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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia
- Regional organisations in Asia-Pacific
- Industry, private sector, organisations dealing with telecommunications/ICTs

Subject: ***Young ICT Leaders' Forum 2016 & Busan Global Smart Cities Challenge***, 7-9 September 2016, Busan, Republic of Korea

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Busan Metropolitan City and the National Information Society Agency (NIA), the Republic of Korea, are organizing the ***“Young ICT Leaders' Forum 2016 (YILF-2016)”*** which will be held during 7-9 September 2016 in Busan City, the Republic of Korea. The Forum is hosted by the Busan Metropolitan City at Exhibition Hall 1, BEXCO, Republic of Korea.

The YILF 2016 aims to promote an active participation of youth in the digital economy, including (1) promoting the engagement of youth in the field of ICTs; (2) decreasing the digital divide; and (3) promoting research on emerging ICTs particularly Internet of Things (IoT).

This Forum is composed of the following parts:

1. 2-day Conference and Busan Global Smart Cities Challenge (the 7th & 8th of Sept);
2. Welcome and Networking reception (Evening of the 7th & 8th);
3. Exploring the city of Busan (the 9th Sept.)

The Forum focuses on connecting, sharing and empowering the YOUTH in the ICT Sector in order to enhance their capacity on creating the start-up business of their own and to be a competitive positioning in their professional work field. Hence, the ultimate goal of YILF is to offer a platform where the young ICT leaders can exchange their knowledge and build up their innovative concepts into reality by working closely together as a team, which in turn benefits the IoT industry locally and internationally.

In addition, **Busan Global Smart Cities Challenge**, which is under the auspices of the 2nd Young ICT Leaders' Forum 2016, is being jointly organized by Busan Metropolitan City and ITU this year. Global Smart Cities Challenge is a competition opened for young people to present their innovative ideas on harnessing the power of digital technologies in making a city smarter, safer, and friendlier to the environment and thereby improving quality of life of the citizens.

Busan Metropolitan City will provide fellowships (including round-trip air tickets and hotel accommodation) to qualified applicants, subject to available budget. The last date for receiving applications is **16 August 2016**. Details of application criteria, agenda, and necessary forms are annexed to this letter.

I shall appreciate your kind circulation of this invitation among local stakeholders, youth, entrepreneurs and startups in your country. For further information, please visit: <http://itu.int/go/YILF2016>.

The Forum will be conducted in English. No participation fee is required. To participate, please complete the online application form available at the website mentioned above. It is important to note that applicants are required to submit the completed application form together with details about their innovations for the Busan Global Smart Cities Challenge. ***Successful candidates will be selected based on their ideas presented in the application form.***

For more information about the event, please contact Ms. Soo Nam (info2016YILF@gmail.com) or visit the event website.

I look forward to your active participation and contribution to the success of the event.

Yours faithfully,



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Annexes:

- 1) Busan letter of invitation
- 2) Application form
- 3) Tentative agenda