Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are very pleased to inform you that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) are jointly organizing the “Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Fighting Cybercrime” from 21st to 23rd September 2011 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The Workshop is hosted by the Republic of Korea.

The recent trend of transnational organized crime has dramatically changed with the onset of globalization and increased use of sophisticated and advanced information and communication technologies. Modern crime groups exploit cyberspace, relying on its easy access for a range of malpractices from raising illicit funds, laundering illegal proceeds to other criminal activities. Whereas crime groups benefited from the revolutionary development in technologies, prosecutors often lack techniques and capability to cope with these new challenges on cyberspace. Therefore, securing cyberspace has become one of the most pressing issues of criminal justice system. Addressing the challenges faced, it is important for technical and legal experts to address the challenges together by building capacity in each other’s domain and understanding the legal and technical aspects fighting Cybercrime.

This workshop is also a part of Towards AsiaJust Programme of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Hyderabad Action Plan of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

This workshop aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Enhance prosecutorial, legal and judicial awareness on the needs of specific technical skills to confront Cybercrime;
- Understand the technical skills required to effectively tackle Cybercrime;
- Strengthen anti-cybercrime capacity in the region by bridging knowledge and skills gap between technical and legal communities;
- Increase co-operation between legal and technical communities on fighting Cybercrime.
The Workshop is open to ITU membership, UNODC membership, and any other entities dealing with fighting Cybercrime.

Draft agenda of the workshop is placed at Annex 1. The updated program will be posted and updated at http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp and http://www.unodc.org/eastasiaandpacific. The workshop will be conducted in English. Interested participants are kindly requested to complete the attached registration form (Annex 2) and send it to the e-mail addresses indicated in the form no later than 31st August 2011.

ITU and UNODC will be providing fellowships to a limited number of candidates in accordance with the ITU and UNODC rules and procedures. Applicants requesting for fellowship are required to submit the fellowship request form (Annex 3) duly signed by their Administration together with the registration form no later than 15 August 2011 as per the details provided in the form.

Information concerning hotel reservations, visa requests, as well as participant’s information is attached (Annex 4) and is also available at the website: http://www.unodc.org/eastasiaandpacific and http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp. Those participants requiring for an entry visa to Republic of Korea are requested to contact their local Embassy for information well in advance. For further information, you are welcome to contact Ms. Duangjai Pattanarudee (duangjai.pattanarudee@unodc.org) or Mr. Ashish Narayan (ashish.narayan@itu.int).

I look forward to active participation from your organization.

Yours sincerely,

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Annexes:
Annex 1: Agenda
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