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Session 2: Emerging ICT regulatory and standardization issues for Asia-Pacific
This session focused on ITU activities to help ICT development and implementation in developing countries

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Highlights from Presentation 2.1 "ICT regulatory issues in ITU-T standardization for Asia-Pacific"

- Dr. Kishik Park (ETRI, Korea)

- Current dominant Issues:
  - Emergency Telecoms, Misuse, International Internet Connectivity, Network Externalities, Cybersecurity (spam, malware, etc.), NGN, ITRs, ICT and Climate Change, etc., etc.

- Future Issues: above list plus:
  - New Regulatory Framework for NGNs, Charging and Accounting Principles, International Settlement

Highlights from Presentation 2.2 "ITU Overview on standards, policies and regulatory issues"

- Paolo Rosa, ITU-TSB

- ICTs are at the centre of the global convergent information society
  - Convergence: anywhere, any time, anything
  - Global Cybersecurity Agenda
  - Common Patent Policy for ITU-T/ITU-R/ISO/IEC
  - ITRs and WTPF
  - Proposal for "ITU Mark"

Highlights from Presentation 2.3
"One Laptop Per Child and 'Connect the World'"

- **Dr. Bilel Jamoussi, John Visser, Nortel**

- **OLPC is about education:**
  - A tool – the new books and pencil
  - Connectivity a key part: Wi-Fi mesh, WANs, …
  - Curriculum content unlimited (internet) and dynamic (e-books – no hardcopy!)
  - Aimed at primary school age children, but siblings and adults benefit as well

- **Steadily gaining momentum**
  - Underway; connection scenarios; links for info

Conclusions / Recommendations

- ICT Regulatory issues are front and center on ITU-T's agenda
  - SG 3 dealing with key Regulatory issues
  - All SGs have roles across dominant issues

- ICTs are at the centre of the global information society
  - Convergence, Cybersecurity, IPR Policies

- OLPC: the new books and pencil
  - OLPC connectivity: a proof point of Hyperconnectivity

- ITU-T is a leader in ICT regulatory and standardization issues
  - Your participation is essential to meeting your needs!