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Strengthen the Interconnection Cooperation, Promote ICT Development in ASP

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Global Digital Wave: IT drives a new round of Science and Technology Revolution and Industrial Revolution

- Global digital transformation develops new way for the world economy and expands new boundaries.
- Digital transformation of manufacturing becomes the core content of the digital economy development.

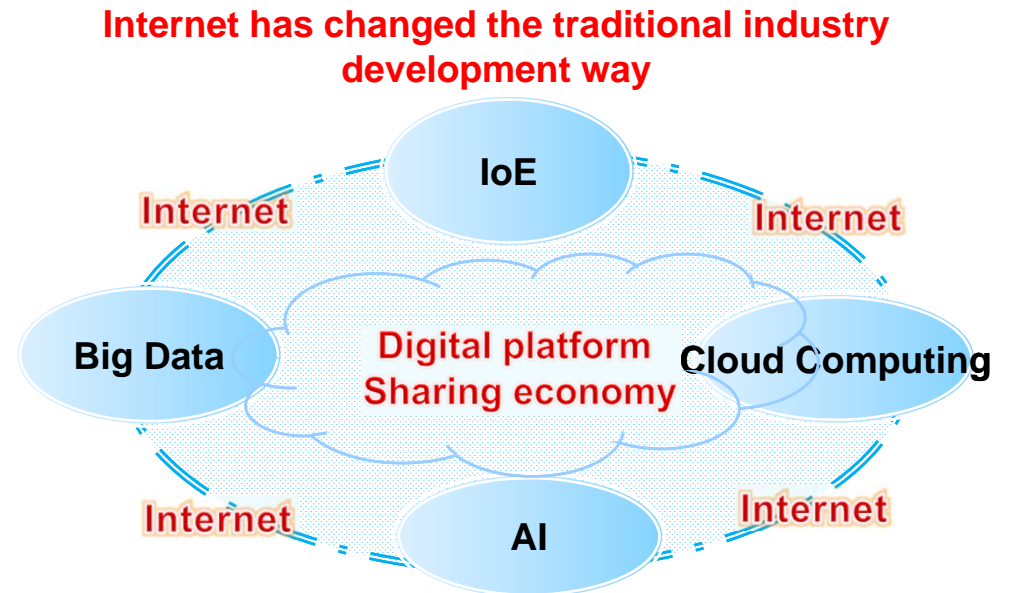**Industry 4.0/ Germany Digital Strategy 2025**

US Advanced Manufacturing Strategy/ Industrial Internet

China Manufacturing 2025/ "Internet Plus"

New Industrial France

Internet has changed the traditional industry development way

IoE

Internet

Internet

Big Data

Digital platform Sharing economy

Cloud Computing

Internet

Internet

AI

It's very important to build the Foundation of Digital Economy Development: Interconnection of Information Infrastructure

■ **To build digital economy, ASP countries need to rely on the network interconnected to share the prosperity fruits of Internet applications.**

Interconnection changes the global competitive pattern

Break the limit of time and space: anytime, anywhere

Supply and demand joint: reduce intermediate links and hierarchy

Reduce the service threshold: shielding region, group, class differences

To achieve the peer of supply and demand

One point access the whole internet

Some country's foundation is weak, the development needs of the global internetworking

■ The lack of Interconnection is an important factor restricting the development of ICT in the ASP countries, also restricts the efforts of countries to promote their own development using international resources.
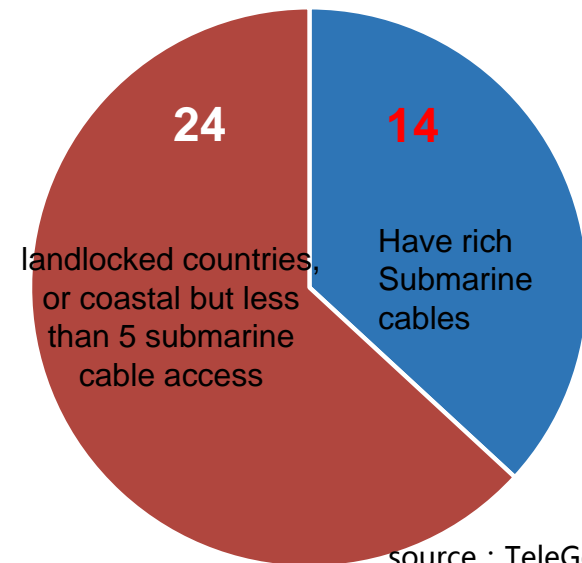
UNITED NATIONS ESCAP
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

• ESCAP reported that, countries with submarine cable sites usually enjoy a cheaper, more rapid high-quality Internet connections, but the landlocked countries didn't fully benefit from the Internet broadband.

