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2025 New Internet IPv6 HALL of FAME

Luxembourg/June 5,2025–The IPv6 Forum has recognized Prof Aawatif HAYAR as the first Smart Nation Evangelist in the world.

The IPv6 Forum has established in 2018 the New Internet IPv6 Hall of Fame to recognize and celebrate the experts and evangelists of IPv6 who have made extraordinary contributions to the design and large-scale deployment of IPv6 around the world.

The New Internet IPv6 Hall of Fame was kicked-off in 2018 in Nanjing at the IPv6 Forum/ GNTC Conference organized by the China IPv6 Council coordinated by the BII Group with the first IPv6 Hall of Famers: Dr Vint Cerf, VP and Internet Evangelist at Google and Honorary Chair of the IPv6 Forum since its creation; Dr. Wu Hequan, Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering and Dr. Jun Murai, Father of the Internet in Japan and Founder of the IPv6 Promotion Council.

The 2025 IPv6 Hall of Famers are a very balanced mix of IPv6 Experts, IPv6 Evangelists, IPv6 Large-scale Deployers, IPv6 Trainers and IPv6 Ready Logo Program experts.

The names, pictures and bios of the 2021 IPv6 Hall of Famers can be viewed on the web site: <http://www.ipv6halloffame.org/>

"The IPv6 Forum is very blessed and proud to have won and recognized Prof. Aawatif Hayar as the first Smart Nation Evangelist to join the finest and top IPv6 pioneers, experts and genuine volunteers around the world, quoting Vint Cerf, to upgrade the Internet from a "Research" Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) to a "Production" Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) to sustain the growth of the Internet to include everyone and connect any sensible device" stated Latif Ladid, IPv6 Forum President

"I'm truly honored to be nominated and selected alongside some of the finest IPv6 experts and evangelists, in recognition of my contributions. Proud to be recognized as a Smart Nation Evangelist.

In this era of artificial intelligence, our responsibility is greater than ever. We must design systems that are not only intelligent but also inclusive. Sustainability

and resilience must be embedded in every layer of progress. Technology should serve as a bridge to opportunity and a better life for all. A Smart Nation invests in human capital, the most impactful asset we have. It fosters digital innovation that elevates humanity, rather than replaces it. Building truly smart nations means putting people at the center of progress. Because the bright future we envision is not only digital, it is fundamentally human.” stated Prof. Aawatif Hayar, New Internet IPv6 Hall of Famer

The prime objective of the IPv6 Forum and its members is to promote deployment and coordinated uptake of the new Internet Protocol version6 (IPv6) with support from industry, education, research communities and government agencies enabling equitable access to technology and knowledge.

The Internet World has been using the Internet Protocol version4 (IPv4) for the last three decades. Despite its tremendous success, IPv4 is showing signs of strain especially in its depleted IP address space and its growing security and privacy concerns. IPv6 preserves everything good in today's Internet, and adds much more, such as virtually unlimited IP address space to connect everyone and everything, stateless auto-configuration, seamless mobility, automated network management, end to end security features and new optional service levels.

AboutIPv6Forum

The IPv6 Forum is a world-wide consortium of international Internet service providers (ISPs) and National Research & Education Networks (NRENs), with a mission to promote IPv6 by improving market and user awareness, creating a quality and secure New Generation Internet and allowing world-wide equitable access to knowledge and technology. The key focus of the IPv6 Forum today is to provide technical guidance for the deployment of IPv6. IPv6 Summit are organized by the IPv6 Forum and staged in various locations around the world to provide industry and market with the best available information on this rapidly advancing technology. Please visit <http://www.ipv6forum.com>

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