

Ms. Areewan Haorangsi Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)

Ms. Areewan Haorangsi has taken up her post as Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) on 9 February 2015. A native of Thailand, Ms. Haorangsi brings to her post over three decades of service both in national and international stage.

Before her election as Secretary General, Ms. Haorangsi served as the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT), Thailand. Her long tenure with MICT included responsibilities for a variety of portfolios, i.e. Principal Adviser for Foreign Affairs, Executive Director of Policy and Strategy Bureau, Acting Principal Adviser for Communications, and Executive Director of International Affairs Bureau. Ms. Haorangsi also had extensive international experience including her postings as Chairperson of ASEAN Telecommunication and IT Services Sectoral Working Group under the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services, Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic Transformation, People Empowerment & Engagement, Innovation and Human Capital Development under the ASEAN Telecommunication and IT Senior Officials' Meeting, and Head of Thai Delegation to the APEC Telecommunications and Information Working Group as well as to Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Ms. Haorangsi has longstanding ties with the APT since 2003 when she has started working at MICT. She had been the Head of Thai delegation at various APT events. In 2011 she was elected the Vice Chairman of the APT Management Committee. She was also Chairman of the APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF) in 2014. In 2014, Ms. Haorangsi was elected Secretary General of the APT at the 13th Session of the General Assembly of the APT held in Yangon, Myanmar. As Secretary General of the APT, Ms. Haorangsi has set a forward-looking vision in leading the APT towards the forefront of telecommunication and ICT development in the Asia-Pacific region and bringing in synergy among the stakeholders to maximize the benefits of ICT to the people.

Born in 1959 in Thailand, Ms. Haorangsi holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (International Relations), Chulalongkorn University, Thailand and a Master of Business Administration (Management of Technology), Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand. She began her career in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (MOTC) in 1981, being responsible for Foreign Affairs Group and International Transport Group of the Department of Land Transport.