



CLOSING REMARKS

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- H.E. Mr. Chin Bun Sean, Secretary of State, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Cambodia
- Excellencies Secretaries of State, MPTC
- Excellencies Undersecretaries of State, MPTC
- H. E Mr. Chakrya Moa, Chairman of TRC
- Dr. Hamadoun Toure ´ , Secretary-General, ITU
- Mr. Toshiyuki YAMADA , Secretary General, Asia Pacific Telecommunity.

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let it be my happy duty, to thank the Hon. Minister, So Khun, the Government, and the people of Cambodia on behalf of all the delegates. I am extremely humbled by the hospitality extended to us by our host.

There is an old proverb that says 'the forest shapes the tree.' So, if the forest shapes the tree, the environment shapes the person, the family shapes the child and the workplace shapes the performance. Thank you very much Cambodia for the excellent facilities.

The Regional Development Forum was a great success, and this RPM was even a greater success. For this, the Membership deserves a lot of credit.

Besides the great facilities provided by our host, you submitted contributions rich in content, you participated actively, and exercised patience even during moments when we delayed breaking for coffee. I am grateful to you for your commitment, determination and resolve.

To our very abled Chairman, I thank you for your wise leadership. You flowered and spiced the meeting with jokes that kept stress very far away from us throughout the meeting.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Friends,

We have just adopted the final report of this RPM. I read it again and again. I am very pleased that it incorporates all the contributions submitted by our membership and their comments during discussions.

This is the beginning of the process and I am sure that you will fine-tune the outputs of this meeting and come up with ASP common proposals under the leadership of APT.

As you continue your preparation I urge you to read documents INF/4 entitled "Report on the BDT Brainstorming Retreat 2012" and INF/5 entitled "Ideas for Innovation in ITU Study Groups". They contain valuable information and ideas coming from two brain storming meetings I took the initiative of organizing in the framework of the C for Cooperation and Consultation I refer to in my opening remarks regarding the ICT principles.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

ITU indicators and statistics have already shown that the ICT outlook for this region is very good. The ASP region is showing a very positive growth with a high uptake of new technologies. This is a great news, because Information and communication technology has become the new foundation where nation states and corporations are building their competitiveness.

Let me take the opportunity of the closing ceremony to thank you Dr. Hamadoun Touré for your vision, your leadership, your support and for your coming.

I would like to thank Dr. Toshiyuki YAMADA Secretary General for APT and its team who will continue the coordination process of the preparation of the Asia Pacific Region to the WTDC. You can count on me and my staff because a good coordination at regional level can only facilitate the proceedings of the WTDC.

Let me thank the Secretaries and Undersecretaries who took their precious time to be with all along, the Staff of MPTC, the very discrete and efficient Chakrya Moa, Chairman of TRC

and his staff, the sponsors, the staff of the hotel and all the people who have been working behind the scene for the smooth running of our two meetings and making our stay so pleasant.

Let me also thank the entire BDT staff for its dedication and its hard work, particularly those who have been directly working tirelessly for the success of these meetings.

I would like to make a special mention and motion of satisfaction to the regional staff under the leadership of Dr. Eun-Ju Kim who have set a high standard particularly in terms of Resources mobilization and smart partnership for development. Congratulations.

As I end, let me say this: As we strive to make ICTs universally accessible and to change people's lives for the better, we should turn to the basic ABCs of life.

A, for Attitude: because if we have a forward-looking and winning attitude, we will win.

B, for boldness and belief because if we proceed with boldness and the belief that we will make a bold impact in this world, we will succeed.

And C, for Circumstances and Commitment: because even if the external environment brings challenges to our doorsteps, we should remain committed to the cause knowing that we are the agents of change for future generations.

My final word to you, Distinguished Representatives of Member States and Sector Members: Please do not assume that I am too busy to receive your phone call, respond to your e-mail or to welcome you in my office when you are visiting Geneva. I am in this office to serve, and serve at all times. No issue is too small to receive my attention. I look forward to meeting with many of you.

I thank you.