



**REPORTS OF THE
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AND THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE
ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY**

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PART I

REPORT OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

PART I

REPORT OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Beijing, People's Republic of China 12 - 23 November 1990

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Fifth Session of the General Assembly of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity was held concurrently with the Fourteenth Session of the Management Committee in Shangri-la Hotel, Beijing, People's Republic of China, from 12 to 23 November 1990. The meetings were convened and hosted by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Government of People's Republic of China.

2. Attendance

- 2.1 The Session was attended by 115 representatives, alternates and advisors of the following members, associate members, and affiliate members.

21 Members: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Singapore, Republic of Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

1 Associate Member: Hong Kong

14 Affiliate Members: Hong Kong Telecommunication International Limited, Asia Satellite Telecoms Company Limited, Kokusai Denshin Denwa Company Limited, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, Data Communications Corporation, Korea Telecommunication Authority, Korea Mobile Telecommunications Corporation, Eastern Telecommunications Philippines Inc., Globe MacKay Cable and Radio Corporation, Philippines Global Communication, Inc., Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, Philippine Communications Satellite Corporation, The Communications Authority of Thailand, and Telephone Organization of Thailand.

- 2.2 Representatives from United Nations Specialized Agencies attended as observers: International Telecommunication Union and World Meteorological Organization.
- 2.3 A list of the participants is shown in Annex I.

of Posts and Telecommunications, People's Republic of China, H.E. Mr. Zhu Gaofeng welcomed all the participants, before inviting His Excellency Mr. Li Peng, the Premier, People's Republic of China to deliver the Welcome Address to the Meeting. Mr. Zhu mentioned that despite his heavy work schedule, the Premier had spared time to grace the Opening Ceremony showing the great importance he attaches to the development of telecommunications.

- 3.2 The Premier of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Mr. Li Peng extended a warm welcome to all delegates at the Opening Ceremony of the 5th Session of the General Assembly and the 14th Session of the Management Committee.

He further added that telecommunications is an indispensable infrastructure for socio economic development in all countries and a link for international contacts and exchanges which will have a significant impact on advancing social progress and human civilization.

He indicated that China's economy has made rapid progress since it started implementing its policy of reforms and opening up to the outside world in 1980. As a result of its rapid growth, telecommunications has played a key role in promoting the national economic development and social progress. Telecommunications would occupy a prominent position in the future development of China.

He stated that China should not only pay attention to quantity but also stress quality. China should develop technologies such as SPC switching, and optical fibre transmission, microwave, and satellite communications. He pointed out that the Asia Pacific region is full of potential and telecommunications in this region like other industries and undertakings would surely achieve even greater progress in the future.

- 3.3 Mr. Chao Thongma, the Executive Director of the APT then presented a plaque to His Excellency the Prime Minister in honour of the occasion.
- 3.4 His Excellency Mr. Yang Taifang, the Minister for Posts and Telecommunications delivered the Inaugural Address. He extended to all participants a warm welcome to the People's Republic of China. He expressed his thanks to the APT for its efforts and contribution in promoting and developing telecommunications in Asia and Pacific Region.

He said that China started implementing the policy of reforms and opening up to the outside world eleven years ago, and since then very rapid developments have taken place in the field of telecommunications in the country. The traffic volume has grown by an annual average of around 20% and the service income by about 30% per annum. There have been very significant increase in the number of telephone lines. Over 200 cities have IDD service reaching 182 countries and regions in the world. He further said that upto the end of the century and even at the beginning of the next century, China would keep to the policy of coordinated development at a reasonably higher speed than other sectors. By the year 2000, the telecommunication capability and traffic volume will increase by 7 times over that in 1980.

- 3.5 Mr. George F. Maltby, the President of the APT, expressed his satisfaction at the presence of the Premier who had found time despite the many important duties of State to attend the opening ceremony.

He extended his appreciation to the Government of the People's Republic of China for hosting the Meeting. He said that the People's Republic of China has been a Member of the APT since its inception, and has contributed at all levels and in all aspects of the Telecommunity's activities. He then continued that the APT is in its twelfth year of operation and that very considerable progress has been made during the years. As could be seen in the 10th Anniversary Review which was completed in 1989, the APT has wide and strong endorsement by its members.

- 3.6 Dr. Pekka J. Tarjanne, the Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union said he was pleased to have the opportunity of participating in the Meeting and to have personal contact with the APT for the first time since assuming office. He then said that the ITU took pride at having played a constructive role, not only in the establishment of the APT in 1979, but also in its growth and development over its first decade. He noted the many instances of cooperation between the ITU and the APT in recent years, such as joint seminars and the implementation of the UNDP funded project on Regional Telecommunication Planning hosted by the APT.

- 3.7 Mr. Setyanto, the Chairman of the Management Committee of the APT, in his address extended his sincere thanks and gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of China for their kindness for inviting the General Assembly and the Management Committee to Beijing. He also thanked all the delegates for their willingness to join the Meeting and to contribute their views in the process of development and improvement of the APT.

- 3.8 Mr. Chao Thongma, the Executive Director of the APT, extended his heartiest welcome to His Excellency, Mr. Li Peng, the Premier of the People's Republic of China, honoured guests, and all delegates to the Meeting. He said that the presence of the Premier is a clear affirmation of China's support for the objectives of the Telecommunity. He thanked His Excellency Mr. Yang Taifang, Minister for Posts and Telecommunications for his full support and contributions towards the hosting of the Meeting. He welcomed the new members namely, Lao PDR, Asia Satellite Telecommunications Co. Ltd., Hutchison Telecommunications Ltd., Korea Mobile Telecommunications Corporation, and the Capitol Wireless Inc.
- 3.9 He expressed his gratitude to the President of the APT, and to the Chairman of the Management Committee for their invaluable contributions and support towards the work of the APT for the past years. He reported the achievements made by the APT during the three years period. He thanked all the members, international organizations and other organizations for their generous support and contributions which made it possible for the APT to implement all the work assigned by the Management Committee.
- 3.10 He urged all members and friends to extend their wholehearted cooperation in pledging more extra-budgetary contributions and assistance in order to take up the increased responsibilities in the implementation of the work programmes for the coming year.
- 3.11 Full Addresses are attached as Annex II.

4. Opening of the Session of the General Assembly

- 4.1 After having confirmation from the Executive Director on the actual participation of representatives from 18 member countries, and ensuring that the quorum had been attained as required by the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure, Mr. George F. Maltby, the President of the General Assembly gave a short opening address. He extended a warm welcome to all the distinguished delegates - Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members as well as observers from the ITU and WMO and other organizations.
- 4.2 He expressed once again his sincere thanks and great appreciation to the Government of People's Republic of China for the warm welcome and excellent hospitality extended to all delegates, observers and their families.

- 4.3 Thereafter one minute's silence was observed in memory of Mr. Severo G. Juan, former Vice-President for Engineering, Philippines Global Communications who passed away on 28 October 1987.

II. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND TWO VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE APT (APT/GA-5/2)

5. The Executive Director presented Document No. APT/GA-5/2, informing the Assembly that the President and the two Vice Presidents would be completing their first term and that in accordance with Article 8, Paragraph 7 of the Constitution of the APT, "The General Assembly shall elect a President and two Vice-Presidents at each ordinary session from among the representatives of the Members of the Telecommunity," and "they shall be eligible for election for a further term to any of these offices".
- 5.1 The out-going President therefore invited nomination for the post of President and two Vice Presidents for the next three year period.
- 5.2 The Delegate of Thailand proposed Mr. Wang Zhanning of the People's Republic of China for the post of President of APT. The Delegates from Lao PDR, Japan, the Philippines, Islamic Republic of Iran, Australia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and the Republic of Korea supported the nomination of Mr. Wang as President of the APT.
- 5.3 The Delegates from Maldives and the Philippines proposed Mr. A.E. De Z. Gunasekera from Sri Lanka, and Mr. Mohamed Ali Yusoff from Malaysia for the posts of Vice Presidents of the APT. The Delegates from Indonesia, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Thailand and the People's Republic of China supported the re-nomination of Mr. Yusoff as Vice President; and the Delegates from Australia, Thailand and the People's Republic of China supported the nomination of Mr. Gunasekera as Vice President of the APT.
- 5.4 The Assembly then proceeded to officially elect by acclamation Mr. Wang Zhanning of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Mohamed Ali Yusoff of Malaysia and Mr. Gunasekera of Sri Lanka as its President and two Vice Presidents respectively.
- 5.5 The newly elected President, Mr. Wang Zhanning, thanked the delegates for the honour bestowed on China and on himself by electing him as President of the APT.

APT, for their outstanding leadership and achievements made as from the Fourth Session of the General Assembly. He added that he would do his best to accomplish this challenging task.

- 5.6 Mr. Mohamed Ali Yusoff, the newly re-elected Vice President sincerely thanked all the delegates for nominating him for another term. He hoped that he would be able to perform the duties for the fulfillment of the objectives of the Telecommunity and for the benefits of the member countries.
- 5.7 Mr. Gunasekera, the newly elected Vice President expressed his sincere appreciation for the confidence placed in him in electing him as Vice President. He said that he would do his best to work as a team and that he wished to see that the work programme is implemented successfully.
- 5.8 Mr. Chao Thongma, the Executive Director of the APT, extended his sincere congratulations to the newly elected President and the two Vice Presidents and said that the APT Secretariat is looking forward for their leadership to guide the APT to further success. He then paid tribute to Mr. Maltby, the outgoing President and on behalf of the APT, Mr. Chao presented a plaque in appreciation of his outstanding services contributed to the Telecommunity.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. Adoption of Agenda

- 6.1 The President invited comments on the Provisional Agenda. It was adopted without modification, as given in Annex III.
- 6.2 Election of Chairman of the Drafting Committee

The Executive Director proposed Mr. Florentino Ampil of the Philippines to be the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and Mr. Ampil was elected by acclamation.

Subsequently, Mr. Ampil had to return to the Philippines urgently. In his absence, Mr. John Braakhuis from Australia was requested to head the Drafting Committee.

**IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE APT DURING 1987-1990
(APT/GA-5/4)**

7. In presenting the paper to the General Assembly, the Executive Director highlighted the activities of the APT during the period 1987-1990, particularly the following: The joining of new members, celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the APT, the Review of the APT, Seminars and Meetings held jointly with International and other Organizations, Expert Missions and Training Programmes.
- 7.1 The Delegates from the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka, while thanking the Executive Director and his staff for the achievements made during the past years, mentioned that their Administrations also issued commemorative stamps on the 1st of July 1989.
- 7.2 The Delegate of Japan pointed out that although there was an increase in the activities of the APT, there was a shortfall in the expert missions.
- 7.3 The Executive Director explained that the reasons for lesser number of expert missions were due to (i) non availability of experts for the particular region or in the particular field during the desired timeframe; (ii) inability of some administrations to release experts in the projected time; (iii) delay in acceptance of the proposals by the host country and (iv) financial constraints.
- 7.4 The Executive Director further requested that the developed countries assist the APT by offering the services of experts for implementing expert missions.
- 7.5 The Delegate from Australia congratulated the APT on its achievements in the implementation of the work programme over the last 3 years, particularly in view of the budget constraints within the organization.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL
POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES FOR THE
FULFILLMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES
OF THE TELECOMMUNITY DURING 1991-93
(APT/GA-5/5)**

8. The Executive Director presented the paper and briefly gave an outline on the general policies and principles guiding the overall plan of action to be followed by the APT during the next 3 years to achieve its objectives in terms of Article 2 of the Constitution.

- 8.2 The Delegate from Republic of Korea pointed out that the APT should play a major role in the matters concerning policies and deregulation.
- 8.3 The Delegate of Australia was strongly supportive of the inclusion of such policy issues as deregulation and the Group Negotiations on Services under GATT in the document but indicated that the APT's role was to exchange information and discuss these issues, leaving individual countries to decide on their final position in relation to these matters.
- 8.4 The Delegate from the Philippines suggested that in view of the APT's increasing role in the region and also in view of the greater importance of concentrating on management aspects, the following additions may be made in para 5.1 of the document:
- Management: Managing change in a rapidly changing world of telecommunications; privatization; financing the telecommunications development in developing countries.
- 8.5 The Delegate from Japan also shared the views and suggested the APT should also develop a mechanism for the dissemination of information on various aspects of telecommunications.
- 8.6 The Executive Director informed the members that the present resources of the APT are not adequate enough for collecting and disseminating information on various aspects of telecommunications. However, the establishment and enhancement of the APTEL database would fulfil the requirement to some extent. He also requested the member countries, particularly the developed countries, to send information to the APT Secretariat for further use.
- 8.7 The Executive Director mentioned that 3 issues of the APT Journal have already been printed and it has created considerable interest among the members.
- 8.8 The General Assembly adopted the document taking note of these comments.

