



WELCOME REMARKS

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Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning to you all!

I would like to welcome all of you in Hong Kong for attending the 4th Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-2012. I would like to convey my sincere gratitude for your participation at a large number at this meeting. We have almost 370 registered delegates at this meeting. It really shows your confidence for the activities of the APT, especially APT's preparations for World Radiocommunication Conference.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Government of Hong Kong, China and Office of the Telecommunication Authority (OFTA) for extending excellent arrangements of the meeting. My special thanks go to our Chief Guest, Her Excellency, Ms. Elizabeth Tse, Permanent Secretary, Commerce and Economic Development, for being with us to grace this inaugural session of the 4th APG meeting. Hong Kong has always made considerable efforts in assisting APT. They have hosted many APT events, with extreme commitment and care. The last of which you would recall, is the APT Policy and Regulatory Forum in 2009. Hong Kong has always been an excellent host. This time is no exception.

Dear Delegates,

Radiocommunication sector has been recognized as one of the major key areas of APT activities. APT is committed to promote applications of radio technologies, facilitate members'

co-operation for spectrum harmonization and assist Members to explore new technologies and to harmonize the regional views on Radiocommunication matters and present them at the relevant global forum.

Since its inception APG has been playing a significant role to harmonize the regional views towards World Radiocommunication Conferences. It has been matured by developing more and more Common Proposals to the WRCs for the interest of the region. APG has now become the APT's largest event attended by a large number of interested public and private sectors as well as delegates from other international and regional organizations. APT's preparations for ITU's global conferences are highly appreciated by ITU as they can significantly contribute to the efficiency of the global conferences. This has been shown two times this year in World Telecommunication Development Conference in Hyderabad, India and Plenipotentiary Conference in Guadalajara, Mexico for which APT has made considerable contributions towards the successful outcomes of these conferences.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are at the final stage of our preparation for the WRC 2012. The objectives of the 4th APG meeting are to update the APT preliminary views on WRC-12 agenda items and to develop APT's contribution for the modification of the draft CPM report to the WRC-12. The meeting will also consider the members proposals related to the agenda for the future World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15/16). The meeting is also expected to develop the coordination arrangement among APT Member countries during the 2nd Session of Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) which will be held from 14 – 25 February 2011 in Geneva.

APT region has considerable stakes in the agenda of the Conference which covers wide ranging subjects, encompassing all types of radiocommunication services. Recognising that the tasks ahead are complex and diverse, we all need to work hard and consolidate our efforts with a view to preparing ourselves for the Conference, so that aspirations of all the members are appropriately met and interests of the region, as a whole, are well protected.

APT Community has always been working harmoniously as a close family, showing mutual respect and accommodation in all our activities. The same spirit of solidarity, fraternity and co-existence would be the key to our success in future. I am sure, that with your expertise, cooperation and mutual understanding we will achieve our goals collectively.

I wish you a very successful meeting.

Thank you.
