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PRESS RELEASE

Asia Pacific Telecommunication and ICT Development Forum Stresses the Power of ICT for Development of Broadband Economies

Asia Pacific Telecommunication and ICT Development Forum (ADF) stressed the important of ICT for development of the broadband economies in APT countries. The key issues of discussion included Policy and Regulation for Broadband Development, Facilitate Effective Convergence of Services, Best Practice on NGN Implementation, Provision of a Secure, Safe and Sustainable Environment through ICT initiatives, and Encourage development of Content and Applications

The ADF, which took place from 18 to 20 May 2010 in Tokyo, Japan, featured 137 delegates from APT Members, Associate Member, Affiliate Members and international organizations. The Forum was organized by APT and hosted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan. The inaugural address was given by Mr. Kensei Hasegawa, Vice- Minister, MIC, Japan.

The Forum also discussed improvement to the network quality of service and provided suggestions and recommendations on the direction of ADF programme to implement the Bali Plan of Action which was adopted at the Asia Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Strengthening Regional Collaboration towards a Broadband Economy in the Asia-Pacific held last year in Bali, Indonesia.

The ADF concluded with the sharing of achievements of the HRD Programme for Exchange of ICT Researchers/Engineers through Collaborative Research and Development and ICT Development Programme for Supporting ICT Pilot Projects in Rural Areas.

For more details, please log on to <http://www.apt.int/2010-ADF>.

About APT

Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) is a leading intergovernmental organization for the development of telecommunications and ICT in the Asia-Pacific region. APT was established by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in May, 1979. APT is headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand. Currently, APT has a strength of 34 State Members, 4 Associate Members and 121 Affiliate Members.