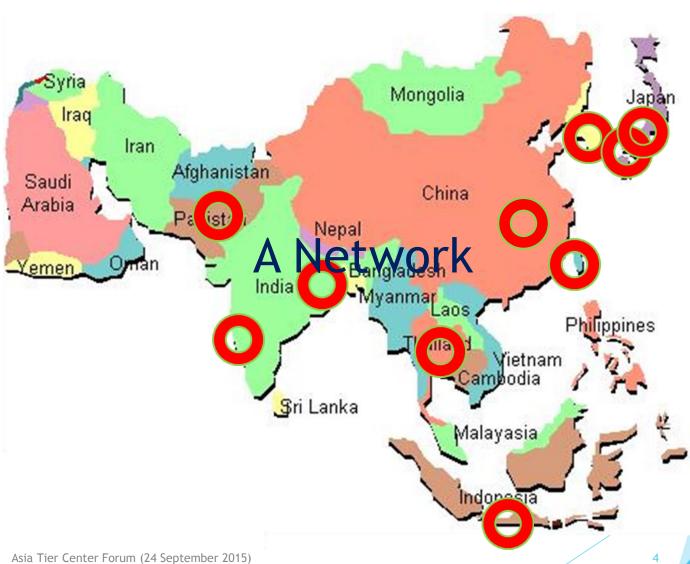
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# Thank you for attendance

- A number of Asian countries participate in LHC experiments: ATLAS, CMS, ALICE, as well as LHCb.
- Many of them establish Tier centers and operate within the frame of WLCG.

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- Among them, Bandung, Hiroshima, Islamabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Nakhon Ratchasima, Taipei, Tsukuba, Wuhan, and Daejeon have attended this meeting.
- From outside Asia, many top-class experts on Grid and Networking also are present here.



#### A Network

- ► It is different from SINET5, TEIN, APAN, Gloriad, Kreonet, PERN, NKN, ASGCNet ...
- It may be regarded as a network of human resources, for human resources for Asian community.

- Sugitate Toru has already suggested that a human network among Asian experts is desirable and necessary as well.
- ► He has proposed Asia ALICE Analysis Facility (A\_3F) among ALICE people in Asia.

In last July, Chinorat Kobdaj has hosted the Asia Pacific Grid Workshop 2015 in Krabi, Thailand, to bring together grid administrators, software developers and network providers in an informal setting.

- ASGC has initiated LHCONE Asia Workshop in 2014 and ISGC last march.
- ► Tsukuba University has hosted an ALICE Grid workshop in spring 2013.

- ► These meetings have had more emphases on technical aspect.
- They are rather independent and not sequential.
- The Asian participants need not attend all of them; they have attended some of the meetings at their convenience.

#### The Forum

- The human network, you name it or call it the Forum, is more flexible and accommodating than the Grid network.
- However, the flexibility may be a drawback if the members feel free to come and go.

#### The Forum

- The members of the Forum should be faithful in order to maintain its vitality and strength.
- In particular, the members should meet regularly.
- Attending the meetings should be regarded as not only privilege but also responsibility.

#### Asia Tier Center Forum

- A brief questionnaire indicates that this meeting is accounted valuable and mutually beneficial for Asian community of experts.
- Thus, it may be served as a platform to organize the human network among Asian experts.

#### Asia Tier Center Forum

- Many of us think that this kind of meeting in Asian region may be arranged in series on regular interval.
- The venue may circulate around in Asia.
- Also, many are willing to host next meetings in the future.

## Next meeting

- Chinorat Kobdaj has kindly agreed to host next meeting.
- Venue: Suranaree University of Technology, Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand
- ▶ Date: early in October 2016

# A Proposal

- In order to maintain and organize a Forum it is desirable to formulate the term of reference for the Forum.
- By approving the ToR, we may establish the Forum, signing a multi-lateral memorandum of understanding or an equivalent letter of agreement.

