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#### AIBD 2019

## 'FAKE NEWS' AND ITS IMPACT ON PUBLIC-SERVICE BROADCASTING Practices, Needs and a Way Forward

#### BACKGROUND

One of the core mandates of AIBD is to achieve a vibrant and cohesive electronic media environment in the Asia-Pacific region. In order to live up to this expectation, all AIBD members have to work together to combat the threat of 'fake news' including viral hoaxes, a phenomenon that has recently gained in ubiquity and intensity. This survey is meant to collect baseline data and insights that can help public service broadcasters in (1) dealing with 'fake news' and (2) engaging with the audience about 'fake news'.

#### **RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

- 1. How do AIBD members deal with the 'fake news' phenomenon?
- 2. How do AIBD members engage with their audiences about 'fake news'?
- 3. What do AIBD members see as their main areas for further development?

This survey is divided into five sections. Section 1 collects some information about the survey respondent. Sections 2 and 3 deal with in-house definitions, mechanisms for evaluating the prevalence and severity of 'fake news', fact checking and reporting guidelines, newsroom organisation (physical layout, structure, workforce).

Section 4 is about the initiatives media organisations have taken to engage with their viewers, listeners and readers in terms of critical digital literacy and 'fake news' in particular.

Finally, Section 5 focusses on the overall success rate in dealing with 'fake news', the challenges and frustrations, the needs public broadcasters have (the main areas for improvement) and the broader political and regulatory context in which they perform their role of serving the public.

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## SECTION 1 YOUR MEDIA ORGANISATION

## 1.1. What is the name of your media organisation?

National Broadcasting Services of Thailand (NBT)

1.2 In which country is your media organisation based?

Thailand

1.3. What is the ownership structure of your media organisation? Please tick the appropriate box.

- Private
- ☑ Government/public service
- □ Private-public partnership
- Private station
- □ Other

1.4. What is the percentage your media organisation devotes to locally produced content (as opposed to internationally syndicated content)?

☑ 80–100%	□ 60–79%	□ 40− <u>5</u> 9%	□ 20-39%	□ 0–19%

1.5. Who decides what percentage of total content is local (as opposed to syndicated)?

- Our media organisation
- ☑ Government regulators (for example, as part of the licensing conditions)
- Our audience
- □ Other [please describe]

1.6. In what capacity are you taking part in this survey?

- □ I'm completing the questionnaire in my professional capacity (individual response)
- □ I'm completing the questionnaire on behalf of my media organisation.
- □ Other [please describe]

## SECTION 2 DEFINING AND UNDERSTANDING 'FAKE NEWS'

For the purpose of this survey, the term 'fake news' refers to disinformation and hoaxes: "news stories and social media posts posing, falsely, as genuine news items"; they are "demonstrably untrue" and "designed to mislead the reader or viewer" (Miller, 2018: 3).

We draw a strong distinction between this survey's use of the term and that used by different actors as a blanket term to unjustly discredit legacy or mainstream media as 'illegitimate', 'untrustworthy', or the 'lying press'.

2.1 Does your media organisation work with a definition of 'fake news'? Please tick the appropriate box.

□ Yes □ No □ No idea

If "No" or "No idea", proceed to 2.6. If "Yes", proceed to 2.2.

2.2. Is that definition explicitly stated in your media organisation's governance? Please tick the appropriate box.

□ Yes

🗆 No

🛛 No idea

If "No" or "No idea", proceed to 2.6. If "Yes", proceed to 2.3.

2.3. What is your media organisation's definition of 'fake news'?

2.4. Is the above definition explicitly communicated within the media organisation? Please tick the appropriate box.

□ Yes

🗆 No

🛛 No idea

If "No" or "No idea", proceed to 2.6. If "Yes", proceed to 2.5.

