



# Thailand's Contributions to ITU Regional Initiatives for Asia and the Pacific

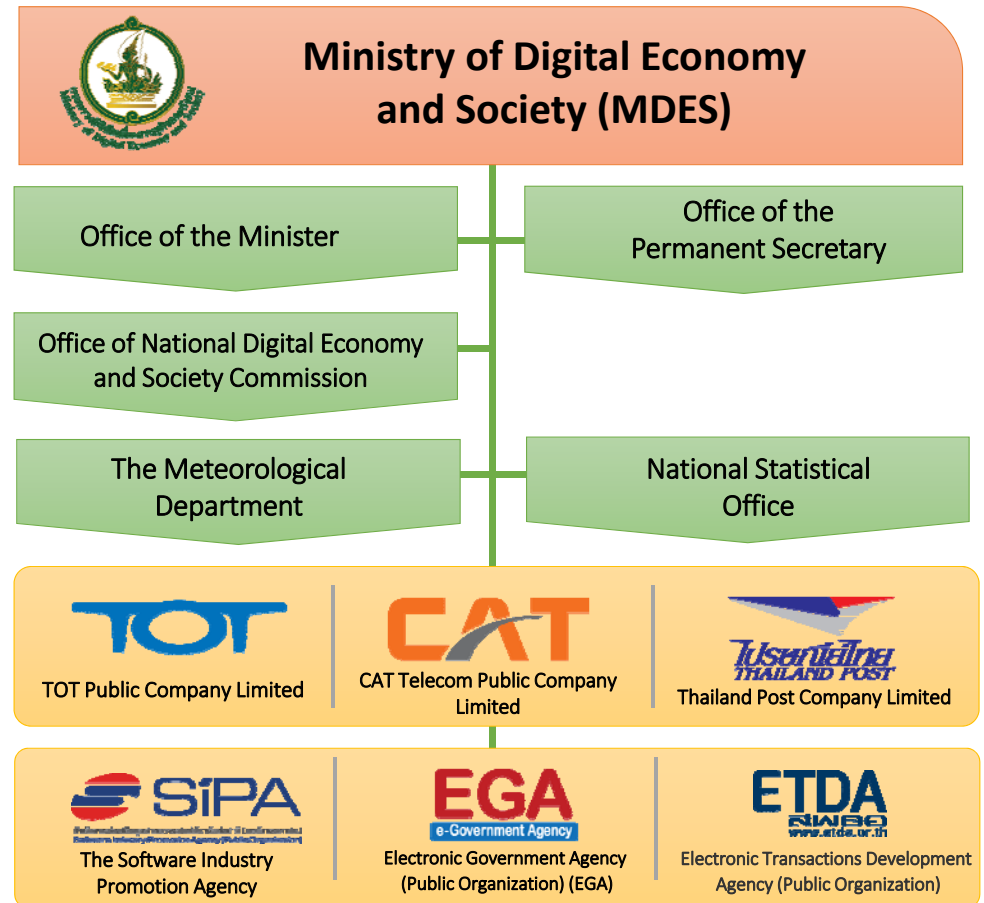
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# Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES)

[formerly ministry of information and communication technology]

- Member of ITU since 1883
- ITU Council Member since 1973
- Host of ITU Telecom Asia 2008
- Host of ITU Telecom World 2013 & 2016
- Host of ITU Centre of Excellence (CoE) Node since 2007



## Meeting the Objectives of ITU Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives



- ❑ Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (Thailand), as an ITU ASP CoE has built and strengthened human capacity of the member countries on various aspects of telecommunications and ICTs ranging from technical, financial to policy and regulatory matters.
- ❑ During 2007-2016, the Centre of Excellence in Thailand has conducted 28 training courses building capacity of more than 1000 participants in priority areas.
- ❑ Under new CoE strategy since 2015, the Centre provides trainings in the areas of “Policy & regulation” and “Broadband access”.
  - 7 face to face trainings building skills of more than 300 participants
  - The Centre (operationalized at TOT Academy) has been working with a number of partners including NBTC (Thailand), APNIC, DoCA (Australia) to deliver high quality trainings.
  - The trainings have received very good response.



TOT Academy as the operational Centre

### Partners



# Meeting the Objectives of ITU Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives



CONNECTING THE UNCONNECTED BY 2015



PART OF THE ITU CONNECT SERIES OF EVENTS



- ❑ Host of ITU Connect Asia-Pacific Summit 2013
- ❑ Host of ITU/GSMA annual events on 'Asia-Pacific Digital Societies Policy Forum' in 2015, 2016, and 2017
- ❑ Host of ITU annual events on 'Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Smart Cities and e-Government' in 2015, 2016, and 2017
- ❑ Host of ITU Asia-Pacific Regional Development Forum 2015 (RDF-15)
- ❑ Host of regional seminars, workshops, meetings on various topics e.g. **Universal Service Obligation, satellite policy and regulation, spectrum management, digital broadcasting, cybersecurity, etc.**

## Meeting the Objectives of ITU Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives

In partnerships with the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission of Thailand (NBTC) and other local and international partners, ITU has implemented various projects which have benefited member countries in the region. These projects are such as:

- ❑ Project on Asia-Pacific USO Forum
- ❑ Project on Human capacity building in telecom/ICT statistics and indicators
- ❑ Project on Study and human capacity building on satellite service regulatory framework
- ❑ Project on Capacity building at Rural Internet Centres
- ❑ Project on Human capacity building in cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection
- ❑ Projects on Transition from analogue to digital terrestrial TV and radio broadcasting
- ❑ Project on Development of a framework for introducing community TV broadcasting services
- ❑ Projects on ITU-NBTC (annual) training programs



# Expected Contributions 2017



- ❑ This year Thailand will host, among others:
  - Asia-Pacific Digital Societies Policy Forum 2017 (8-9 May 2017, Bangkok)
  - Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Smart Cities and e-Government 2017, (6-7 July 2017, Bangkok)
- ❑ Thailand CoE Node and ITU-NBTC joint project will continue to provide a platform for knowledge building and sharing for Asia-Pacific member countries.



knowledge sharing & networking platform

Training topics	Dates	Venue	Partners
Internet and IPv6 Infrastructure Security	8-12 May	Bangkok	APNIC
Cross-Sector Strategy and Platforms for Digital Economy	7-11 Aug	Bangkok	NBTC
5G Planning and Development for IoT	19-22 Sep	Bangkok	NBTC, GSMA
Implementing Pacific ICT Strategy 2020	20-24 Nov	[Fiji]	PITA

## Innovative Collaboration



Member States are encouraged to provide supports and to actively participate in activities of the Union and of the regional organizations e.g. APT, ASEAN, SAARC, PITA, etc.

South-South cooperation should be fostered through facilitation of international organizations including ITU



**Thank you**