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APT Members renew commitments towards achieving the objectives of the Bali Plan of Action at the 34th Session of APT Management Committee

The 34th Session of the Management Committee (MC) of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) held at the Macao Fisherman's Wharf Convention and Exhibition Centre, from 30 November to 3 December 2010 concluded with high hopes in making the Telecommunity stronger and focused on the needs of its members, and with the determination by the members to provide the necessary financial support and commitment to enhance its work programme towards achieving the objectives of the Bali Plan of Action decided by the ICT Ministers in 2009 in Bali, Indonesia.

The MC approved APT Work Programme of 2011 with 21 programmes from the regular budget and 3 programmes through the extra budgetary contribution. The representatives further discussed and considered the necessary actions to improve the financial situation of the Telecommunity acknowledging those actions taken by the Secretariat in streamlining the costs and improving the efficiency of the APT in delivering the work programme. The meeting agreed to propose to the General Assembly in 2011 for possible increase in the Unit Cost of Contribution to stabilize the financial situation for the next six years.

In addition to the regular programmes of APT, the events Calendar for 2011 will continue the programmes on Cyber Security, Disaster Management/ Communication, International Mobile Roaming, e-Application/e-Government that was launched in 2010 as these are focus areas in the Bali Plan of Action. APT will also start its preparation during 2011 for the ITU World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA-12) and World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12).

The 4-day meeting was attended by 97 participants, representing 22 Member administrations, 2 Associates Members and 9 Affiliate Members. Excellent arrangements for the meeting and the comfort of the representatives were ensured by the host, the Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation (DSRT) of Macao along with the key sponsors of the event.

The Management Committee is the organ of APT responsible for pursuing the policies and principles of the General Assembly. It supervises the Secretariat's function between the General Assemblies and review and approves work programme and the annual budget and accounts, and draws up necessary regulations for the proper functioning of the APT.

The next Management Committee and the General Assembly will be held in the Republic of Korea in 2011.

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About APT

Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) is the leading intergovernmental organization for the development of telecommunications and ICT in the Asia-Pacific region. APT was established by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in May, 1979. APT is headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand. Currently, APT has a strength of 36 State Members, 4 Associate Members and 122 Affiliate Members.