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Subject: **ITU/MIC TRAINING ON BRIDGING THE STANDARDIZATION GAP
15 to 19 December 2008, Tokyo, Japan**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan, are in the process of organizing the ITU/MIC Training on Bridging the Standardization Gap for the Asia-Pacific and Arab regions. The training will take place from 15 to 19 December, in Tokyo, Japan. In this connection, we wish to invite senior managers of government organizations, national standardization organizations, and telecommunication/ICT operators from the developing countries in the Asia-Pacific and Arab Regions.

As a part of implementing the Asia-Pacific Regional Initiative and ITU Resolutions, this training intends to assist policy-makers, regulators and industries facing various challenges out of the fast developing technologies and services to comprehend and apply the standards for practical use in their countries through learning experiences and sharing best practices of standardization activities especially relating to NGN. The training also features group discussions as well as lectures on various topics on standardization.

To facilitate the training and understand the status of each country, each participant is requested to bring a short presentation paper on the following questions: e.g.,

- (a) What are the outstanding obstacles/challenges faced by your country/organization:
 - i. for standardization activities related to NGN?
 - ii. for use of the standards (or compliance enforcement)?
- (b) How should these obstacles be overcome?

Please be informed that ITU, through its partnership with MIC and Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (NTT) in Japan, will provide limited number of participants with one full fellowship covering return economy air fare and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for eligible developing and/or least developed country subject to the availability of budgets as well as endorsement from the Administration concerned.

We will be grateful if you could complete and return the Registration Form attached as soon as possible, but no later than, 15 November 2008 with attention to Ms. Wachira Woramankul by fax no. +662 574 9328.

For further details, please refer to the Training Programme and Information Note with other relevant forms at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/tech/network-infrastructure/index.html>.

Please note that the training will be conducted in English only.

I look forward to active participation from your organization in this training.

Yours faithfully,



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