**VI. CONSIDERATION OF THE BASIS
FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF
TELECOMMUNITY AND DETERMINATION
OF LIMITS OF ANNUAL EXPENDITURE
UNTIL THE FISCAL YEAR 1993
(APT/GA-5/6)**

9. The Executive Director presented the Document No. APT/GA-5/6.
- 9.1 The Delegate of Japan proposed that the contents of the document might be noted and subsequently discussed in detail in the Management Committee Meeting.
- 9.2 The Document was presented by the Executive Director who informed the Assembly that the matter had already been discussed in the Working Group on Budget and also in the Plenary of the Management Committee. He briefly described the salient features of the proposals contained in relevant documents.
- 9.3 The Delegate of Indonesia referred to Doc. GA-5/6 Rev. 6 Annex I, Item C.10 and enquired whether the expenses on the ITU Project would be borne by the APT or by the ITU/UNDP Project Funds. He also wished to know the increase in the figures under Head 'A' Item for 1993.
- 9.4 The Executive Director explained that the APT as a host institution provides 3 counterpart staff to the ITU project until the end of 1991 with the understanding that the project would be self financing by 1992. He also mentioned that the increase in 'A' Item for the year 1993 was due to the additional expenditure to be incurred upon joining of a new Executive Director.
- 9.5 The Delegate of Indonesia also enquired why the salaries of ITU Project Staff were not included under 'A' Item instead of 'C' Item. If so, the percentage of 'A' Item would become higher than the 'C' Item.
- 9.6 The Executive Director said that the Management Committee had agreed to include the expenses of the ITU Project under Item 'C' as it considered it to be part of the Work Programme of the APT.
- 9.7 The Delegate of Australia said that by its nature it is purely a project under Work Programme and not concerned with the administration of the APT. Therefore it had been decided to include the database project under Item 'C' of the budget and that this had been endorsed and approved by the Management Committee for 1991.

the host facilities are always provided.

- 9.9 In response to the Delegate of Australia, the Delegate of Philippines pointed out that as the Assembly had to decide the limits of expenditure for 1991-1993, it was necessary to go into detail on the proposed expenditure so that firm decisions could be made on the amount of pledges which would be solicited from the membership.
- 9.10 The President mentioned that the matter had been already discussed in detail in the Management Committee and had been approved by the Management Committee.
- 9.11 After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Setyanto, the Chairman of the Management Committee suggested to include a note under the appropriate Annex to accommodate the view of the Philippines Delegation.
- 9.12 The General Assembly then agreed that the limits for expenditure from the regular budget for 1991, 1992 and 1993 should be US\$1,014,970, US\$1,030,110 and US\$1,208,000 respectively.

**VII. PLEDGING OF CONTRIBUTIONS
BY MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS
FOR THE NEXT THREE YEAR BUDGET
OF THE TELECOMMUNITY
(APT/GA-5/7)**

10. The Executive Director presented the Document No. APT/GA-5/7 on the Pledging of Contributions by the membership for the next three years 1991, 1992, and 1993.
- 10.1 The pledging was made during the Heads of Delegations Meeting and it was agreed unanimously that the unit cost of contributions for the three years period, 1991, 1992, and 1993 should be increased, in each year by not more than 10% of the previous year's level of contribution.
- 10.2 There was subsequent agreement that members would pledge an increase of 10% in the level of unit contribution in 1991.
- 10.3 The members confirmed their pledged contributions, with reservations, as shown in Annex IV.

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VIII. CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE PROVISION OF THE APT CONSTITUTION, IF ANY (APT/GA-5/8)

11. The Executive Director presented a paper on Proposal to enlarge Affiliate Membership. This paper was noted and referred to the Management Committee for discussion.
- 11.1 The paper was then further discussed in the General Assembly.
- 11.2 The majority of the members felt that if they agreed to the proposal, it would involve an amendment to the Constitution, and that they needed more time to examine the implications which might arise from these changes.
- 11.3 It was observed by the Delegate from Australia that there was another recommendation in the report of the Special Working Party on the same matter and both these proposals would have to be considered simultaneously. After considerable discussion, it was decided that since the proposal would have far reaching effects on the composition of the APT it was required to be studied in detail. The SWP was requested to undertake this study in consultation with members. However with a view to deciding the issue urgently, it was suggested that an Extra-Ordinary Session of the General Assembly be convened concurrently with the Management Committee. The members unanimously decided that an Extra-Ordinary Session of the General Assembly should be called concurrently with the 15th Session of the Management Committee to discuss the matter.
- 11.4 The General Assembly also agreed in principle that there should be an expansion in the number of Affiliate Members of the APT, and left it to the Special Working Party (in consultation with Member Administrations) to prepare a revised definition of Affiliate Membership which would be recommended to the Extra-Ordinary Session of the General Assembly to be convened at the time of 15th MC in 1991.

IX. HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH THE HOST COUNTRY (APT/GA-5/9.1)

12. The Executive Director presented the Document No. APT/GA-5/9.1 on the Headquarters' Agreement with the Royal Government of Thailand.
- 12.1 The Delegate from Thailand informed the members that the Royal Government of Thailand is considering the draft proposal.

- 12.2 The President expressed his opinion that as it is very important, the Executive Director should take up the matter with the Government and expedite the draft agreement as soon as possible.

**X. AGREEMENT WITH MEMBERS
AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
(APT/GA-5/9.2)**

13. In presenting the Document No. APT/GA-5/9.2 on the Status of Agreement with Members and Associate Members, the Executive Director explained that several members have yet to accord to the APT, privileges and immunities of the United Nations Convention of 1946. He would therefore appeal to the members through the General Assembly to expedite the matter.
- 13.1 There being no other discussion, the President requested that the Administrations concerned take note and endeavour to expedite the finalization of the agreements, and that the Secretariat should write to member countries seeking their co-operation in this matter.

**XI. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT
OF THE REVIEW OF THE APT
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
TENTH ANNIVERSARY
(APT/GA-5/10)**

14. In introducing the report on behalf of the Special Working Party, Mr. Mohamed Ali Yusoff reminded the Meeting of the 10th Anniversary Review Report presented by the SWP to the 13th Session of the Management Committee Meeting in Manila. A number of the recommendations of the review report were agreed at that Meeting but there were also decisions taken as to what further work was needed to be undertaken on specific recommendations before they could be implemented.
- 14.1 The Management Committee's attention was drawn to the agreed record of the 13th Meeting in Manila pertaining to pages 154-162, which highlighted some of these recommendations. The SWP had made further recommendations on these items so they could be implemented.

- 14.2 With respect to the Review of Scope of membership, a paper had been sent to every Member, Associate Member and Affiliate Member. The paper presented two main options; a fund raising strategy involving Constitutional change or a fund raising strategy involving no Constitutional amendment. After reviewing the responses from the APT membership to the end of October 1990, the SWP recommended that Option 1 be rejected except for the area dealing with Affiliate Members, and that Option 2 be accepted in its entirety.
- 14.3 It had been agreed by the 13th Management Committee that a Consultant be engaged to review the efficiency and effectiveness of the APT Secretariat. The SWP in conjunction with the Secretariat employed a Consultancy Firm A.T. Kearney to carry out the review in 1990. Some of the Consultant's recommendations could be implemented immediately if agreed. Others needed further work before being implemented and the General Assembly decided that the SWP undertake this work and provide firm recommendations to the 15th Management Committee. Those recommendations for further work included the phasing out of the post of the Deputy Executive Director, the restructuring of the Secretariat and the detailed position descriptions and selection criteria for professional staff.
- 14.4 In regard to queries raised by the Delegate of the Philippines concerning the employment of the Consultant, the Executive Director said that according to the terms of reference drawn up by the SWP, a Consultant was engaged at a cost of US\$15,000 and that this cost had been met through contributions by Australia and Japan (Australia-US\$9,000 and Japan-US\$6,000). He said that he did not get involved with the contents of the Report for the sake of having an independent assessment.
- 14.5 The Delegate of the Philippines commented on the proposal to phase out the post of Deputy Executive Director. He said that if the Executive Director's post falls vacant due to some reasons, the Deputy Executive Director should take up the duties of ED. But if the DED post is abolished, there would be difficulties in the absence of the Executive Director.
- 14.6 The Delegate of Australia indicated that the concern of the Philippines would be addressed by the SWP in its consideration of this matter.
- 14.7 Those SWP recommendations suitable for implementation were referred to the Management Committee for discussion. After further deliberations by the 14th Management Committee, a series of recommendations were prepared for consideration by the General Assembly. These recommendations were adopted under Agenda Item 11 of the General Assembly (see below).

15. The General Assembly agreed to adopt the following recommendations of the SWP for the 10th Anniversary Review which were referred from the Management Committee.

(a) That the following criteria be used to establish priorities for the policy and principles document

(i) applicability region wide ie of benefit/interest to the largest number of members

(ii) narrows the gap between developing and developed countries in the region - in planning and policy development as well as in technological and manpower skills training areas

(iii) cost effectiveness

(b) That the APT take account of the proposal currently before the ESCAP Committee of Transport and Communications (meeting 17-21 December 1990) and work closely with ESCAP, ITU, and ADB to develop a country - specific approach to development of the Work Programme.

- the ESCAP proposal focuses on country reviews on structural adjustment issues (economic policy questions), by a joint APT, ESCAP, ITU, and Asian Development Bank Team. This should be combined with consultative reviews of training and research and development needs in the telecommunications sector.

- An appropriate determination for distribution from the general Budget between country-specific and APT-wide activities in the work programme is within the range of 40-50% for country-specific and 50-60% for APT-wide activities. This relates to budgetary, not to extra-budgetary, contributions.

(c) That to fulfill this requirement of a 3 year cycle, a 2 year work-plan be agreed to at the end of 1991, and that at the next General Assembly in 1993, 3 year work-plans be instituted.

- Policy and Principle documents will thus need to be for a three year time frame also.

- (d) That the following criteria be applied with respect to training: preference be given to those courses which:
- train "trainers"
 - are based within the region
 - offer training on topics defined by the policy and principles document
 - are practical, relevant and useful to a wide cross section of APT members
 - fulfill the priority needs of member countries.
- (e) That the APT Secretariat undertake to advertise to members those courses which fulfill these criteria
- (f) That the APT Secretariat establish procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of the various activities in the Work Programme, to be approved at the 15th MC and implemented thereafter.
- for example, these procedures might consist of a questionnaire circulated to countries some time after a course, study visit, expert placement or seminar, asking for specific feedback on the "flow on" effects of a particular activity.
- (g) That the Secretariat institute, on an annual basis, a mid-year meeting of the CCC, in Bangkok, to examine in depth the upcoming work-programmes and priorities for all relevant organizations in the region in order to avoid duplication, coordinate activities and maximise scarce resources.
- the first of these meetings could also examine the existing charter and practice of the CCC and suggest further improvements, for adoption at the 15th MC.
- (h) That the Executive Director, in addition to consulting with the DED, would also consult among the Chairman and 2 Vice Chairmen, where substantial deviations from the Budget were required; or when decisions on extra work programme items had to be made between MC meetings, and also
- (i) As part of a fund-raising strategy:
1. countries outside the region be invited to attend seminars as paying participants, and that the Secretariat be guided on an appropriate scale of fees for seminars and exhibitions by the Host Administration.
 2. countries and organisations outside the region be invited to participate in trade exhibits which could be held concurrently with APT seminars and forums on a paying

year. However, the Executive Director, if permitted, using the consultative process with the Deputy Executive Director, the Chairman of the Management Committee and the two Vice Chairmen to arrange additional seminars, taking into account existing commitments and staff resources to ensure that they are not over stretched.

(k) That:

(i) the UN system shall remain the basis of APT professional salary scales, without limitation of post adjustment;

(ii) the SWP prepare for consideration and adoption by the MC detailed criteria and detailed position descriptions for professional positions, that these be used in the selection process, and that consultation take place before final selection; and

(iii) the SWP report to the MC for decision additional proposals for re-structuring of the Secretariat, a review of administrative salaries, performance evaluation of staff, and MC meeting dates, noting views expressed at GA5 and MC14 and the views expressed by the Consultant.

(l) that the Secretariat circulate to possible donor Administrations requests for technical assistance six weeks prior to MC Meetings.

XIII. PROPOSED REVISION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING MODIFICATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE QUORUM FROM TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY TO ONE HALF OR SIMPLE MAJORITY (APT/GA-5/12)

16. The Document No. APT/GA-5/12 was presented by the Executive Director.

16.1 The Delegate of India was in favour of a two-thirds majority as it would encourage the members to participate in the Meetings. Also, as the decision making process in the APT is by consensus, more participants are therefore required to attend the Meetings.

- 16.2 The Delegate of Indonesia said that earlier his Administration has supported a two-thirds majority. However, considering further that potential new APT members would now be small countries and territories, Indonesia was concerned about their possible difficulties in participating in the MC and General Assembly Meetings in the future. Indonesia would therefore could go along with the simple majority.
- 16.3 The Delegate of Australia also supported the amendment to a simple majority.
- 16.4 The Delegate of the Philippines was against the changing of the Constitution. He felt that important decisions should be made by a greater number of members in order to reflect the consensus views of the region. Also the APT should make every effort to ensure wider participation of members. Reducing the representation at meetings would also reduce the voice of the region proportionately.
- 16.5 The Delegates from Japan, Republic of Korea and Lao PDR supported the views of the Philippines.
- 16.6 After detailed deliberations on this matter, it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Extra Ordinary Session of the General Assembly which is being convened to discuss the issue of Affiliate Membership-in conjunction with the 15th Management Committee in 1991.
- 16.7 The SWP was also asked to consider this matter as part of its work for 1991.

**XIV. ANY OTHER ITEMS PROPOSED BY
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PRESIDENT, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE TELECOMMUNITY
(APT/GA-5/14)**

17. The Executive Director presented the Proposal for including an Article on Elected Officials and Appointed Staff of the APT in the Constitution.
- 17.1 The General Assembly decided that this matter might be discussed in the next Ordinary Session of the General Assembly.

**XV. DATE AND VENUE
OF THE NEXT ORDINARY SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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18. As there was no proposal for hosting the next General Assembly by any Member Administration, it was agreed to decide the date and venue of the next General Assembly at the 15th Management

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ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE
FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND
FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

BY H.E. MR ZHU GAOFENG, VICE-MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

12 NOVEMBER 1990

Ladies and Gentlemen and Friends,

1. The Opening Ceremony of the APT's 5th Session of the General Assembly and the 14th Session of the Management Committee now begins.

In addition to the delegates from member countries, associate and affiliate members and specially invited guests, Dr. Tarjanne, Secretary General of ITU and UNDP representative in Beijing are also present at this ceremony.

Present here on the Chinese side are His Excellency Premier Li Peng of the State Council, His Excellency Mr. Yang Taifang, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications. His Excellency Mr. Tian Zhenpai, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and leading members of different departments and bureaus of the MPT and other relevant Ministry.

2. First of all, Premier Li Peng is invited to present his greetings. Premier Li Peng has come to our meeting and presented his greetings in spite of his heavy work schedule. This shows the great importance he attaches to the development of telecommunications. Let us once again express to him our sincere thanks.
3. I now invite Mr. Yang Taifang, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications to deliver his opening speech.
4. I now invite Mr. Maltby, Chairman of the 4th Session of APT General Assembly to address the meeting.
5. Dr. Tarjanne, Secretary-General of ITU is invited to give his remarks.
6. I now give the floor to Mr. Setyanto, Chairman of the 14th Session of the Management Committee.
7. I now invite Mr. Chao Thongma, APT Executive Director to take the floor.
8. We have now come to the end of the Opening Ceremony.

Please let the gentlemen on the platform leave first, other delegates are kindly requested to wait for a moment.

The APT Executive Director will make an announcement.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Friends and Comrades,

It is my great pleasure to attend today's meeting. First of all, please allow me, on behalf of the Chinese Government and on my own behalf, to extend my warm congratulations on the opening of the 5th Session of the APT's General Assembly and the 14th Session of the Management Committee and express my warm welcome to all the delegates and guests to Beijing.

Telecommunications is an indispensable infrastructure for socio-economic development in all countries and a link of international contacts and exchanges, having a significant impact on advancing social progress and human civilization. Since the beginning of the 1980s when China started implementing the policy of reform and opening up to the outside world, our national economy has made rapid progress; education, science, culture and other undertakings have developed vigorously; the people's living standard has been markedly improved and the modernization drive has made great achievements. As a result of its rapid growth, the telecommunications has played a key role in promoting the national economic development and social progress and increasing our friendship and cooperation with the countries all over the world.

At present, China's economic development is at a crucial period. We are, through summing up the experiences in the development over the past ten years, drawing up the next five-year-plan and the development plan for the decade to come. The Chinese government will continuously and unswervingly carry out the reform and open-up policy initiated by Comrade Deng Xiaoping. Telecommunications will occupy a prominent position in the future development. We should not only pay attention to quantity, but also stress quality. With regard to switching technologies, we should develop SPC; whereas in terms of transmission, not only microwave, but also optical fibre and satellite communications should be developed at the same time. I believe, the next decade will be a period in which China's telecommunications will flourish at a tremendous speed.

Ladies and Gentlemen, friends and comrades,

The Asia-Pacific region is a very important region in which reside over half of the world's industrious and ingenious people. There are many developing countries in this region, and the regional economic development is growing with full vigor. This is a region full of hopes. The telecommunications in the region, like other industries and undertakings, will surely achieve greater progress in development.

Today, we gather here in Beijing to discuss the major issues of P and T development in our region. I am convinced that the outcome of this meeting will make an even greater impact on the P and T development in the Asian-Pacific region.

The delegates are welcome to take this opportunity of attending the sessions to go sightseeing and make visits in Beijing and other places in China. I wish all the delegates a happy stay in China.

I wish the meeting all success.

Thank you.

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Respected delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The 5th Session of the General Assembly and the 14th Session of the Management Committee of the APT opens today. First of all, please allow me to extend a warm welcome to all the delegates and friends attending the sessions on behalf of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of China.

Eleven years have elapsed since the founding of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity in 1979. During this time and with the fast advance of the technology in the world's telecommunications, profound changes have taken place in the field of the Asia-Pacific telecommunications as a whole. It is also during this eleven years that the APT has done a lot of fruitful work in promoting the cooperation in telecommunications between countries in the region. China as a member country of the APT would like to take this opportunity to express its gratitude to the APT for its efforts and contribution in promoting and developing telecommunications in Asia-Pacific region.

Respected delegates,

It is also in the past eleven years that China has implemented the policy of reform and opening-up to the outside world. During these years, our government, regarding posts and telecommunications as the infrastructure of the national economy, has set great store by its development and adopted a series of preferential policies which have greatly expedited the development of telecommunications. In these years, the P and T traffic volume has grown by an annual average of around 20%, and the average annual increase in the service income about 30% with the international P and T services making up half of the annual increases, thus giving rise to a favourable situation of sustained and stable development. With regard to telecommunications, by the end of 1989, the capacity of long-distance telephone exchanges has gone up to 350 thousand lines, an increase of 25.4 times over that in 1978. Today, more than 600 cities have entered the automatic toll switching network; over 200 cities have IDD service reaching 182 countries and regions in the world; a public automatic telegraph switching network has been formed; 160 cities have developed radio paging systems; at different points of time, mobile communication, telex and fax, data retrieval electronic mail and other new services have been made available.

Up to the end of the century and even the beginning of the next century, with telecommunications China will keep to the policy of "Coordinated development at a reasonably higher speed than other sectors" and continue to make big efforts in increasing the telecommunication capacity and services. By the year 2,000, the telecommunication capability and traffic volume will rise by 7 times over that in 1980. The main targets of telecommunication development are: increase the number of telephone sets to 33.6 million, pushing the density to 2.8% (10% in cities, 1% in the countryside); automate the national telecommunication network and equip nearly every town above county level with automatic toll telephones; widely introduce digital fibre optic, satellite, microwave and other means of communication between major cities; set up wide band video transmission network, provide new services such as video conference, video telephone, high speed facsimile, image transmission, etc. and link up with foreign data banks. To fulfil the above targets, we will firmly implement the policy of reform and opening-up to the outside world, while relying on our own efforts to develop telecommunications, continue to enhance our friendly cooperation with all the international telecommunication organizations including APT, with the administrations responsible for telecommunications and telecommunication enterprises of various countries, in an effort to speed up the modernization drive in telecommunications in China.