2.5. How is the definition communicated within the media organisation?

2.6. Which of the following types of information are considered in your media organisation's understanding of what is meant by 'fake news'? Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

- 1. 🗌 Mis-information<sup>1</sup>
- 2.  $\Box$  Dis-information<sup>2</sup>
- 3. 🗆 Mal-information<sup>3</sup>
- 4. 🗆 Viral hoaxes
- 5. 🗆 Propaganda
- 6. Conspiracy theories

2.7. Which of the following types of humour are considered in your media organisation's understanding of what is meant by 'fake news'? Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

- 1. 🗌 Pranks
- 2. 🗌 Jokes
- 3. 🗆 April Fools' Day jokes
- 4. 🗆 Cartoons
- 5.  $\Box$  Comedy
- 6. 🗆 Satire
- 7. 🗆 Parody

2.8. Which of the following types of advertising are considered in your media organisation's understanding of what is meant by 'fake news'? Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

- 1. 🗆 Advertisements
- 2. 🗆 Advertorials
- 3. 🗆 Informative advertising
- 4. □Native advertising

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mis-information is "when false information is shared, but no harm is meant" (Wardle & Derakhshan, 2017: 5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Dis-information is "when false information is knowingly shared to cause harm" (Wardle & Derakhshan, 2017: 5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mal-information can be defined as "information that is based on reality, used to inflict harm on a person, social group, organisation or country" (https://en.unesco.org/fightfakenews).

2.9. Which of the following types of journalism are considered in your media organisation's understanding of what is meant by 'fake news'? Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

- 1. 🗌 Free news
- 2. 🗌 Citizen journalism
- 3. DProblematic journalism<sup>4</sup>
- 4. 🗆 News produced by celebrities
- 5. 🗆 False balance<sup>5</sup>
- 6. 🗆 Deep fakes<sup>6</sup>
- 7. 🗆 No idea what all or most of these terms mean

2.10. Which other forms of information, news, journalism, etc. does your media organisation consider to be 'fake news' other than those mentioned in Questions 2.6–2.9 above?

2.11. How many 'fake news' items has your media organisation had to deal with in the last three years?

□ 0-5	□ 6-10		11–15	□ 16-20	21 or more
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□ 0-5	□ 6-10	□ 11-15	□ 16-20	21 or more	
2.13. 'Fake ne	ws' is conside	red a serious	problem in you	r country.	
□ Strongly agree	□ Mild agre	,	Neither agree or disagree	Mildly disagree	Strongly disagree

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Poor-quality or sub-standard journalism that includes "ongoing (and uncorrected) errors that arise from poor research or sloppy verification" and also "sensationalising that exaggerates for effect, and hyper-partisan selection of facts at the expense of fairness" (Ireton & Posetti, 2018: 8).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The term applies to "the inappropriate application of balance to a matter of established fact (such as that the earth is round), or settled scientific consensus (such as climate change), rather than to opinions, values, and subjective beliefs (Price, 2018: 246).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> These are "realistic-looking videos showing events that never happened" (Steinmetz, 2018: 2).

□ Strongly agree		Mildly agree		Neither agree or disagree		Mildly disagree		Strongly disagree
2.15. Media o	rganisati	ons can fig	jht 'fak	e news'.				
□ Strongly agree		Mildly agree		Neither agree or disagree		Mildly disagree		Strongly disagree
2.16. In gener	al, your i	nedia orga	nisatio	n is commit	tted to a	actively fig	hting 'fa	ke news'.
□ Strongly agree		Mildly agree		Neither agree or disagree		Mildly disagree		Strongly disagree
2.17. In your c	2.17. In your country, the problem of 'fake news' will get worse in the next five years.							
□ Strongly agree		Mildly agree		Neither agree or disagree		Mildly disagree		Strongly disagree
2.18. According to your media organisation, what factors explain the 'fake news'								

2.14. The notion of 'fake news' is at times difficult to understand by the general public.

2.18. According to your media organisation, what factors explain the 'fake news' phenomenon? What are its causes?

## SECTION 3 NEWSROOM AND JOURNALISTIC PRACTICES IN DEALING WITH 'FAKE NEWS'

#### IMPACT

3.1. To what extent has the 'fake news' phenomenon had an impact on your media organisation's news production practices?

(1) Because of the 'fake news' phenomenon, there has been a change in the organisational structure of your newsroom.

Strongly	Mildly	Neither	Mildly	Strongly disagree
agree	agree	agree or	disagree	
		disagree		

Please explain your answer.

(2) Because of the 'fake news' phenomenon, there has been a change in the allocation of material resources<sup>7</sup> to your newsroom.

□ Strongly	🛛 Mildly	Neither	🛛 Mildly	Strongly disagree
agree	agree	agree or	disagree	
		disagree		
Please explain	your answer.			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Material resources include material infrastructure, physical layout and information technology.

(3) Because of the 'fake news' phenomenon, there has been a change in the allocation of human resources<sup>8</sup> to your newsroom.

□ Strongly □ Mildly □ Neither □ Mildly □ Strongly disagree agree agree or disagree disagree

Please explain your answer.

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(4) Because of the 'fake news' phenomenon, there has been a change in the allocation of financial resources to your newsroom.

□ Strongly	□ Mildly	Neither	□ Mildly	Strongly disagree
agree	agree	agree or disagree	disagree	
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Please explain your answer.

(5) Because of the 'fake news' phenomenon, there has been a change in the newsroom practices<sup>9</sup> in your media organisation.

□ Strongly	□ Mildly	Neither	Mildly	Strongly disagree
agree	agree	agree or	disagree	
		disagree		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Human resources refer to recruitment, role requirements, jobs and skills.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> These practices include the ordinary, day-to-day routines of the news production cycle (news gathering, archival checks, gatekeeping, sub-editing, visual editing, quality control, etc.); in particular, this statement is about how 'fake news' has or has not disrupted the ways public service broadcasters report the news.

Please explain your answer.

3.2. What percentage of your total resources (e.g. material, human or financial) is devoted to dealing with 'fake news'?

□ 0-5%

□ 6–10%

□ 11–15%

□ 16% or more

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#### MECHANISMS

3.3. Does your media organisation have *mechanisms*<sup>10</sup> in place for carrying out the following five activities?

(1) Determining how widespread and/or serious 'fake news' is

- □ Yes
- 🗆 No
- 🛛 No idea

If "No" or "No idea", proceed to the next question. If "Yes", describe those mechanisms in the box below.

(2) Fact-checking<sup>11</sup> potential 'fake news'

- □ Yes
- 🗆 No
- 🛛 No idea

If "No" or "No idea", proceed to the next question. If "Yes", describe those mechanisms in the box below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Mechanisms refer to systems, governance, policies, professional codes of ethics/conduct, processes, guidelines, standard operating procedures and/or checklists.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> We will only use "fact-checking" to refer to (1) checking "claims of public relevance" in any societal domain (politics, science or culture) and (2) debunking 'fake news' and viral hoaxes (Ireton & Posetti, 2018: 88).

(3) Reporting – in the real news – stories about 'fake news' that was successfully prevented/stopped <sup>12</sup>

□ Yes

□ No

🛛 No idea

If "No" or "No idea", proceed to the next question. If "Yés", describe those mechanisms in the box below.

(4) Responding to allegations that your media organisation itself has broadcasted or published 'fake news'

□ Yes

🗆 No

🛛 No idea

*If "No" or "No idea", proceed to the next question. If "Yes", describe those mechanisms in the box below.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Reporting a real news story about how a claim or viral story were shown to be false or fake (unfounded); in other words, sharing a success story in fighting and preventing 'fake news' by exposing it as fake.

(5) Training news workers<sup>13</sup> in detecting and dealing with 'fake news'

□ Yes

□ No

🛛 No idea

*If "No" or "No idea", proceed to the next question. If "Yes", describe those mechanisms in the box below.* 

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3.4. In dealing with 'fake news', your professional code of ethics gives sufficient general guidance.

Strongly agree	□ Mildly agree	agr	ither ree or agree	Mildly disagree		Strongly disagree
3.5. In dealing wit	h 'fake news', yo	ur media (	organisation re	lies on technol	ogy	(such as

3.5. In dealing with 'fake news', your media organisation relies on technology (such as machine learning and artificial intelligence software).

Strongly	Mildly	Neither	Mildly	Strongly
agree	agree	agree or	disagree	disagree
		disagree		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Anyone involved in the news production process (gathering, interviewing, reporting, verifying, editing, proofreading, gatekeeping, presenting, etc.).

