



## WELCOME REMARKS

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Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning to all you! I would like to welcome all of you in Seoul for attending this 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the APT Wireless Forum. I would like to convey my sincere gratitude for your participation at a large number at this meeting. We have nearly 200 delegates at this meeting. It really shows your confidence for the activities of the AWF. I note that more than 70 contributions have been received from various members which indicate large interest you have shown for this meeting.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the Korea Communication Commission for hosting this meeting and extending their support for APT. I also like to thank APT members in Korea who are supporting meeting logistics and social functions for facilitating the meeting.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Radiocommunication sector has been recognized as one of the 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 its applications. Main objective of the AWF is to promote new wireless communication systems and applications in the region in order to provide cost effective and timely Radiocommunication solutions, and to facilitate the transfer of technology.

AWF was established in 2004 as a forum for free discussion and information exchange. Since then AWF succeeded to achieve significant results. The APT Wireless Forum has already been considered by the members as one of the major APT platform to discuss the issues related to wireless communication. So far the AWF has produced a number of APT Recommendations,

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Reports and Opinions which have been appreciated within the region as well as in other international fora.

Considering the needs of the members, the works scope of AWF has been broadened. It is now covering IMT issues, onboard aircraft and maritime issues, convergence issues as well as issues related to satellite communications. Due to the boarding of the scope of work AWF is now attracting a large number of delegates from different sector of industry not only from this region but also from other regional bodies Like CEPT, CITELE and ITU-R have shown their interest for the work of AWF.

Dear delegates

You may know that due to the growing importance and widening work scope of AWF, it has been decided by the last meeting that AWF would be restructured and rebranded at this meeting of AWF. The correspondence group was formed to fulfill this objective. The group completed the task and have submitted its report and recommendation to this meeting. I hope you will consider this important issue of AWF in order to fulfill its wide objectives of serving APT members. Consequently at this meeting a number of procedural issues need to be dealt with as a result of the restructuring. Therefore we have a lot of work at this meeting and I hope you can finalize them.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The achievement of AWF has become possible by your sincere effort, dedication, expertise and commitment to AWF works. I would like to thank the office bearers of AWF who are working dedicatedly for the success of the forum. Also, thanks to the members who have provided a number of god experts for the work of AWF.

Lastly, I hope this meeting can produce fruitful outcomes and I wish all the success of the meeting.

Thank you.

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