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Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning to you all!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 20th Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-20) in Bangkok, Thailand. This meeting is hosted by the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT), Thailand. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to MICT, Thailand particularly to Mrs. Songporn Komolsuradej, the Permanent Secretary of MICT for kindly accepting to host this meeting apart from other two APT events for this year. I would also like to sincerely thank Mr. Virasak Kitivat, Principle Advisor for Foreign Affairs, MICT, Thailand, for being here with us to inaugurate this meeting.

Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is heartwarming to see a good number of delegates at this AWG-20. We are having about 210 registered delegates. We have also received nearly 100 contributions for this meeting. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all APT Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members who have make their time for AWG-20 as well as for their contributions. I would also like to thank ITU, particularly Radiocommunication Bureau, for sending their representatives to attend this meeting.

As you are aware, AWG has become one of the most popular platforms of the APT to discuss and share information on the issues related to radiocommunication technologies, services and spectrum related issues. Over the years, the meetings of AWG have achieved significant results by developing important output documents such as Recommendations and Reports on many aspects of the radiocommunication technologies. These have been appreciated and welcomed by the industry and many international fora. The dynamism in the work of AWG has attracted industry stakeholders who are playing a key role in the decision making process of AWG along with the member administrations.

The current work of AWG is important for whole APT members on two aspects. Firstly, it is looking at the outcomes of WRC-15 and taking appropriate regional actions to implement those

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decisions and outcomes of WRC-15. Secondly, it has started to carry out studies on several Agenda Items of WRC-19 in order to facilitate membership to understand the related issues and studies associated with those Agenda Items of WRC-19.

The 1st Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory for WRC-19, held from 26 to 28 July 2016 in Chengdu, People's Republic of China, has requested AWG to carry out studies on technical and operational studies on WRC-19 Agenda Items 1.5, 1.11, 1.12, 1.13, 1.15 and 9.1 (Issues 9.1.1 & 9.1.2) and to inform the outcomes to APG accordingly. I believe AWG has enough capability and expertise to carry out such studies with your cooperation.

For this AWG-20, there are very good number of contributions from members on various work activities of AWG such as proposals to develop harmonized band plan for certain frequency bands for IMT services and PPDR; proposals on fixed wireless systems, wireless power transmission, intelligent transport system, railway radiocommunication system and others. Such good number of contributions really shows your confidence and commitment towards AWG and the APT as a whole.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Early this year, AWG-19 completed the work of internal restructuring of AWG in order to better organize the work. The new structure now in place and will meet accordingly at this AWG-20. I hope this new re-organization will help AWG to manage the activities and continuously develop tangible outcomes.

With regard to the decisions of the 39th Session of the Management Committee of the APT (MC-39), there are some of the issues that we need to consider at this AWG-20. AWG-19 early this year acknowledged the requirements and actions to be taken by AWG and decided to take appropriate actions at this AWG-20.

Furthermore, regarding the Strategic Plan of the APT, MC-39 instructed all Work Programmes to implement the Strategic Actions under the current Strategic Plan for 2015-2017 relevant to each Work Programme and to address issues for the draft Strategic Plan for 2018-2020.

I believe AWG-20 would be able finalize all these issues.

Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The achievement of AWG has always been possible by the effort, dedication, expertise and commitment to AWG works of all of you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continuous support. I would also like to thank the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and all office bearers for the hard work and contribution. I would like to request you all to continue your excellent efforts to maintain AWG in its recognized position in the region. APT Secretariat will provide full assistance and support for your work.

Before I conclude, let me thank again to our host, MICT, Thailand, for the kind support and excellent arrangement. I wish you all a successful meeting and happy stay in Bangkok.

Thank you.