International Efforts on Combating Online Sexual Exploitation of Children

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Yet, the cyberspace is a very dangerous place for children!
obscene materials
violent images
child pornography
suicidal message
hate speech
cyber bullying
sexual grooming
anorexia
gambling
Among them, child sexual exploitation is most formidable!
Two Types of Online Sexual Exploitation of Children

1. Child sexual abuse material (CSAM) (child pornography)
2. Child grooming

They are often carried out by paedophiles.
It is very difficult for government alone to fight against those pedophilia activities since the internet is transnational, anonymous and interactive!

An online safety network is necessary!
International efforts since the CRC:

1996 1st World Congress Against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children;

1998 INTERPOL Child Pornography on the Internet Expert Meeting;

1999 UNESCO Meeting: Sexual Abuse of Children, Child Pornography and Pedophilia on the Internet; Expert

2001 2nd World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.

International non-governmental organizations [e.g. Inhope (1999), Insafe(2004)] were established to deal with the problem.

2004 Cybercrime Convention, Article 9.
2008 3rd World Congress Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents.

At the 2009 INTERPOL General Assembly, member countries voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution (AG-2009-RES-05) to limit the online distribution of child sexual abuse images. The Resolution encourages member countries to promote the use of all the technical tools available, including access blocking of websites containing child sexual abuse images.
Legislation & Enforcement

• Both substantive and procedural rules which can cope with the new technologies are needed.

• To date, it has been agreed that the law should punish producing, selling, disseminating and possessing CASM, and grooming for the purpose of sexual contact.
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| USA | **United States Code (2008)**  
*Knowingly possesses or knowingly accesses with intent to view 1 or more matters/visual depictions* | 0 - 10 years imprisonment  
Prior conviction: 10 - 20 years imprisonment |
| UK | **Coroners and Justice Act (2009)**  
*It is an offence for a person to be in possession of a prohibited image of children.* | on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the relevant period or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or both  
on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term **not exceeding 3 years or a fine, or both** the relevant period in relation to England and Wales, **12 months**; in relation to Northern Ireland, **6 months**. |
*The offense of possession of child pornography with the intent to fulfill one’s own sexual desire* | up to 1 year imprisonment or a fine of up to one million yen (about US$10,000) |
| Taiwan | **Child and Youth Sexual Exploitation Prevention Act (2015)**  
*possesses without proper reason* | with a fine of NT$10,000 - NT$100,000 (about US$310 - 31,00), and 2-10 hours rehabilitation.  
second offence: with a fine of NT$20,000 - NT$200,000. |
NGOs

- Hotlines
- Helplines
- Int`l liaison
- education
- Ratings
International Liaison

NGO

NGOs of other countries

International NGO (INHOPE, INSafe)

Interpol, Europol
industry

- donations
- self-regulation
- financial coalitions (VISA, Master Card)
- developing new techniques: filtering, tracing techniques
• “A democratic society rests, for its continuance, upon the healthy, well-rounded growth young people into full maturity as citizens....”

Thank you!