

APT-ITU Seminar on the outcomes of WTSA-12 and WCIT-12

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Welcome Address

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Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

A very good morning to all of you. I am very pleased to welcome you to this APT-ITU Seminar on outcomes of WTSA-12 and WCIT-12. At this juncture, I would like to thank the ITU especially the Director of TSB, Mr. Johnson for providing the necessary support for this joint event of APT and ITU.

Dear Participants,

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-12) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) successfully concluded in December 2012 (last year) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Many of us had the opportunity to participate in the Assembly and the Conference and witnessed the deliberations and enjoy the excellent hospitality provided by the host. The meeting arrangements and support from the ITU Secretariat to the APT and to all our members are very well noted with our special thanks to ITU and all the staff who were there to help and assist us during those important events of ITU. My special thanks go to the Director of TSB, Mr. Johnson for his leadership and kind assistance for us during the events and I am pleased to offer my warmest greetings on behalf of our members for a job well done.

Distinguished Delegates,

I believe WTSA-12 and the WCIT-12 concluded successfully with reasonable achievements to all concerned. Despite some critics, I still feel the WCIT-12 was a reasonably successful conference to the countries of the Asia-Pacific region. Most of our proposals to the WTSA was successful and are reflected in the outcome of the Assembly. Similarly, important issues raised by the APT members were reflected in the new International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) and the Resolutions of the WCIT-12.

The details of the APT's contributions towards the WTSA and WCIT as well as the outcome of these conferences will be elaborated by the different speakers of this Seminar. I look forward to these presentations.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our chairman of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-12: Dr. Seyed Mostafa Safavi Hemami and Vice Chairmen: Ms. Xu Weiling (P.R. Chian), Ms. Michiko Fukahori (Japan) and Dr. Kishik Park (Rep. of Korea) and the Rapporteurs and Assistant Rapporteurs for all your efforts and continued supports that made us successful at WTSA-12. I would also thank all the members of APT who contributed to the APT Preparatory process for WTSA-12.

I am also pleased to express my sincere appreciation to the office bearers of the APT Preparatory Group for WCIT-12 including the Chairman Mr. Edgardo Cabarios (Philippines), the three Vice Chairmen: Ms. Caroline Greenway (Australia), Mr. Mitsuhiro Hishida (Japan), and Mr. Jong Bong Park (Korea). I should also thank the Islamic Republic of Iran for providing a substantial part of the contributions to the preparatory process and to all the other APT members who actively participated and contributed to the APT preparatory meetings for WCIT-12.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

APT preparatory processes to the ITU conferences are being recognised to be one of the important regional coordination efforts for the ITU conferences. With its 38 Member countries, APT's contribution to the conferences can make significant impact. APT role is to provide the platform for collaboration and coordination of issues of significance to its members and deliver well-coordinated proposals to the conferences to facilitate and simplify the work of the conferences.

APT will continue to improve its preparatory processes to the ITU conferences providing more value to its membership. We will need to work closely with ITU getting support and expertise as required for the APT Members to prepare and provide valuable contributions to the conferences.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to express once again my sincere appreciation for the excellent cooperation from ITU to APT in this important work of APT. My special thanks to Mr. Johnson and his staff for the continuing support to APT and its members. I would like to thank the three speakers from ITU, Ms. Xiaoya Yang, Mr. Preetam Maloor and Mr. Rosa Paolo for their valuable contribution to this event.

I wish you good luck and fruitful meeting.

Thank you.

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