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Subject: **ITU/MIC TRAINING ON BRIDGING THE STANDARDIZATION GAP
18 to 22 June 2007, Tokyo, Japan**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan (MIC) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), we are pleased to invite participation in the **ITU/MIC Training on Bridging the Standardization Gap**, to be convened from 18 to 22 June 2007, in Tokyo, Japan.

The training is jointly organized by MIC and ITU and targets senior managers of government organizations, national standardization organizations, and telecommunications/ICT operators from developing countries.

Adopted at the WTDC-06, Resolution 47 and Resolution 123 revised at PP-06 instruct ITU to promote participation in training courses and workshops on best-practice application of ITU Recommendations for developing countries in order to close, *inter alia*, "Standardization Gap" through the coordinated efforts of ITU sectors. In addition, the Doha Action Plan also includes a Regional Initiative (RI) on "Strengthening the collaboration between ITU-T and ITU-D" in Asia and the Pacific region aiming to assist the developing countries to better understand ITU-T Recommendations, and to enhance the application of ITU-T Recommendations for telecommunication/ICT services and equipment in their countries.

The Standardization Gap is an issue to be addressed by, not only developing countries, but also developed countries. Hence, the training will include collaborative sessions in which obstacles/challenges for each country will be discussed and new ways forward be explored. We hope that this training will give some clues to make progress on this challenge of high significance.

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Each participant is kindly invited to bring with him/her a paper addressing his/her idea on the following questions:

(a) what are the outstanding obstacles/challenges, in terms of interoperability, operation and management (O&M) and/or network management, for successful migration to NGN in your country/organization?

(b) how should these obstacles be overcome for successful migration to NGN?

(c) what technical standards concerning NGN should be given higher priority?

The information provided in each participant's paper will facilitate the organizers' understanding of the current situation in each country/organization and participants' respective country expectations from this training.

We are pleased to inform you that ITU will provide one full fellowship covering air ticket and daily subsistence allowance (DSA), per developing or least developed country. Please note that both participation and the fellowship are subject to seat and budget availability and upon official request from your Administration.
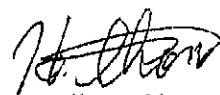
We should be grateful if you would complete the attached registration form and fellowship form, if applicable, and return them by e-mail or fax as soon as possible but no later than 18 May 2007, to the person concerned as mentioned in the respective forms.

For further details, please see the attached Training Programme and Information Note. The same information, including forms, can be found at http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/.
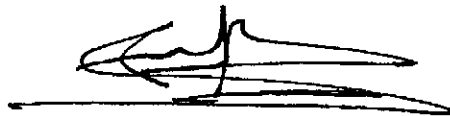
Please note that the training will be conducted in **English only.**

We look forward to active participation from your organisation in this training.

Yours faithfully,

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ANNEXES: - Training Programme
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