Dear Friends,

The world today has entered the information era. Telecommunications acting as the main shaft of transmitting and processing information play an ever-growing part in socio-economic development in all countries. It has been borne out by facts that advanced telecommunications can bear remarkable socio-economic benefits. It is not only an yardstick for measuring the level of socio-economic development in a country or a region, but also the promoter and catalyst for economic development and social progress in developing countries. Judging from the trend of the technological development of telecommunications in the world today, the future telecommunication network being automatic, intelligent, digitalized and comprehensive at the same time, will provide faster and better channels of information than that provided by telephone networks. Such situation, as Premier Li Peng just said, presents both challenges and opportunities to the Asian-Pacific region which possesses 55% of world's population, but only 17% of the telephone sets, especially to the countries with a relatively weak foundation. I believe that we need through this meeting further promote the cooperation and exchanges between us and work hard for the faster development of telecommunications both in our own countries and the Asian-Pacific region as a whole. It is of great significance that we all gather here in Beijing to discuss in a spirit of "Unity, Consultation and Development" the important issues of the telecommunication development in our region and work out the guidelines and policies governing the APT development in the coming decade. Therefore, I wholeheartedly wish our meeting every success. Winter is around the corner in Beijing. Usually, we have bright sunshine, but perhaps sometimes we may also see joyous snow flakes. I do hope that friends will spend more time

from the meeting looking around and make yourselves as comfortable

Your Excellency, The Honourable Prime Minister of
the People's Republic of China, Mr Li Peng,

Other Distinguished Representatives of the Host Government,

Dr Pekka Tarjanne, the Secretary General of the International
Telecommunication Union,

The Representatives of the Member and Associate Member Countries
of the APT,

The Affiliate Members,

The Representatives of the Specialised Agencies and other
Organizations,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

First let me express the particular satisfaction of the
Telecommunity that you Mr Prime Minister have found time despite
the many important claims on your time to attend this opening of
the Fifth Session of the Assembly and to address us.

It is also my great pleasure and privilege to welcome you all
to this Fifth General Assembly. I make special mention of new
members who have joined since the Fourth General Assembly in
Sydney, Australia. Thus, I extend my special welcome to the
Representative of the Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic which became
a full Member on 19 November 1989, and to the Communications
Authority of Thailand and the Telephone Organization of Thailand,
the Asia Satellite Telecommunications Company, Hutchinson
Telecommunications Limited Hong Kong, Korea Mobile
Telecommunications Corporation and Capital Wireless of the
Philippines who have joined as Affiliate Members.

Most importantly, on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity
I wish to express thanks and appreciation to the Government of the
Peoples' Republic of China for hosting this Fifth General Assembly
and Fourteenth Meeting of the Management Committee in this the most
populated country in the world. The Peoples' Republic of China has
been a Member of the APT since its inauguration, and has
contributed at all levels and in all aspects of the Telecommunity's
activities. The hosting of these meetings shows the continuing
interest and support by the Peoples' Republic of the Telecommunity.
Special thanks must be extended to the Ministry of Posts and
Telecommunications for the excellent facilities and arrangements
made for our meetings and for the planning and hard work to ensure
their successful completion.

APT is now in its twelfth year of operation following its establishment in July 1979. Very considerable progress has been made in these years. As shown by the 10th Anniversary Review which was completed in 1989 the APT has wide and strong endorsement by its members. It is of considerable satisfaction to me that the Review has been carefully considered and that many of its recommendations have already been implemented. Additional recommendations of the Special Working Parties are to be considered at these meetings here in Beijing.

Telecommunications throughout the region are expanding and changing at such an increasing pace that the APT must adapt and change to meet the challenges ahead. In order to attract the funds which are required if APT is to meet those challenges, serious thought needs to be given to the possibility of broadening the membership beyond what is permitted in the present Constitution, for example to enable affiliate membership by entities sponsored by Members but not necessarily common carriers, and to examine ways of attracting new sources of revenue from non-members.

The needs of the region are so great and increasing, that no effort should be spared to ensure that services delivered by the Telecommunity to developing members are maximised.

The APT has been fortunate in attracting support on a generous scale from its Member Governments and entities. I need only to mention the generosity of the Royal Government of Thailand in providing the headquarters buildings in Bangkok and of the Peoples' Republic of China in hosting these meetings. However, it would take too much of your time to record here the many contributions by other Members over the years.

APT has also enjoyed excellent and fruitful relations with other international organizations. Our parent organizations, the ITU and ESCAP, continue this tradition along with many other organizations, many of them represented here today.

The Telecommunity has the loyal support of its Secretariat under the wise guidance of its Executive Director, Mr Chao Thongma, now in his second term. I am sure that the recommendations to be considered at this meeting to strengthen the Secretariat even more will receive your close attention during the meetings.

Collaboration between the Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members, the International Organizations and the Secretariat has resulted in the success of the Telecommunity. A firm foundation has been established for further success at these sessions. I am sure that continued collaboration by all parties will result in an excellent outcome of the Beijing Assembly and Management Committee Meeting.

Thank you.

12 NOVEMBER 1990

Mr President,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am deeply honoured to have the privilege of addressing this joint Session of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity General Assembly and Management Committee in my capacity as Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union. I am particularly pleased to be with you in Beijing on this occasion as it provides me with a unique opportunity to personally contact, for the first time since assuming office, many distinguished personalities from the Telecommunication Administrations of the Region. However, it is not my intention to speak to you from a formal perspective, but rather to exchange views on what I see as certain key issues relevant to the development of telecommunications in the region as well as to look at the future from the viewpoint of more active collaboration between our two organizations.

APT is not new to me; indeed, I had the pleasure of visiting its headquarters in Bangkok in 1988. Even at that time, I was highly impressed with its work programme and its role as an effective regional forum. Over the 12 years of its existence, the APT has evolved into an influential regional organization, fully in accord with the objectives set out in Article 32 of the Nairobi Convention, with activities in a variety of fields directed to faster development and the better operation of telecommunication services in the region. Looking back over these years, the ITU takes pride at having played a constructive role, not only in the establishment of the APT in 1978, but also in its growth and strengthening over its first decade.

There have been many opportunities for cooperation between the ITU and the APT in recent years. The results of this cooperation are to be seen in the successful implementation of a number of seminars, including those on Telecommunication Planning, Mobile Satellite Communication, Network Management and Global Maritime Distress Safety Services. Additionally, the Union was called upon to contribute to a number of APT conducted seminars.

Since 1987, the ITU has been involved in the implementation of the UNDP-funded project on Regional Telecommunication Planning hosted by the APT and located at its headquarters in Bangkok. Establishment of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunication Network (APTEL) Database and its various application tools is a remarkable achievement of this project. The data stored in the database relate to network configuration, traffic, circuits, exchange capacity, subscribers and waiters, telecommunication investment and socio-economic information. The purpose of the APTEL database is to provide an efficient tool for cost-effective planning and development of the telecommunication infrastructure in the region as well as to facilitate an optimal use of the existing network. Comprehensive applications software has been developed and integrated in the database in order to allow easy access and use of the stored data and facilitate updating. The APTEL database, in its present stage of development, includes software tools like forecasting and costing models for telecommunication planning, costing of services, tariff setting and evaluation of planning options, as well as a path search and traffic routing evaluation system for international telecommunication planning and network management.

