

**Reporting Remarks by Mr s. Jiraporn Bhongsatiern
Deputy Secretary General, National Telecommunications
Commission**

Excellency General Choochard Promphrasid, Chairman of the National Telecommunications Commission
Commissioners of the National Telecommunications Commission
Distinguished participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great honor to deliver my speech in this event. First of all, let me take this opportunity to welcome you all to the workshop on Telecommunication Policy and Regulation for Competition, with special welcome to distinguished speakers and participants from Malaysia and Oman.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we are well aware that we are living in a new millenium and in a progress of technology. Advanced technology of telecommunication has enabled us to disseminate information at once. Information has not only developed and become primary need to the extent that effects the development and standard of living, but Information also encourages a nation to race and become more competitive and attractive in the era of globalization and competition.

It must be noted that the success of telecommunications reform will depend mostly upon the establishment and implementation of an effective regulatory framework, which will help shaping the information infrastructure. In Thailand case, with the establishment of National Telecommunications Commission as an independent telecommunications regulator recently, we view that there are urgent needs to enhance our capabilities in regulations, especially in a multi-operators environment. There is also a need to develop regulators' capacity in policy and regulatory issues to ensure a strong groundwork for NTC. To operate effectively and more efficiently in attaining a high level of confidence dealing with all regulatory issues to pave the way for much desired competitive environment in the telecommunications sector. More importantly, the NTC's staff should be encouraged to familiarize themselves with regulating telecommunications regulation, especially in the field of competition law and policy. It is necessary for the NTC to fulfill the role of independent regulator and to ensure free and fair competition to Thai telecommunications market. This workshop is a good opportunity for us to obtain knowledge and experience from other countries. It is also a good chance for us that ITU has considered and approved our request to organize a workshop Telecommunication Policy and Regulation focusing on privatization issues in telecommunications and competition law and policy for telecommunications under ITU ASP Regional Development Program for 2005 according to Istanbul Action Plan.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen,

Let me provide you a brief picture of this workshop. This workshop will be held from 11 to 15 July 2005. The workshop will be mainly focused on Overview of Competition Policy and Regulation, Legal Theories and Practices, Economic Theories and Practices on the first to the third day and we would know and share experience on Competition Policy and Regulation with other countries on the fourth day. On the last day, we would have a group training and a concluded discussion to apply theories and experiences to Thailand. National Telecommunications Commission is grateful to ITU for providing specialized speakers from varying

countries to share their valuable experiences with us. The participants in this workshop are one hundred and seven people and it is a great chance for us that this time we can share the opinion with the participants from Oman and Malaysia.

Distinguished participants and guests,

In conclusion, I do hope that this workshop will result in feasible recommendations for Thailand to adapt the knowledge and experience on Telecommunication Policy and Regulation for developing competition in the future and I wish you all a very productive meeting.
Thank you very much.

**Opening Address by Mr. Rianchai Reowilaisuk,
Commissioner of the National Telecommunications Commission**

Commissioners of the National Telecommunications Commission
Dr. Eun - Ju Kim, Officer in charge, ITU Regional Office for Asia and Pacific
Mr. Eric Lie,
Mr. Ashish Narayan,
Mr. Scott Minehane,
and Mr. Jino Kim
Distinguished participants and guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to address Telecommunication Policy and Regulation for Competition Workshop of 2005. May I again welcome participants and all speakers to Thailand. For those who visit Thailand the first time, I hope you can find time to explore the city and experience Thai hospitality. We are all very pleased and thank you the ITU that recognizes the importance of policy and regulation as an important gear for competition in telecommunication sectors and approved our project and provide the specialized persons to transfer knowledge and share the experience with us. According to the Secretary General, the National Telecommunication Commission is Thailand first independent regulatory entity that was founded for taking care of all telecommunication work in a country. Therefore, the telecommunication regulation in the field of competition law and policy are the new responsibilities for the NTC. This workshop is a good chance for NTC staffs to share the experience with others.

In conclusion, I wish that this workshop will be benefit for the National Telecommunications Commission's staff and I wish all the participants success in your deliberation.

May I now declare the workshop officially opens.

**Closing Address by Mr. Suranan Wongvithayakamjorn
Secretary General, National Telecommunications Commission**

Excellency General Choochard Promphrasid, Chairman of the National Telecommunications Commission
Commissioners of the National Telecommunications Commission
Distinguished participants and guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The workshop on Telecommunication Policy and Regulation for Competition is drawing to a close. However, this is the start for the NTC to adapt the knowledge and the experience on the legal and economic theories that we accomplish during this worthy workshop for the usefulness of the operators to get the free and fair competition.

I have been reported that all of you have worked very hard during the session and concluded with satisfactorily outcome and recommendations. I strongly hope that you will be able to apply knowledge gained from the workshop to your work and contribute to the NTC.

Finally, on behalf of The National Telecommunications Commission, I would like to thank you all the speakers from ITU to fulfill our knowledge on these important issues. We are really appreciated and grateful for your presentation and hope that we shall have the opportunity to ask for your help to provide us the useful workshop like this. I look forward to welcoming you here.

May I also wish all foreign guests a pleasant journey home.
Thank you very much.