



Secretary General

## WELCOME ADDRESS

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Distinguished speakers,  
Distinguished Participants,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning!

It is my great pleasure to extend to you all a very warm welcome to the APT Symposium on Cybersecurity 2018 here in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

On behalf of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT), Republic of Korea, for hosting this symposium and for warm hospitality extended to all of us.

I would also like to sincerely thank the Department of Communications and the Arts, Australia Government as well as MSIT for the support through their extra-budgetary contributions.

Ladies and gentlemen,

This year, APT has started a new form of activity as "Symposium" that aims to provide a platform to discuss ICT-related policy and regulatory issues. Cybersecurity is one of topics that have been chosen for this year's symposium. This symposium is intended to facilitate a compressive, focused and result-oriented dialogue to address the cybersecurity needs and issues. It is expected to inherit and to upgrade APT Cybersecurity Forum (CSF), which had contributed to the security and trust in ICT of Asia-Pacific region over the past 8 years following the Bali Plan of Action adopted in 2009.

Last November, the 14th Session of the General Assembly of the APT had been convened in Bangkok, Thailand. The General Assembly adopted the Strategic Plan of the APT for 2018-2020 to serve as the guideline for APT's activities from 2018 to 2020. During this three-year period, each work programme of the APT will focus its work within five (5) Strategic Pillars: Connectivity; Innovation; Trust; Capacity Building, and Partnership.

Under TRUST strategic pillar, APT would promote security and resilience through ICT. In recognizing the vulnerability of APT members to malicious cyber activities and natural disasters, APT shall assist them to develop and maintain secure, trusted and resilient ICT network services, as well as to address challenges related to disaster preparedness, risk reduction and mitigation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

APT Symposium on Cybersecurity 2018 will address various topics that are in line with those Strategic Pillars with the main focus on “Trust” for promoting cybersecurity in the Asia-Pacific region.

The overall objective of the Symposium is to bring APT members to a common platform for a dialogue on cybersecurity and data protection issues and to provide an opportunity to share and address key issues of concern, as well as to facilitate intra-regional collaboration on policy and regulatory issues as required. Industry leaders and other key stakeholders will also share their views on various cybersecurity issues facing the sector.

At present, data protection regulation and blockchain technology are some of spotlighted issues associated with cybersecurity. The European Union (EU) has implemented the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and many countries and ICT companies are paying attention to the impact of this regulation. This Symposium will address data protection from different aspects, including policy and regulation; academia, technology, and industry, consumer protection, and international cooperation.

For this symposium, we have eminent speakers from APT member countries, organizations, universities, and industry sectors. We also invite speakers from other parts of the world. I hope this will be a fruitful platform for all the participants to share the information and experiences and to adopt the knowledge learned for the benefits of the Asia-Pacific region.

To conclude, I would like to once again express my sincere gratitude to MSIT for hosting this event and for the excellent preparations and arrangements. I wish the symposium very successful deliberations and discussion.

Thank you.