Main outcome of the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference for the WSIS

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Asia-Pacific Regional Conference (1)
13-15 January, 2003 in Tokyo

Broad Participation:
- 47 Countries
- 22 International Organizations
- 54 Business Sector Entities
- 116 NGOs
Asia-Pacific Regional Conference (2)
13-15 January, 2003 in Tokyo

Panel discussions:
1. Connectivity & Info. Society in Asia (ITU)
2. Cultural & Linguistic Diversity (UNESCO)
3. Development & ICT (UNDP/ADB)
4. Future of e-Economy (GIIC)
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Related Events:

United Nations University
- Pacific Islands Digital Opportunities Workshop
- Youth and ICT for Development
- Asia Pacific Gender Forum on WSIS, etc.
1. Shared Vision of the Info. Society
   The Information Society in the Asia-Pacific region must:
   - Provide equitable and appropriate access for all
   - Use ICT as a driving force for the promotion of sustainable economic and technological development
   - Enhance the sharing and strengthening of global knowledge for development
   - Provide information and communication services targeted at disadvantaged groups in society to contribute to the alleviation of poverty, etc.
2. Recognizing the Unique Features of the Asia-Pacific Region

In building an Information Society for the region, the following should be taken into account:

- Geographic and Demographic Diversity
- Cultural and Linguistic Diversity
- Institutional Stability
- Productive Workforce
- Gender, Disability, Youth Issues
- Digital Divide Disparities
- Imbalance of Information Flows
- Pioneering Role in Selected ICT Areas
- Special Circumstances of Small Island Developing States
3. Advancing the Region's Info. Society

(1) Priority Areas for Action
   a) Infrastructure Development
   b) Securing Affordable, Universal Access to ICTs
   c) Preserving Linguistic and Cultural Diversity and Promoting Local Content
   d) Developing Human Resources
   e) Establishing Legal, Regulatory and Policy Frameworks
   f) Ensuring Balance between IPRs and Public Interest
   g) Ensuring the Security of ICT
   h) Fostering Partnerships and Mobilizing Resources
3. Advancing the Region's Info. Society

(2) Cross-Sector Priorities
   a) e-Government
   b) e-Business
   c) e-Learning
   d) e-Health
   e) Community Information and Communication Centres

(3) National and Regional e-Strategies
For the success of the WSIS

1. Increasing World-Wide Awareness

2. Strengthening Cooperation
   - Among Countries
   - International Organizations
   - Contributions from private sector and NGOs