



Secretary General

**WELCOME ADDRESS**

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Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon to all of you.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this 22nd Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-22) in the Smart City of Busan, Republic of Korea.

On behalf of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and all delegates here, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT), Republic of Korea, for hosting this meeting.

I am very pleased for the presence of Mr. Kyoung-woo Ki, Director of Spectrum Policy Division, MSIT to inaugurate the meeting. I would like to thank him personally for taking time to be with us today.

Distinguished delegates,

Currently, two important ITU events are taking place in parallel with AWG-22. The first one is ITU Telecom World 2017 during this week also in Busan. (Some of you had attended its opening ceremony this morning) Another event is the meeting of ITU-R Task Group 5/1 (TG5/1) from 19 to 28 September in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Despite these two important events, I am very much inspired to see a good number of participants at this meeting. We have around 192 registered delegates from 20 APT Members, 1 Associate Member and 21 Affiliate Members along with other participants. We have also received a considerable number of contributions (119) for this meeting. I would like to sincerely thank all APT members, for making their time for this meeting as well as for their contributions. This really shows the importance and enthusiasm of the members to AWG.

I would like to mention that during this AWG-22, a workshop on “Wireless Technologies for Future Digital Transformation” will be held tomorrow afternoon. The workshop will give you an opportunity to learn about two important wireless technologies that are going to reshape our future: Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and Internet of Things (IoT). Eminent and expert

speakers had been invited for the workshop. Our host, MSIT, would like to request that this workshop would open to other participants to attend as well.

Furthermore, an in-session workshop on Railway Radicommunication System between Train and Trackside (RSTT) will take place on Wednesday, 27 September 2017. Many of the sub-working groups and task groups will complete a number of work items. According to the workplan of AWG, we are expecting to have more than ten APT Reports/Recommendations as tangible outcomes of this meeting.

Ladies and gentlemen,

As I mentioned at the last AWG meeting, the 14th Session of the General Assembly of the APT (GA-14) will take place this year in November in Bangkok, Thailand. GA-14 will adopt the Strategic Plan of the APT for 2018-2020 to guide the activities of APT in the interest of the members for the period of three years. The initial draft of the Strategic Plan had been introduced in the AWG-21. I would inform you more details of the current development of the draft Strategic Plan in the first plenary.

AWG is an important and dynamic work programme of APT in the area of radiocommunication and wireless technologies. AWG is covering not only the spectrum aspects of the wireless technologies but also the technical, operational and standardization aspects of new innovative radiocommunication solutions for wireless technologies. Over the years, it has been matured to cover many aspects of radicommmunication and become the largest active platform in Asia-Pacific region for developing regional harmonization plan for the use of spectrum for wireless technologies. AWG has always been active in developing numerous tangible outcomes in order to implement the Strategic Plan of APT for 2015-2017. I firmly believe that AWG would also contribute a great deal to implement the new Strategic Plan for 2018-2020.

Another point I would like to mention.

AWG has always provided a useful platform for policy makers, regulators and industry to discuss and take action in spectrum management and wireless technology areas. AWG outcomes are developed with utmost cooperation among the governments and industry. Hence, the outcomes are having practical relevance with policy and regulatory implications. All of us now may be aware of the success of APT 700 band plan which was developed by AWG. It has now been applied widely not only in our region but also in other regions.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to request AWG to consider a mechanism to follow up the status of the implementation of APT Recommendations by APT members. It will then be proved as beneficial for the region. I would also like to request the members to implement the Recommendations and update APT Secretariat on the status of the implementation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to inform that APT Secretariat has taken capacity building initiatives to develop skilled work force for spectrum management and wireless technologies. This year APT Secretariat has organized a number of local training courses on spectrum management for developing countries. APT Secretariat has also started to work with Members on APT Frequency Information System (AFIS) which was initiated by AWG. This reaffirms that APT's continuous effort to extend the benefits to a larger number of APT Members particularly to the developing countries.

Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

To conclude my remarks, I would like to thank AWG Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and other office bearers for your continuous efforts and voluntary works for the success of AWG. The achievements of AWG would not have been possible without your utmost dedication. At the same time, the active participation of all delegates are also very much appreciated.

I would to sincerely thank the Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT), Republic of Korea, once again for the excellent hosting arrangement and to Mr. Kyoung-woo Kim for being with us.

Last but not least, I would also like to invite you all to the 5th APT/ITU Conformance and Interoperability Event (C&I) which is taking place at ITU Telecom World 2017 at BEXCO. APT booth is located at Smart ABCs Pavilion (ITU-TSB Pavilion). The host has arranged exhibition passes for all delegates of AWG-22. Let us thank you MSIT for giving this good opportunity to all of us. Once you visit the Telecom World 2017, please also visit the C&I event.

I wish you every success in your deliberations and a pleasant stay in the Smart City of Busan.

Thank you.