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ASIA PACIFIC REGION ON
NGN AND BROADBAND: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

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Distinguished speakers and participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Director General of Posts and Telecommunications, I would like to convey his closing remarks.

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakatuh

We have just been through a comprehensive and productive gathering. For these last three days we have been presented and involved in extensive discussions as well as deliberations on the opportunities and challenges offered by the Next Generation Networks and broadband access. All of the topics presented have truly enriched our knowledge and enlightened our views and perspectives on the basic virtues of the new emerging technologies widely known as NGN and Broadband.

We also feel gratified by the number of participants which shows the high level of interest. It is perceptible that the participating entities and communities dealing with telecommunications and Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have taken serious considerations and efforts to involve deeply in the socialization of NGN and Broadband.

Each of the sessions has engaged us in rich discussions, and they have provided us with many important insights and know-how on NGN and Broadband planning and implementation. They also provided us with new inspirations, innovative ideas. We will be able

to select the best and the most suitable initiatives. We would be able to develop and implement the most affordable and sustainable planning to support our efforts in participating in the era of globalization and convergence.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We should foresee that one of the important factors that determine an information society development is the wise application and deployment of technology.

One of the virtues of technology era is that new technologies are fostered to improved the quality of a nation's society in terms of accessible provision of information and knowledge, which leads to a more educated society.

In practice, the challenge has always been associated with how to create an even opportunity between developed and developing countries, as well as urban and rural areas. Therefore, all initiatives considered should take into account this main objective.

NGN and Broadband access make it possible for ICT services to offer enhanced access to information and convenient communication to elevate the living standards of the rural population. ICT improves the quality of life of the rural communities. And this is very important for the overall national development of our countries.

The solution to the challenges, mainly lies within the hands of the regulators as well as policy makers. It is the obligation of the regulators and policy makers to adapt the current regulatory framework to permit the conducive implementation of NGN and Broadband. The regulatory framework must be able to minimize barriers, promote competition, and stimulate innovation and encourage efficient investment in infrastructure.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

If we realize the real meaning of convergence, which is the process of integration of previously independent industries of telecommunication, information technology and media, we should note the importance of solid cooperation between the Government and other players in telecommunication industry. The cooperation between government, telecommunications operators, private sector and other non-governmental organizations, as well as the applications of the right technologies may overcome the problems of lack of infrastructure, cost and capacity.

For that reason, all the presentations and discussions in this forum hopefully have built a common idea on the potential of NGN and Broadband to bridge the digital divide between developed and developing countries, and also urban and rural areas.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Finally, on behalf of the Government of Indonesia, I would like to extend my gratefulness to the ITU who has provided us the excellent opportunity for holding this forum in Yogyakarta. Indonesia remains committed to cooperate closely with ITU and its member countries and all entities including telecommunication operators, for achieving our common goals of improving the best initiatives for NGN and Broadband implementation.

We also would like to thank all parties for supporting and facilitating this forum here in Yogyakarta. I hope that you had a memorable stay in Yogya, and from wherever you come from, please remember that there is always a city in Indonesia that where you

would feel at. May God The Almighty Bless you and your journey back home.

Thank you.

Wassalamu Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakatuh