

GAC Early Warning – Submittal ShangriLaIDN-CN-19689

Application ID:	1-940-19689
Entity/Applicant Name:	Shangri-La International Hotel Management Limited
String:	香格里拉
Early Warning Issue Date:	20 November 2012

Early Warning Description – This will be posted publicly:

GAC Member(s) to indicate a description of the Early Warning being filed

香格里拉(Shangrila in English) is a county which located in the northwest of Yunnan province of the People's Republic of China. Shangrila County is a geographic entity, which really exists.

The Chinese Government does not support the 香格里拉 request for a TLD at this stage.

Reason/Rationale for the Warning – This will be posted publicly:

GAC Member(s) to indicate the reason and rationale for the Early Warning being filed.

Shangrila County, located in the northwest of Yunnan province in China, is a part of the Diqing Tibetan autonomous region. In 2001, with the approval of the state council, the government of Yunnan province changed its original name "ZhongDian County" with "Shangrila County".

Since then, as a county name "Shangrila" is gradually known by people all over the world. The natural geographical environment characteristic of Shangrila County such as snow-capped mountains, canyons, meadow, and climate and so on, is exactly the same as the description of Shangrila in the novel "The Lost Horizon", which was written by a famous British writer James Hilton. Meanwhile, "Shangrila" represents good wishes, which are "man and nature could be together in harmonious way, there is no struggle or dissension, with social stability and national unity being maintained".

The main reasons that we request to issue the early warning includes: Firstly, as a geographical name, "香格里拉" shall not be used as generic top-level domain without the authorization of relevant departments of China. Secondly, "香格里拉" is protected by the trademark law of CHINA, individuals and organizations shall not be arbitrarily to use it with any registration.

Once "香格里拉" is applied as a generic top-level domain, it will undoubtedly cause the encroachment of brand names upon geographic names in this case.

The Chinese Government opposes any organizations to using "香格里拉" as a Generic top-level Domain Name at this stage.

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Supporting GAC Members (Optional):

I agree to include the supporting GAC members in the publication of this Early Warning

Possible Remediation steps for Applicant – This will be posted publicly:

GAC Member(s) to identify possible remediation steps to be taken by the applicant

- The applicant should withdraw their application based on the information provided above

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For questions please contact: gacearlywarning@gac.icann.org

Applicant Response: