



Chairman of Management Committee

**ADDRESS
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Your Excellency, Dr Uttama Savanayana, Minister of Information and Communication Technology of the Kingdom of Thailand

Ms. Areewan Haorangsi, Secretary General of the APT,

Ms. Caroline Greenway and Mr. Sang-hun Lee, Vice Chairmen of the Management Committee of the APT,

Distinguished Delegates and Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning!

As the Chairman of the 39th Session of Management Committee, it is my honor and privilege to welcome all the participants to the meeting here in Ayutthaya, the beautiful and historic city in Thailand.

I wish to extend my gratitude to the host, the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology of the Kingdom of Thailand for the excellent arrangements for this meeting.

With this warm hospitality extended to us, I am pretty sure that our stay here, and the meeting in Ayutthaya will not only be fruitful, but very enjoyable and memorable too.

Distinguished Delegates,

We are now commencing the 39th Session of Management Committee. As you are aware, the Management Committee acts as the governing body of the Telecommunity in the interval between General Assembly meetings which are held once every three years. Through our deliberation at this session of Management Committee, we are expected to carry out four main tasks:

- Consider and approve the work programme of the Telecommunity for the forthcoming year;
- Consider and approve the annual budget of the Telecommunity;
- Review the audit and approve the accounts of the Telecommunity; and
- Supervise the administrative functions of the Telecommunity.

This Session of Management Committee is very significant because this is the first year of implementing the new Strategic Plan of the Telecommunity for 2015 to 2017 which was adopted at the General Assembly in 2014. In addition, this year is also the first year of the term of new elected officials, Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Telecommunity. This 39th Session of Management Committee is therefore expected to advise the Work Programmes to address the Strategic Actions efficiently and effectively. Also this Session of Management Committee is anticipated to advise the elected officials to conduct their works smoothly.

In the preparation of this Session of Management Committee, I have observed that the new team of elected officials, along with the secretariat have worked hard to provide a greater level information to the Management Committee. For instance, you will notice that many reports of Work Programmes which have not been submitted to the previous Sessions of Management Committee, such as the Report of Capacity Building, Report of Cybersecurity Forum, Report of Workshop on Disaster Management/Communication, Overview of Financial Situation of APT, are included in the agenda of this Session of the MC meeting.

Another observation I have is that the Time Management Plan of the 39th Session of Management Committee has been drafted to accommodate the interests of Members who are represented by only one delegate. The objectively of the new elected officials here is to minimize the parallel meetings, which are now proposed for just one day. Earlier, parallel meetings were held for two or two and a half days. This change would provide an opportunity for all delegates to get more involved in the working sessions.

With these proposed changes, I believe that APT Secretariat wishes to set a new quality standard through this 39th Session of Management Committee by being transparent and to take better care of the interests of each Member.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish the deliberations of this 39th Session of Management Committee be productive and fruitful. I look forward to your active and constructive participation during our deliberations.

I thank you all for your presence and I wish you a very pleasant stay in Ayutthaya.

Thank you very much! kapun mac krupp!