## SECTION 4 ENGAGING WITH YOUR AUDIENCES ABOUT 'FAKE NEWS'

4.1. Engaging with<sup>14</sup> your audiences about 'fake news' is a relevant activity for your media organisation.

□ Strongly agree Mildly agree Neither
 agree or
 disagree

Mildly disagree □ Strongly disagree

4.2. Protecting your audiences from the negative effects of 'fake news' is the responsibility of your media organisation.

□ Strongly	□ Mildly	Neither	□ Mildly	□ Strongly
agree	agree	agree or	disagree	disagree
		disagree		

4.3. Is your media organisation currently involved in any initiatives to engage with its audiences about 'fake news'?

□ Yes

🗆 No

□ No idea

If "No" or "No idea", proceed to Section 5. If "Yes", proceed to 4.7.

4.4. In its fight against 'fake news', what types of audience does your media organisation aim to reach? Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

- 1. 🗌 Children
- 2. 🗆 Young adults
- 3. 🗆 School children
- 4. 🗆 Students
- 5. 🗆 Adults
- 6. 🗆 Men
- 7. 🗆 Women
- 9. 🗆 Major ethnic groups
- 10. 🗆 Ethnic minorities
- 11. 
  The unemployed
- 12. 🗆 The uneducated
- 13. 🗆 The poor
- 14. 🗆 The sick or disabled

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> This includes, among other things, raising awareness of the problem, improving media literacy, providing tips on distinguishing 'fake news' from real news, changing attitudes regarding the sharing of 'fake news' and hoaxes.

15. 🗌 The elderly

16. 🗆 Other [please describe]

4.5. What format/genre of programmes or items does your media organisation produce to engage with its audiences about 'fake news'? Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

- 1. 🗌 TV news item
- 2. 🗌 TV series
- 3. 🗆 TV documentary
- 4.  $\Box$  TV talk show
- 5. 🗆 TV docudrama
- 6. TV game show
- 7.  $\Box$  TV reality show
- 8. 🗆 TV sitcom
- 9. TV weather forecast
- 10. 🗌 TV sports
- 11. 
  TV public service announcement (PSA)
- 12. 🗆 Radio news item
- 13. 🗌 Radio drama
- 14. 🗆 Radio documentary
- 15. 🗆 Radio interview
- 16. 🗆 Radio music programmes
- 17. 🗆 Radio talk show
- 18. 🗌 Radio weather
- 19. 🗆 Radio public service announcement (PSA)
- 20. 🗌 Website
- 21. 🗌 Facebook
- 22. 🗌 Twitter
- 23. 🗆 Instagram
- 24. 🗆 Other [please describe]

4.6. Approximately how much of your media organisation's total duration is devoted to helping its audiences deal with 'fake news'?<sup>15</sup> Give your answer in seconds per week.

□ o seconds	□ 1-39	□ 40–89	<b>90–119</b>	□ 120 seconds or
	seconds	seconds	seconds	more

Please explain your answer.

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4.6. What percentage of your total resources (e.g. material, human or financial) has been devoted in the last three years to helping your audiences deal with 'fake news'?

□ 0-5%

□ 6-10%

□ 11–15% □ 16% or more

4.7. Approximately how much of its resources (e.g. material, human or financial) does your media organisation commit to initiatives aimed at engaging with its audiences about 'fake news'?

□ 0–5% □ 6–10% □ 11–15% □ 16% or more

Please explain your answer.



## SECTION 5 SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES AND NEEDS

DEALING WITH 'FAKE NEWS'

5.1. Does your media organisation have a systematic way of measuring the success of its fight against 'fake news'?

- □ Yes
- 🗆 No
- 🛛 No idea

If "No" or "No idea", proceed to the next question. If "Yes", describe the process in the box below.

5.2. Regardless of your answer to the preceding question, how successful has your media organisation been in dealing with 'fake news' through its own newsroom and journalistic practices?

	Very successful	Good	🗆 Fair	Poor	Unsuccessful			
Plea	Please explain your answer.							
		nt of resources (e. its to dealing with		an or financial) th fficient.	aat your media			
	Strongly agree	□ Mildly agree	Neither agree or disagree	Mildly disagree	Strongly disagree			
Plea	Please explain your answer.							

