



ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY
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Ref: APT/PR2/ICT-Dev't/Inv

25 May 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Invitation for Proposals for HRD Programme for Exchange of ICT Researchers and Engineers and ICT Pilot Projects in Rural Areas for 2015 (Funded by the Government of Japan)

I am pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) is inviting APT members to submit proposals for 1) HRD Programme for Exchange of ICT Researchers and Engineers (Category J2) and 2) ICT Pilot Projects in Rural Areas (Category J3) for 2015 funded by the Extra Budgetary Contribution from Japan.

Recognizing the importance of capacity building in sustainable ICT development and bridging the ICT development gap as well as ICT infrastructure development to promote the innovative growth in the Asia-Pacific region as expressed in the Brunei Darussalam Statement of the Asia-Pacific ICT Ministers on Building Smart Digital Economy through ICT, the APT is implementing the HRD Programme and the ICT Pilot Projects in Rural Areas with the objectives as follows:

- to promote the development of advanced ICT researchers and engineers in the Asia-pacific region by exchange of personnel through international collaborative research projects on advanced ICT and ICT utilization.
- to narrow digital divide in the Asia-Pacific region by promoting and establishing pilot projects to ensure the access to ICT in rural areas of APT Members and to promote and develop ICT and broadband development in the region.

The financial support for both categories are:

- 1) **Category J2** (HRD Programme for Exchange of ICT Researchers and Engineers) - will be up to US\$60,000 (US\$80,000 in the fields of environment and disaster communications)
- 2) **Category J3** (ICT Pilot Projects in Rural Areas) –will be up to US\$200,000.

However, final budget allocation to each project is subject to careful examination of the proposal.

The project is to be completed within 11 months from the date of announcement of the adoption made by the APT Secretariat. Priority may be given to the project with financial support from the proposing APT Member. However, APT Members could submit multi-year proposals up to 2 years. The possible combinations are:

- Category J2 (first year) & Category J3 (second year)
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APT members are requested to include details as much as possible in the proposal of the second year. Please also be informed that adoption of a multi-year proposal does not necessarily indicate nor express APT's commitment to extend financial support for the second year. The provision of support will be made upon the receipts of the interim reports of the first year.

Interested APT members must submit project proposals by completing the Application Form and the Accounting Form, and submit to the APT Secretariat through the APT Members contact point by 31 August 2015 by e-mail: aptict@apt.int or fax no.: +66 2 573 7479 or +66 2 574 4226. The proposals from Affiliate Members should be submitted through the concerned APT Member or Associate Member.

If there is more than one proposal from a Member, we would appreciate if such Member could prioritize the project proposals upon submission. Proposals submitted for last year's selection may be submitted again with the necessary updates. For more information, please see the attached documents or visit APT website at <http://www.apt.int/APTICT>.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary General

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Category J2: Attachment 1 – Scheme of the Programme
 Category J2: Attachment 2 – Application Form
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 List of Experts
 Brunei Darussalam Statement of the Asia-Pacific ICT Ministers on
 Building Smart Digital Economy through ICT

To: All APT Developing Members and Associate Members

cc: All Affiliate Members of Developing Members and Associate Members,
 All Affiliate Members-Japan