



**Secretary General**

**WELCOME ADDRESS**

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Ms. Zhu Keer and Mr. Le Van Tuan, Vice Chairmen of APT Wireless Group

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning to you all!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-18) in this beautiful city of Kyoto, Japan. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of the Government of Japan for hosting this meeting and providing excellent facility.

We are very honoured by the presence of His Excellency Mr Kassaburo Nishime, State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications at this AWG-18. On behalf of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for taking your time to be with us despite your engagement and busy schedule.

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is the first AWG meeting after I have taken office as the new Secretary General of the APT since 9<sup>th</sup> February this year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Areewan Haorangsi. I have been elected Secretary General by the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the APT which was held in November 2014 in Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all APT Members once again for electing me as Secretary General of the APT and place your trust in me.

I would like to emphasize my intention and commitment to make the APT a community which is accountable and approachable for all by ensuring transparent governance and work efficiency while mobilizing resources and motivating people inside and outside the organization. I believe that through our extended promotion and partnership and especially our engagement with all relevant stakeholders,

the APT will gain more visibility and recognition in the area of ICT/ Telecommunications. I wish to get your full cooperation to fulfill my objectives and goals as Secretary General of the APT.

Distinguished Delegates,

I would like to congratulate and welcome new Chairman and Vice Chairmen of AWG who were elected at the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of AWG in September 2014 at Macao, China.

AWG provides the platform to discuss and share information on emerging radio technologies, stimulate research and development, and promote related telecommunication business within the Asia-Pacific region. AWG also provides regular channels to discuss and study spectrum sharing methodologies, spectrum harmonization and to provide advice that countries can use in frequency band planning.

Since the launch of this AWG (which was called AWF in the past), there are several recommendations and reports being developed. Several reports have been revised recently as needed and some reports are still under development. At AWG-17, the Ad-hoc group was established to undertake several key studies including review of objectives, terms of reference and working methods of the Group to cope with rapidly increasing development of radiocommunication technology and spectrum demands for radiocommunication services in Asia-Pacific region. The Ad-hoc group was also tasked to consider APT reports developed by AWG to convert into APT Recommendations, if necessary. I urge all members to contribute and actively participate in the work of the Ad-hoc group.

I anticipate that with the ITU World Radio Conference being held in late this year, the issues on radiocommunication technologies, services and spectrum being discussed at AWG has grown tremendously in recent AWG activities. I understand that AWG has conducted studies on a number of WRC-15 Agenda Items in response to liaison statements from the APT Preparatory Group (APG). This illustrates the recognized capability and expertise of the experts available in AWG. I sincerely believe that the result of these studies will effectively help APG and APT Members to reach a consensus on development of APT Common Proposals and a number of important issues for the upcoming WRC-15.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The AWG Workshop on Future Mobile Communications (5G) will be held this afternoon. The objective of the workshop is to provide APT members with overview and understanding of on-going activities and initiatives related to future mobile communications (5G). This workshop will include several interesting presentations from key experts as well as a panel discussion. I greatly appreciate the initiative work on 5G taken by this AWG and thank all relevant peoples and the speakers to this workshop. The information from this Workshop will truly benefit all participants.

Before I conclude, allow me once again to gratefully appreciate the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of the Government of Japan for hosting this important meeting and other arrangements including a half day tour (technical visit) in the last day of the meeting.

Finally, on behalf of the APT Secretariat, I assure you that we will do our best to provide support to all participants that require assistance during the meeting. Please do not hesitate to ask us for any assistance that you may need.

I wish you all a successful meeting and enjoy your stay in Kyoto.

Thank you very much.