

**4<sup>th</sup> APT PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR ITU  
PLENIPO TENTIARY CONFERENCE-2010 (PP-10)**  
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**WELCOME ADDRESS**

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Dr. Jason Ashurst, Chairmen of the APT Preparatory Groups for PP-10  
Representatives from ITU, CEPT and ATU,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the final APT Preparatory Meeting for ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2010 (PP-10) and also to welcome you once again to Bangkok.

I am pleased to note that this meeting is held with the support from the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology and the National Telecommunications Commission of Thailand. My special thanks therefore to the MICT and NTC for providing such support and assistance to facilitate this meeting.

This is APT's final preparatory meeting for PP-10. This is the final chance before the Plenipotentiary Conference to consolidate regional views and strategize on getting a successful outcome from the Conference. You would recall that the Second Preparatory Meeting and the Third Preparatory Meeting adopted total of 36 PACPs. Now all the proposals are submitted to the ITU as APT Common Proposals. It is my great pleasure to thank for the countries that have made significant contributions to this preparatory work. My special thanks also to the Chairman Dr. Jason and the Rapporteurs and Assistant Rapporteurs of the Preparatory Group for the hard work you have put in to prepare these proposals.

We submit proposals to the ITU Plenipotentiary conference that are of great importance to the region. One of the important positions that we have made in our proposals is the stability of the ITU basic instruments. I understand most countries in

the Asia-Pacific region are of the view that the Constitution should not be changed in every Plenipotentiary Conference. It has created big burden for many countries to go through the process of ratification. I hope APT Common Proposal and subsequent proposals in support on this position will get great support in the Conference.

Another focus of ASPs is to improve the management and operations of ITU and the proposal of new resolutions and modification to resolutions. Such new resolutions are proposed in areas of extreme interest of the region, such as “ICT and climate change”, “ICT for e-health”, “cybersecurity”, “Admission of Academia”, etc.

In every PP, many new resolutions are passed and many old ones are changed. It is important to take a stock of the resolutions and to identify which of those are of great importance to the members and which of those that may be suppressed. In this regard again, I am pleased to note that Asia-Pacific region has done substantial work to facilitate the work of the Conference.

Ladies and gentlemen,

We may have been the region who has so far submitted the most proposals to the Conference. However, I feel, what is important is not the number of proposals, but the number of issues that we have dealt with and the importance of those issues for the work of the ITU and whether these proposals are going to make a difference in the work of the ITU and its services to its members.

I realize we have received number of inputs to this meeting for consideration of possible common proposals. I am sure you will take good judgment in making a decision on those inputs to take forth for potential common proposals. I also feel you need to spend a good time in going through the proposals from other regions and formulating a common position on those proposals. Given the limited time of this meeting, I hope you will make every effort to shorten your discussions and focus your debates on important issues.

Once again I thank you for the excellent effort and wish you for successful deliberations. The Secretariat will make every effort to assist you in your work.

Thank you.