TERABIT Consulting

• Terabit Consulting research found that, the lack of Internet connectivity is causing great digital divide between ASEAN member states.
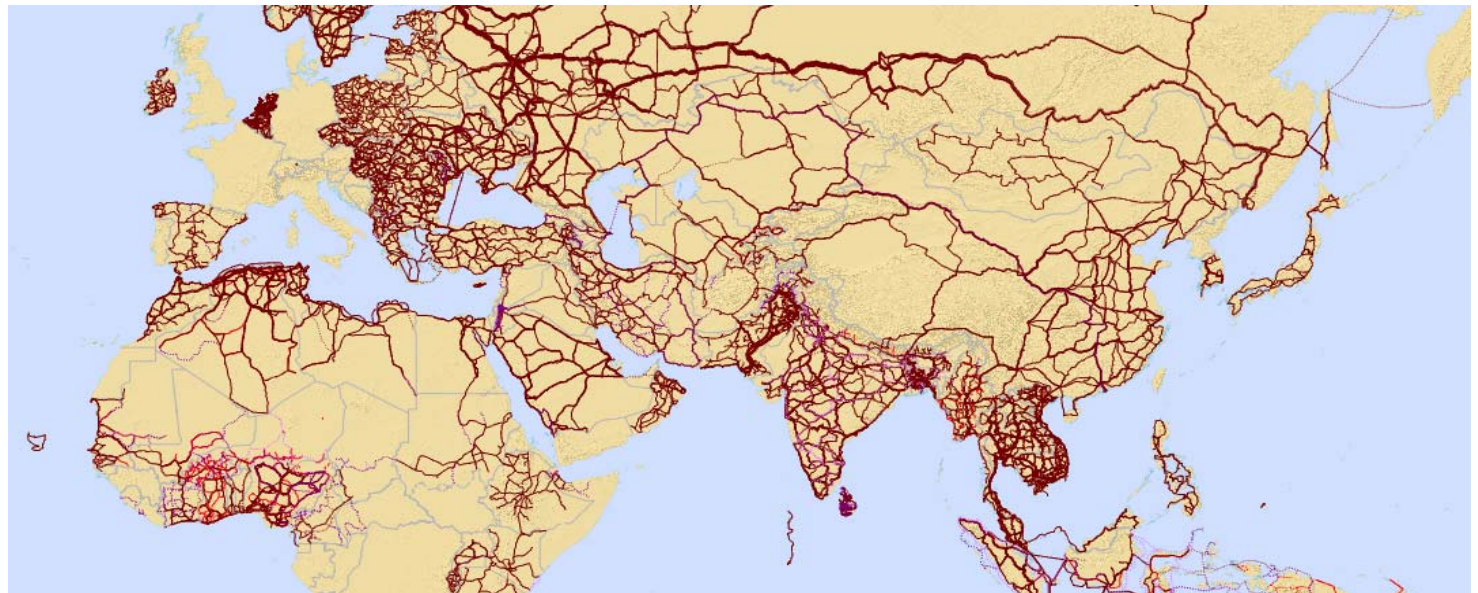
ASP: 38 countries

24 — landlocked countries, or coastal but less than 5 submarine cable access

14 — Have rich Submarine cables

source : TeleGeography

ASP countries have some basic conditions for interconnection

- Landlocked countries have built a relatively complete backbone optical cable network

- A number of international submarine cables have been in use, and several new submarine cables will be put into use, such as AAE-1, APG and SWM-5.

Terrestrial Optical Cable

Source: ITU

Interconnection goals: more people enjoy the bonus of Internet development

- **Long term goal:** to improve the interconnection of networks in the ASP countries, narrow the digital gap

- **Framework:** To establish Asia Pacific Information Superhighway

AP-IS Plan

Suggestion1：promoted by sub-regional

- First, we can promote the interconnection of sub-region countries, to build regional information superhighway, such as in Central Asia, the Mekong sub region, the Middle East, etc. Second，building information channel to connect the sub-region with the whole world.

Cable network in Mekong sub region

Cable network in Central Asia

Suggestion2： Mechanism innovation, explore the construction and operation model of international information infrastructure

■ Interconnection needs cooperation among countries and enterprises: to learn from the international submarine cable, international railway transport, international crude oil，international electric power transmission and other operating model, explore to establish the operation model of international terrestrial optical cable system

Agreement on the international carriage of goods by rail, 2015

- "uniform transit tariff rules of International railway freight transport", regulate the transit delivery cost calculation and acceptance check method

Suggestion 3: strengthen the domestic information infrastructure, and integrate it into the national strategy to promote continuously

National strategic guarantee

☐ The ITU Broadband Commission believes that Internet and broadband is essential to the development of the international community

☐ Countries should take broadband construction as the first strategy, through policy support, sectoral collaboration, etc. promoting the implementation, and updating and upgrading strategic objectives and direction in the implementation of the process .

Suggestion 4: Strengthen the application innovation, construct new formats of "Internet +"

sustainable development

☐ **Encourage innovation:** Apply cloud computing, big data, mobile Internet, networking and other information technology into all of the economic and social fields, and promote cross-border integration and innovation of Internet with city management, logistics, manufacturing, agriculture and rural areas, create new products, new services and new model.

☐ Accelerate the healthy development of e-commerce, Internet finance，industrial internet.

Suggestion 5: Open cooperation, using all kinds of funds to support the construction of information infrastructure

Capital guarantee

Construction of Information infrastructure interconnection needs huge financial support.

☐ **Encourage foreign governments and international institutions policy funds tilt information infrastructure:** for example to set up special funds in Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and other policy banks to support the construction of information infrastructure.

☐ **Encourage private capital to participate in the construction:** guide and support various types of capital to participate in the construction of information and communication infrastructure.

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