



French IPv6 Task Force signs MoU (Joint Declaration) with IPv6 Forum India

Agreement designed to enable knowledge sharing between IPv6 communities and to accelerate IPv6 deployment in these regions

Cannes, November 14, 2006 - The French IPv6 Task Force and IPv6 Forum India, a non-profit, non-governmental registered organization and the national chapter of the global IPv6 Forum, today announced that they have signed a MoU (Joint Declaration). The association between the two chapters will be crucial in enabling knowledge sharing and promoting the deployment of IPv6 in the two countries.

IPv6 Forum India and French IPv6 Task Force have a common goal - to promote, develop and deploy IPv6 technology and industrialization in the world, especially in France and India. Towards this end, the proposed partnership activities include:

- a) Information exchange for the strategies relating to IPv6 promotion, development and deployment
- b) Coordination and support for joint research and trial projects between India and France, such like standardization, interoperability, applications and so on.
- c) Promoting governmental cooperation between India and France in the IPv6 industry.
- d) Sharing know-how and experience for inter-operability testing, certification and authorization.
- e) Cooperating in IPv6 promotion events in India, France and other regions.

"This cooperation is designed with support of French Ministry of Industry within the Indo-French Working Group on IT in close connection with Media & Networks Cluster of Brittany Region"

Says Tayeb Ben Meriem. Vice President of French IPv6 Task Force.

Latif Ladid, President, IPv6 Forum (Worldwide) said, “After the Sino – Indian MoU, this collaboration is another milestone for India. The MoU (Joint Declaration) between French IPv6 Task Force and IPv6 Forum India is a manifestation of the Euro-India Collaboration agreement between the European Commission and the Indian Government of 2004 and helps realise the vision. This will set the stage for joint research, testing and deployment activities.”

“This MoU (Joint Declaration) comes at a time when India is gearing up for a significant step up of efforts in 2007 – setting up of the interoperability and IPv6 Ready Logo center and large scale IPv6 trial network,” opines Hemanth Dattatreya, Vice President, IPv6 Forum India. “Support from various French agencies such as ETSI, ENST, INRIA that are part of the French IPv6 Task Force will help realize our mid to long term objectives.”

About the Task Forces:

IPv6 Forum India

Established in September 2000, The IPv6 Forum India is a non- profit, non-governmental registered organization and the national chapter of the international IPv6 Forum. In accordance with the objectives of the international IPv6 Forum, the Forum’s objectives in India include increasing awareness and promoting the deployment of IPv6 in the Indian sub-continent. The organization is widely recognized in India as the leading authority in IPv6 for both technology and policy related issues.

The IPv6 Task Force is a non-profit and non-governmental organization created in 2002 with support of French Ministry of Research. It is made up of members who are representatives of the industry from both the public and private sectors, including researchers and academicians, and all other parties who are concerned with network deployment and applications of IPv6. The aim of this Task Force is to bring together the sharing of information and experience, and the streamlining of efforts to promote the deployment of IPv6 in France, in coordinated partnerships with other global IPv6 organisations.

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