



Secretary General

### **WELCOME ADDRESS**

Dr. Ismail, Director General, Resources and Equipment of Postal and Information Technology,  
Ministry of Communications and Informatics, Republic of Indonesia,

Dr. Kohei Satoh, Chairman of the APT Wireless Group,

Ms. Zhu Keer and Mr. Le Van Tuan, Vice-Chairmen of the APT Wireless Group,

Distinguished participants,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning to all of you.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 25th Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-25) in the city of Tangerang, Republic of Indonesia.

On behalf of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and all participants here, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Dr. Ismail, Director General, Resources and Equipment of Postal and Information Technology for his kind presence to preside over this opening ceremony to inaugurate the meeting.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Ministry of Communications and Informatics, Republic of Indonesia for hosting this meeting and for the warm hospitality extended to all of us since our arrival.

At this meeting, there are more than 250 registered participants from APT Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, ITU and other organizations. The APT Secretariat had received a considerable number of contributions for this meeting. I would like to sincerely thank all of you for making time for this meeting as well as for your contributions.

Ladies and gentlemen,

This year, 2019, the APT is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of its establishment. One important event in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary is the Asia-Pacific ICT Ministerial Meeting 2019, which was held last week in Singapore under the theme “Co-creating Connected Digital Future in the Asia-Pacific”. I am pleased to inform you that the Ministers from 32 Members and Associate Members of the APT adopted the Singapore Statement on Co-creating Connected Digital Future in the Asia-Pacific.

The Singapore Statement will provide the guidelines for the next five years to lead the APT including all APT members and the APT Secretariat to co-create a connected digital future in the Asia-Pacific. Concrete action plans will be drawn up through the Strategic Plan of the APT

to be adopted by the subsequent sessions of the General Assembly. The Singapore Statement will facilitate the promotion of widespread digital adoption in the region by providing fair and equitable access to ICT services for all citizens in our communities.

Distinguished participants,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

AWG is an important and dynamic work programme of the APT in the area of radiocommunication and wireless technologies. AWG has been matured to cover many aspects of radiocommunication and become the largest active platform in the Asia-Pacific region for developing regional harmonization plan for the use of spectrum for wireless technologies.

The valuable contributions and role of AWG in advancing the development of IMT-2020 (5G) standards during 2015-2018 towards the preparation for WRC-19, had been recognized the ITU . At the 50th Anniversary of the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) on 17 May 2019, ITU awarded AWG in the category of “Awareness” to bridge the standardization gap. AWG Chairman, Dr. Kohei Satoh, received the award on behalf of AWG.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all experts in AWG including AWG Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, Chairmen of the Working Groups, Chairmen of Sub-Working Groups, Chairmen of Task Groups and all of you for their continuous support and hard work towards the well-recognized success of AWG.

Ladies and gentlemen,

To recollect some of the significant past achievements of AWG, let me remind you that AWG-23 approved 6 new APT Reports, revised 4 existing APT Reports, 1 new Questionnaire and 6 Liaison Statements to APG-19 and ITU-R Study Groups. AWG-24 also decided to set up a Task group on HAPS and approved the terms of reference for that Task Group.

In this AWG-25, based on the updated work plan of AWG, it is expected that AWG-25 may develop tangible outcomes on 17 work items which may include draft APT Recommendation and new APT Reports. The meeting may revise a number of APT Reports and develop a number of Liaison Statements to APG-19 and ITU-R Study Groups.

I would also like to mention that the preparatory process of APT for WRC-19 is at the final stage and the 5th Meeting of APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-19 (APG19-5), which is the final meeting of the preparatory group will be held from 31 July to 5 August 2019 in Tokyo, Japan. AWG has been studying a number of issues on WRC-19 Agenda Items and conducted detailed studies on several Agenda Items as requested by the APG-19. It is expected that AWG-25 will finalize those studies and convey the outcomes of the studies to APG19-5 through appropriate Liaison Statements.

In addition, AWG-25 will elect a new Chairman and two new Vice-Chairmen of AWG. Three years back, AWG-20 elected Dr. Kohei Satoh (Japan) as Chairman of AWG and Ms. Zhu Keer (P.R. China) and Mr. Le Van Tuan (Viet Nam) as the Vice-Chairmen of AWG. All three of them are relevant experts in radiocommunication technologies and contributed significantly for leading AWG to its success. They are going to successfully complete their tenure in their respective roles. I am very much grateful for their commitments and dedications towards the activities of AWG. I wish every success for all of them.

At the same time, let me also applaud and commend the active participation of all the office bearers of AWG and all experts from APT members. I would like to request you all to continue your excellent efforts to maintain the position of AWG as a main regional platform for wireless technologies. As always, the APT Secretariat is committed to provide full assistance and support for your work.

Ladies and gentlemen,

To conclude, I would like to sincerely thank once again, Dr. Ismail, Director General, Resources and Equipment of Postal and Information Technology for being with us today and the Ministry of Communications and Informatics, Republic of Indonesia for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangement.

I wish you all every success in your deliberations and successful meeting here in Tangerang.

Thank you very much.

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