**The Release of ITU's flagship statistics report:**

# Measuring the Information Society 2014

**Opening Remarks**

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the Office of National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission to launch the ITU's flagship statistics report on "*Measuring the Information Society or the MIS Report 2014*". It is an honor for the NBTC to host this important event for the second time with the support of ITU and ESCAP.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Today we will launch the MIS Report 2014 here in Bangkok at the same time as the ITU global launch at the 12th World

Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium or WTIS which is now taking place in Tbilisi, Georgia.

The report is the result of great cooperation of all countries that have provided data and countless works from their experts and staff. I congratulate ITU for the great efforts in completing this report. I believe that the data and analysis contained in this report is not only of great value to the ITU member but also, encourage all of us to work towards building an inclusive global information society.

Ladies and Gentlemen

From the report, I noticed that Thailand's position has moved up 10 places from the 91$^{st}$ in 2012 to the 81$^{st}$ in 2013. Especially in term of ICT use, we are the most dynamic country where the rank moved up from the previous year by 34 places. This remarkable improvement is a result of various factors; among them is the significant increase of mobile broadband subscriptions since the 3G network deployed in Thailand earlier last year.

Therefore, the MIS report is very important to all the countries to be able to pinpoint where they are and how they should plan their move in the Information World.

Ladies and Gentlemen

I wish to thank ITU and ESCAP for co-organising this MIS 2014 report launching today and for their trust in NBTC to host this important event. In fact, NBTC and ITU have worked in close collaboration for many years since the establishment of NBTC, and we are looking

forward to continue working and supporting the works of each other in the future.

I also would like to thank all of you for your participation. I wish you enjoy the hospitality we provided.

Thank you.