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Welcome Address

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His Excellency. Khov Makara, Under-secretary of State of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications,

Distinguished Guests, Speakers and Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning to you all and welcome to the 7th APT Cybersecurity Forum (CSF-7) held in parallel with the "Cambodia 4G/LTE International Conference and Security World 2016" in Phnom Penh, the vibrant bustling capital of Cambodia.

First of all, on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and all the participants, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency Tram Iv Tek, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Cambodia for presiding over this opening ceremony of these events. It is a great honour for us all that Your Excellency has agreed to take time from your busy schedule to be with us today.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Cambodia for hosting the APT Cybersecurity Forum this year and for the excellent preparation and hospitality.

I would also like to thank the Department of Communications, Government of Australia, and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Government of Japan, for their support for this forum.

Taking this opportunity, I extend my sincere congratulation to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Cambodia for organizing the "4G/LTE International Conference and Security World 2016". The event serves as a platform for technology professionals, consulting experts and business leaders to gather and discuss the latest news on the subject of the 4G/LTE technology as well as big data, cloud computing, Internet of Thing, and information security solutions.

I believe that CSF-7 will help enhance Cambodia's efforts in ensuring successful implementation of 4G/LTE and encouraging a safe and secure environment for users of all levels. My best wishes to the success of this event.

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Everyone knows that digital technologies are very influential to our life in many ways. Unfortunately, we also know they are very vulnerable to threats and intrusion. To secure them would require a close attention and effective practice.

This is a big challenge that we all are facing in this century and we are in the midst of the process to create the comprehensive system for securing our digital assets in all levels including international, national, government, organization and individual levels.

For the Asia-Pacific region, Asia-Pacific Ministers met in Bali, Indonesia in 2009 and discussed issues that required high level commitment in the region for ICT development and working towards a Broadband Economy. The meeting agreed that one of crucial objectives for a successful broadband economy in the region was to provide a secure, safe and sustainable environment through ICT initiatives. The successful implementation of a broadband economy would require the confidence of its stakeholders. The users, suppliers, investors and governments need to have confidence in the use of ICT in the daily business and social interactions, and for the enhancement of livelihood without fear.

In 2010, the First APT Cybersecurity Forum was held in November in Sydney to bring together stakeholders responsible for cybersecurity systems to enhance the regions collaborative efforts in combating cybercrime, enhancing cybersecurity, countering spam activities. Participants also shared practical experiences in knowledge, experience, and expertise on cyber security including public awareness.

In 2014 in Brunei Darussalam, Asia-Pacific ICT Ministers gathered again to address the building of a smart digital economy in the Asia-Pacific region. "Trust and Confidence in ICT" was identified as one of the six key priority areas to build such smart digital economy. Ministers agreed to work together as a region and with global partners to protect our critical infrastructures and to ensure cyber-wellness for, and respect of ethical values of our citizens.

The Strategic Plan of the APT for the year 2015-2017 addressed "Cyber-security" as one of the work items that the Asia-Pacific region would focus on with key strategic actions to assist APT members to collaborate to build and strengthen trust and confidence in the use of ICT; to encourage cooperation among governments and the private sector to address safety and cyber-security; to support Computer Emergency Response Team/Computer Security Incident Response Team (CERT/CSIRT) activities; etc.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Up to this year, the cybersecurity forum has served as an excellent platform for seven consecutive years to facilitate information sharing and encourage cooperation between governments in the Asia-Pacific region to strengthen trust and confidence in ICT. Topics for discussion in each year have been designed to respond to the challenging issue that our societies are facing.

Today, Internet of things (IoT) is emerging as the next technology mega-trend which inevitably leads us to the era of "big data" including exchange of our personal data between machines. We are getting even more dependent on network and digital assets in various forms. Therefore, protection and security of our digital system is getting even more important and sophisticated.

Taking this fact, CSF-7 will discuss various issues of cybersecurity for the benefits of everybody under the theme "Emerging Trends: IoT, Big Data and Security". The programme of the forum focuses on topics that are essential and other pressing issues covering such areas as emerging threats and opportunities, policy and regulation, and international cooperation, etc. On the last day of this year's programme, there is going to be a cybersecurity incident simulation exercise.

I strongly believe that what we are going to discuss during this CSF-7 would be of great benefits to APT member countries. Please share what you have gained from the forum with your colleagues when you go back to your home country.

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to reiterate my sincere gratitude to His Excellency Minister Tram Iv Tek for being with us today and also to our host, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Cambodia, for the excellent preparation and hospitality.

My thanks also go to all moderators and speakers who have accepted to contribute to the Cybersecurity forum. Their contribution and support are essential to the success of this forum. I wish you all a fruitful discussion and successful forum.

Again, I would like to congratulate the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in hosting the Cambodia 4G/LTE International Conference and Security World 2016.

I hope you all will enjoy your stay in this beautiful city of Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Thank you.