

Initiatives on Child Online Protection in Cyberspace

A group of children and adults are playing a game of tag on a grassy field. The children are in various positions, some on the ground and some standing, all appearing to be in motion. The background shows a green lawn and some foliage.

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Children

- Shall we stop them using Internet just because of cyber-threats ?

DEFINITELY NOT

Facts on Pornography (various sources)

- Worldwide pornography revenue in 2006 was \$97.06 billion.
- Every second, \$3,075.64 is being spent on pornography, 28,258 Internet viewers are viewing pornography, 372 Internet users are typing adult search terms into search engines, and every 39 minutes, a new pornographic video is made
- The Top Ten Adult Search Requests in 2006 were for: "sex", "adult dating", "adult DVD", "porn", "sex toys", "teen sex", "free sex", "adult sex", "group sex" and "free porn"
- Twelve percent of all websites are pornographic websites. There are 4.2 million pornographic websites, 420 million pornographic web pages, and 68 million daily pornographic search engine requests (or 25% of total search engine requests)
- 79% of youth unwanted exposure to pornography occurs in the home

my experience

- Spam by a teenager (traced by his username but found to be innocent as he was doing it for fun, not intentionally)
- while searching some "key word", results might show something else too

Initiatives ???

- technical
- administrative (policy)
- Whose responsibility ?
 - ◆ ISP ?? (can they really do it ?)
 - ◆ Regulator -- regulates operation not content
 - ◆ Information Commission -- no clear policy as of now

Initiatives -- technical

- software at client side (net-nanny)
- Service provider to block or filter or nullify websites (need directive from Nepal Telecomm Authority)
- What others are doing (international practices)

Initiatives -- administrative

- so far none from any of the government institutions
- control on cyber cafes -- not a practical solution
- controversial issue on pornography -- relevant content to a certain group and age of people (might be some useful tips for growing children or adolescents)

What do we need to do ?

- Have a co-ordinated effort among all stakeholders
- Clear guidelines on "cyber threat" from relevant government institutions
- Watch your children :
 - ◆ are they spending unnecessary time with online computers ?
 - ◆ if you find name of weird web-site while scrolling the URL lists ?
 - ◆ switches off the screen immediately in your presence or change the mode
 - ◆ if starts using other's username and password

**ITS A COLLECTIVE EFFORT
LET WORK FROM TODAY**

Thank You