5.4. In general, what *internal* obstacles does your media organisation face in dealing with 'fake news'? Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

- 1. 🗌 The media organisation's mission and vision
- 2. 🗆 Strategic planning
- 3. Structured coordination among all stakeholders
- 4. 🗆 Management support
- 5. Financial resources
- 7. 🗆 Number of staff
- 8. 🗆 Skills and know-how of the news workers
- 9. Skills and know-how of the production department
- 10. 
  Opportunities for staff training and development
- 11. 
  Other [please describe]

5.5. Which of the above *internal* obstacles are the three most urgent issues that your media organisation needs to address? Copy the number used in Question 5.4. Rank them from highest to lowest urgency, with No 1 being the most urgent.

1	
2	
3	

5.6. In general, what *external* obstacles does your media organisation face in dealing with 'fake news'? Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

- 1. Cyber-attacks on individual journalists
- 2. Cyber-attacks on the media organisation (e.g. the news website)
- 3. 🗆 24/7 news cycle
- 4. 🗆 24/7 social media and instant messaging cycle
- 6. C Resourcefulness of 'fake news' distributors (e.g. websites)
- 7. The 'Fake news' consumers (gullibility or ignorance)
- 9. 🗆 Other [please describe]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Includes machine learning and artificial intelligence software.

5.7. Which of the above *external* obstacles are the three most urgent issues that your media organisation needs to address? Copy the number used in Question 5.6. Rank them from highest to lowest urgency, with No 1 being the most urgent.

1	
2	
3	

5.8. How likely is it that your media organisation will collaborate with other media organisations in fighting 'fake news' in the next five years?

Very likely	🗆 Likely	Neither likely or unlikely	🛛 Unlikely	Very unlikely
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5.9. How likely is it that your media organisation will devote *more* resources to dealing with 'fake news' in the next five years?

Very likely	🗆 Likely	Neither	Unlikely	Very	
		likely or		unlikely	1
		unlikely			

Please explain your answer. Also specify what resources you will invest in most.

5.10. What kind of external support would your media organisation require in order to deal with 'fake news'? Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

- 1. 🗆 External expertise in dealing with 'fake news'
- 2. 
  External financial resources
- 3. Government policy support

### ENGAGING WITH THE AUDIENCE ABOUT 'FAKE NEWS'

5.11. Does your media organisation have a systematic way of measuring the success of its audience engagement initiatives in fighting 'fake news'<sup>17</sup>?

□ Yes

🗆 No

🛛 No idea

If "No" or "No idea", proceed to the next question. If "Yes", describe the process in the box below.

5.12. Regardless of your answer to the preceding question, how successful do you think your media organisation has been in engaging with its audiences about 'fake news'?

Very	🛛 Good	🗆 Fair	🛛 Poor	Unsuccessful
successful				

Please explain your answer.

<sup>17</sup> This also includes, more generally, developing digital media literacy and critical thinking skills.

5.13. Who decides what percentage of your total resources (e.g. material, human or financial) is devoted to engaging with your audiences about 'fake news'?

- □ Your media organisation itself
- □ Your regulators
- □ Other [please describe]

5.14. In general, what obstacles does your media organisation face in engaging with its audiences about 'fake news'? Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

- 1. 🗆 The media organisation's mission and vision
- 2. 🗆 Strategic planning
- 3. Structured coordination among all stakeholders
- 4. 🗆 Management support

- 7. 🗆 Number of staff
- 8. Skills and know-how of the news workers
- 9. Skills and know-how of the production department
- 10. 🗆 Opportunities for staff training and development
- 11. 🗆 24/7 news cycle
- 12. 🗆 24/7 social media and instant messaging cycle
- 13. 
  Other [please describe]

5.15. How likely is it that your media organisation will collaborate with other media organisations in engaging with its audiences about 'fake news' and developing critical digital literacy skills in the next five years?

Very likely	🗆 Likely	Neither	🗆 Unlikely	Very
		likely or		unlikely
		unlikely		

5.16. How likely is it that your media organisation will use *more* resources for engaging with its audiences about 'fake news' in the next five years?

Very likely	🗆 Likely	Neither	🛛 Unlikely	Very
		likely or		unlikely
		unlikely		

5.17. What kind of external support would your media organisation require in order to engage with its audiences about 'fake news'? Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.

2. 🗆 External financial resources

3. Government policy support

Thank you for your time.