

Policy Statement for WTDC-25
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Excellencies Ministers

Distinguish delegate ladies and gentlemen.

It is my honor to represent Thailand at WTDC 25. I would like to thank the government of Azerbaijan and the ITU for bringing us together here at the beautiful Baku and under the theme that reflect our share values ie universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity for an inclusive and sustainable digital future

For NBTC Thailand, this theme guides our daily work. It is our foundation for overseeing connectivity.

Starting with universal connectivity. Mobile broadband now covers more than 98% of our population. Fiber optic network is ubiquitous even in the rural remote villages under net Petcharat and Universal service obligation scheme.

To deliver meaningful connectivity, Thailand has strengthened digital capacity through our recent 5G spectrum auction in the 1500, 2100&2300 MHz mid bands. This reinforces our national digital backbone and supports emerging technologies. They allow people to use connectivity to learn, to work and to innovate.

For affordability: every operator must provide Basic essential affordable starter plan for Voice and mobile Internet. This help ensure the cost of connectivity does not become a barrier to

opportunity. We constantly review the pricing structure so it will align with market conditions competition at evolving cost.

More importantly, connectivity must also support inclusion. Through our universal service obligation program we provide unlimited 20 MB per second free data access for person with disability, for low income families and for student in underserved communities. This support equal access to education, healthcare, and digital public services.

A sustainable digital future require sustainable networks. Thailand has integrated Green ICT requirements into Key spectrum licensing including the 1500, 2100 & 2300 MHz bands. Operator must develop and implement energy-efficiency plans for the network. This ensure the digital infrastructure expands responsibly with minimal environmental Impact.

NBTC is also preparing Thailand for the next phase of digital development, where artificial intelligence will play an increasing Central role. Together with the ITU, we will cohost the training “AI governance in Practice“ this coming December to strengthen responsible AI adoption. In parallel, we are drafting an AI risk management framework for telecommunication services. This efforts help ensure that the benefits of AI are realized in ways that are inclusive, trusted and aligned with the foundation of universal, meaningful and affordable connectivity that we are building on.

In this spirit, Thailand humbly seek reelection to the ITU council at PP-26. We offer continuity, strengthen regional cooperation, and renewed commitment in advancing universal, meaningful and affordable connectivity for an inclusive and sustainable digital future.

Thailand stands ready with conviction with SENSE of partnership and with unwavering resolve as a trusted partner for a connected future.

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