In addition to the central APTEL database, APTEL nodes have been installed in individual participating countries. These nodes enable the countries to capture and validate data at source and provide access for data entry, retrieval and processing. They also function as stand-alone database of the country on costs, accounting rates and financial information necessary for negotiations of traffic routing. When fully operational, the information system, developed by the project, will go a long way in promoting linkages between the countries, optimizing the flow of international traffic, facilitating the improvement of services and assuring a better return on investments. Above all, it holds the promise of becoming a potential source of information to the planners in the national administrations throughout the region.

The main objective of the project to establish the institutional arrangements within APT to function as a focal point for regional telecommunication planning and to take over the responsibility of collection, storage and dissemination of data will be realized by the end of this year, when the UNDP/ITU support to the project is expected to terminate. I have noted that the agenda of your meeting includes a discussion on the outcome of this project, as well as the options for self-financing and other measures necessary for future operation and maintenance of the APTEL Information System. It is my hope that this meeting will succeed in making adequate budgetary provisions for post-project operation of the database, thus assuring the availability of this valuable information source to the region on a continuing basis. It is equally necessary that the countries extend their full cooperation to the APT in subsequent updating of the APTEL Database and take steps to maximize the use of its powerful programmes to improve the efficiency of the national networks.

variations, with many of the less developed countries having a telephone density of less than 0.6 telephones per hundred persons. Yet it includes some of the fastest growing sub-regions in the world. Most of the developing countries in the region have already opted for advanced digital technologies which hold the promise of faster and more efficient flows of information within and outside the region. The technological progress being made and the resulting changes call for even more vigorous technical cooperation at the international level. In the face of these developments, one can readily see the need for greater involvement by ITU as well as APT. I see a more dynamic role for both of our organizations in this changing environment to expand telecommunications in Asia and the Pacific.

As you are aware, a major decision of the Nice Plenipotentiary Conference was the creation of the Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT). A new organ entrusted with the task of strengthening and accelerating telecommunication development. The bureau, which came into existence earlier this year, is being organized on the basis of an interim structure approved at the last session of the ITU Administrative Council in June this year. The structure foresees a stronger presence of the Union in the field, with regional offices supported by a number of area officers in each region. The regional office for Asia and the Pacific will be located in Bangkok. Negotiations for the provision of host facilities for the office are already in progress, and I expect the office to be operational as soon as the arrangements in regard to the availability of the required facilities by the Royal Government of Thailand are formalized.

With its enlarged new structure and stronger regional presence, the BDT should be in a position to deal with a wide array of development activities in accordance with its mandate as enshrined in the Nice Constitution. As laid down in Article 14 of the Constitution, one of the principal duties of the BDT will be the development of a general plan for international and regional telecommunication networks, a task hitherto performed jointly by the International Consultative Committees. Another important duty of the BDT will be to launch studies on specific development questions. In performing these tasks, the BDT will not doubt collaborate closely with the Consultative Committees. However, one can foresee the need for transferring the work of regional and World Plan Committees, as well as the Autonomous Working Group, to the BDT.

Another significant decision of the Nice Conference was the Constitution of a high level committee to review the structure and functioning of the Union in its entirety. The final report of this study will be concluded next year and will aim at improving the management of the Union. The outcome of the study is expected to result in considerable streamlining of the functions of the ITU and prepare it to meet the challenges of the next century with greater confidence.

In conclusion, allow me to emphasize yet again how much its first 12 years have clearly demonstrated APT's usefulness a regional organization. The results achieved by you, in spite of resource limitations, are indeed remarkable.

Let me wish APT every success in its future endeavours and express my confidence that the continued cooperation between it and the ITU will make a significant contribution to the development of telecommunications in this part of the world.

BY MR SETYANTO, CHAIRMAN OF THE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

12 NOVEMBER 1990

H.E. the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China,

Honourable Minister of Posts and Telecommunications
of the People's Republic of China,

Mr President and Vice President of
the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity,

Mr Secretary General of the ITU,

Distinguished Representatives, Executive Director and
the Representatives of the International Organizations,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, please allow me to extend a warm welcome, on behalf of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity to all delegates to the 5th Meeting of the General Assembly of the APT and the 14th Meeting of the Management Committee.

On this special occasion, on behalf of the members of MC-APT, I would like also to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of China for their kindness to invite this Meeting of GA and MC-APT to Beijing and for the generous hospitality and support extended to the organization of this Meeting. For without this invitation, many of us would not be present in this beautiful country.

I would like to thank for all your preparatory work which will make our Meeting run smoothly in the next days to come.

My special thanks also conveyed to all delegates for your willingness sharing your valuable time and joining this Meeting to contribute your views and participate in the process of development and improvement of our organization.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

With your permission, I would like to draw your attention to the situation of telecommunications development in our region, and the role of our organization in the Asia-Pacific Region.

As you are all aware, that our region accounts for more than half of the total population of the world, more than 55% of the world's population lives in the Asia-Pacific Region, about three billion people live in the area. But unfortunately our region has only got 17% of the world's total number of telephones. Although Asia Pacific is one of the fastest growing areas of the world, in term of telecommunications it has a very long way to go. Most of the countries of the region have suffered and are suffering a lot, due to poor investment made in the past. In some countries, the growth is over centralized in the big cities, and the rural areas have very low penetration. Shortage of skills and lack of training facilities are other major problems faced by many countries of our region.

Meanwhile the telecommunications technology becomes obsolete overnight and any investment in the intermediate technology becomes an unproductive burden.

It is realized that all these complexities call for a very real and very close international cooperation. The exchange of expertise and co-sharing of knowledge and experience can save lot of infructuous time and expenditure. Mostly the experiences of one country are immensely beneficial to the other neighbouring countries. A balanced growth of telecommunications sector is required to meet the needs of the society, and with international cooperation it is always possible to find out some cost effective solutions to meet the requirements to a greater extent, if not fully satisfying one.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Over the past eleven years, the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity has been actively involved in bringing a balance of development of telecommunications in our region. At this 5th General Assembly and 14th session of the Management Committee of APT, there are some important matters which bear special significance, and there are many challenges ahead of us. Therefore to achieve our goal, close cooperation among members is needed. I am very confident that all of you have come to share your experiences and professional knowledge towards the successful deliberations of this Meeting.

Finally, let me close by wishing you every success and meaningful deliberations.

Thank you.

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His Excellency Mr. Li Peng, the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China,

His Excellency Mr. Yang Taifang, the Minister for Posts and Telecommunications,

His Excellency Mr. Zhu Gaofeng, the Vice Minister for Posts and Telecommunications,

Mr. George Maltby, the President of APT,

Dr. Pekka Tarjanne, the Secretary General of ITU,

Mr. Setyanto, Chairman of the Management Committee of APT,

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, and on my own behalf, I wish to extend our heartiest welcome to your Excellency, Mr. Li Peng, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China, Excellencies, our honoured guests, and distinguished delegates to this 5th Session of the General Assembly and the 14th Session of the Management Committee of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.

Mr. Prime Minister, we feel very honoured and privileged to have your Excellency, with us, and for graciously consenting to inaugurate this very important Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, in the midst of your many pressing duties of State. Indeed, your presence here today, Excellency, is a clear reaffirmation of China's support for the objectives of the Telecommunity. I would also like to express my gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Taifang, Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, for his full support and his contributions towards the hosting of the Meetings.

I also wish to welcome the Delegation of Lao People's Democratic Republic, who joined the Telecommunity in November, 1989, and to the Representatives from the Asia Satellite Telecommunications Co. Ltd., Hutchison Telecommunications Limited, Hong Kong; Korea Mobile Telecommunications Corporation, Republic of Korea; and the Capitol Wireless Inc., Republic of the Philippines who have become affiliate members of APT as of 18 September, 1990. We welcome you into the organization of telecommunication fraternity in the region, and hope that you will take special interest in the collective effort for telecommunication development programmes of APT.

Our profound gratitude also goes to the President of APT and to the Chairman of the Management Committee for their presence and for their invaluable contributions and support towards the work of the APT for the past years. I am indebted to the President for his initiatives taken to undertake a review of the APT as a special activity on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary. Due to his enthusiastic support, and the hard work of the Special Working Party headed by Mr. Riluvan Shareef, the report has been finalised and is now before the General Assembly for consideration. This report is aimed at achieving efficiency of the Secretariat with a view to assist member countries in developing their telecommunication network and services.

I am also very happy to have the Secretary General of ITU, Dr. Pekka Tarjanne with us today. His presence is an indication of close relationship and interest of ITU in the activities of the APT.

I am happy to inform you that the past 3 years have been very eventful. We had 8 new members - that is, 1 full member, 1 associate member, and 6 affiliate members. We celebrated the 10th Anniversary of our service to member countries. During that period members participated with great enthusiasm. They issued commemorative stamps, first day covers, sponsored production of video film on APT, published special issues and special coverage to mark the occasion. The first journal of APT came out on the 1st of July 1989. The Special Working Party completed the Review of the APT and submitted its report. The Royal Government of Thailand handed over the new conference hall which could accommodate about 150 people. After signing the Memorandum of Understanding with the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT), we organized two Meetings jointly with INMARSAT.

1990 has been the busiest and the most successful year for APT. We had 8 seminars and a study groups meeting which were well attended by our members, associate members, affiliate members and others. We undertook a number of expert missions, conducted many training programmes and study visits for our member administrations in the developing countries. We have successfully implemented the programmes assigned by the Management Committee with a modest fund allocated to us. This was achieved because of the generous support we received from our members, international organizations and other organizations.

It may be observed from the past activities of APT, that there is an urgent need to expand the role of APT in many areas of development in the region, in order to meet the technical assistance required by member administrations.

With the review coming up next followed by new general policies and principles for the fulfillment of the objectives of the Telecommunity in the next 3 year period in the light of growing work programme, the years ahead will be a challenging period for the Telecommunity. We therefore, beg to seek your wholehearted cooperation and more extra-budgetary contributions and assistance from our members and friends of APT, to take up the

... in the implementation of the work

I wish you all a very successful deliberations, and a pleasant stay in Beijing.

Thank you.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY
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AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session
2. Election of the President and Two Vice Presidents of the APT for the next term
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Consideration of the Report of the Management Committee on the activities of the APT during 1987-1990
5. Consideration of the General Policies and Principles for the fulfillment of the objectives of the Telecommunity during 1991-1993
6. Consideration of the basis for the Annual Budget of the Telecommunity and Determination of limits of Annual Expenditure until the Fiscal Year 1993
7. Pledging of contributions by Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members for the next three-year budget of the Telecommunity
8. Consideration of the Amendment of the Provision of the APT Constitution, if any
9. Consideration of the status of draft agreements
 - 9.1 Headquarters Agreement with the Host Country
 - 9.2 Agreement with Members and Associate Members
10. Consideration of the Report of the Review of the APT on the occasion of its Tenth Anniversary
11. Consideration of items referred to the General Assembly by the Management Committee, if any
12. Proposed revision of the Rules of Procedures of the General Assembly regarding modifications of the Constitution of the Quorum from two-thirds majority to one half or simple majority
13. Any other matters
14. Any other items proposed by Members, Associate Members and the President, or the Executive Director of the Telecommunity
15. Date and Venue of the next ordinary session of the General Assembly

NUMBER OF UNITS OF CONTRIBUTIONS PLEDGED DURING
THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR
THE YEARS 1991, 1992 & 1993 AND VALUE OF A UNIT FOR 1991

NAME OF ADMINISTRATION	PLEDGED		PLEDGED EXTRA BUDGETARY	TOTAL CONTRI- BUTION
	UNITS @ 5690	VALUE		
MEMBERS				
Afghanistan	1	5690	0	5690
Australia	20	113800	34140	147940
Bangladesh	2	11380	0	11380
Brunei Darussalam	2	11380	0	11380
P R China	10	56900	28450	85350
India	4	22760	22760	45520
Indonesia	2	11380	0	11380
I R Iran	2	11380	0	11380
Japan	40	227600	0	227600
Korea, Republic of	10	56900	0	56900
Laos, People's Rep of	.5	2845	0	2845
Malaysia	4	22760	0	22760
Maldives	.5	2845	0	2845
Myanmar	1	5690	0	5690
Nauru	1	5690	0	5690
Nepal	.5	2845	0	2845
Pakistan	2	11380	0	11380
Philippines	2	11380	0	11380
Singapore	2	11380	0	11380
Sri Lanka	1	5690	0	5690
Thailand	4	22760	0	22760
Vietnam	1	5690	0	5690
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS				
Hong Kong	4	22760	0	22760
Cook Islands	.5	2845	0	2845
AFFILIATE MEMBERS				
HK Telecom Int'l	2	11380	0	11380
HK Tel Co.	1	5690	0	5690
KDD Japan	10	56900	0	56900
NTT Japan	10	56900	0	56900
Eastern Telecom, PHL	.5	2845	0	2845
Globe Mackay, PHL	.5	2845	0	2845
Philcomsat, PHL	.5	2845	0	2845
Phil Global Comms, PHL	.5	2845	0	2845
PLDT Philippines	.5	2845	0	2845
KTA Korea	2	11380	0	11380
Data Comms, Korea	.5	2845	0	2845
CAT Thailand	.5	2845	0	2845
TOT Thailand	.5	2845	0	2845
Asiasat Hong Kong	.5	2845	0	2845
Hutchison Telecom, HK	1	5690	0	5690
Korea Mobile Telecom	.5	2845	0	2845
Capwire Philippines	.5	2845	0	2845
Perumtel Indonesia	.5	2845	0	2845

