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Final Report

Workshop on "Next Generation Networks"

(Hanoi, Vietnam, 15-16 May 2006)

At the kind invitation of the Ministry of Posts and Telematics of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the ITU Workshop on "Next Generation Network" was successfully held on 15-16 May 2006 in Hanoi, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

This workshop was a joint collaboration among ITU-T, SPU and ITU-D to participants from Asia-Pacific region to increase their cooperation with the ITU in the international telecommunication standardization work. The topics discussed in this seminar were a result of consultations among these three groups to cover standardization issues as well as policy, regulatory and development aspects of NGN.

ITU-T experts introduced the ongoing works and discussions of relevant study groups and Focus Groups in ITU-T. They also overviewed the current trends, status and future evolution of NGN technology and NGN business scenarios. As NGNs are a major departure from the network today - these developments will likely change the ways the telecommunication sector operates, SPU of ITU leaded a session focused on NGN regulatory and policy issues, reported the global discussions which are ongoing on issues such as interconnection, new regulatory paradigms and models, and ensuring competition in the new emerging market. Speakers from Indonesia, India and Singapore reported their country cases on specific policy issues and raised a list of regulatory questions under consultation and awaiting guidance. Vietnam speakers also shared their experiences on the implementation of NGN in Vietnam.

Participants highly appreciated these presentations in this seminar. This seminar encouraged developing countries in Asia-Pacific regions to continue to follow the discussions and monitor the progress of work being undertaken by ITU to exploit the full potential for NGN development.

More than 138 participants from 13 countries representing various fields in telecommunications, e.g., policy maker, regulators, operators, vendors, university, and R&D groups attended this seminar. An external voluntary contribution from NTT, Japan to this seminar facilitated the participation of 7 developing countries in this event, namely: Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao, PDR, Maldives, Nepal and Philippines.

All <u>presentations</u> and a <u>list of participants</u> of this event are also available at the event website at: <u>http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/worksem/ngn/200605/index.html</u>.