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PRESS RELEASE

Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific Reflects Better Efforts to Accelerate Telecom and ICT development

Leading policy makers and regulators from APT members countries, namely Australia, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Cook Islands and Niue, APT Affiliate Member, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste and Vanuatu as well as members of Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and other international organizations gathered at the Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific held from 27-29 April 2010 in Honiara, Solomon Islands to adopt measures to accelerate telecom and ICT infrastructure development in Pacific Island countries.

The Forum reviewed the current position of ICT Policy and Strategy in the Pacific. Other key topics of discussion included Capacity Building for the Pacific Islands, Universal Service, Interconnection, International Connectivity for the Pacific Islands, Public Private Partnership and E-Applications/E-Government. The Forum also developed a “Plan of Action for the Pacific” to implement the relevant strategies as outlined in the Bali Ministerial “Plan of Action” that was held in November 2009 in Bali, Indonesia.

The Forum was inaugurated by Hon. Minister Varian Longamei, Minister of Communications and Civil Aviation, Solomon Islands. The Forum was organized by APT in collaboration with PITA with support from the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE), Government of Australia and the ITU.

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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.