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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Virtual Meeting for the 17th APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum
27 - 28 August 2020**

I am pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) will organize a virtual meeting for the 17th APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum (ADF-17) from 27 to 28 August 2020.

Considering the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, APT Secretariat had consulted with the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum (ADF), and it is decided that the ADF-17 will be organized virtually.

The ADF provides a platform for the APT members to discuss ways for development of telecommunication and ICT. It is also a platform to share the outcomes and achievements of the ICT Pilot Projects in rural areas and other ICT projects funded by the Extra-Budgetary Contributions (EBCs). Given the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, ADF-17 will mainly focus on sharing achievements of the projects funded by Extra-Budgetary Contributions from Japan and the Republic of Korea and introduce a new scheme of project supported by EBC from China.

The objectives of the ADF-17 are to:

- Report outcomes and achievements of the APT Projects via Extra-Budgetary Contributions (EBCs) and
- Provide guidance and key considerations in the formulation of EBC project proposals including the implementation of the EBC projects.

In this regard, I would like to invite high-level representatives from your administration/organization who are currently involved in telecommunication and ICT development to participate in the ADF-17, which will be organized via Zoom meeting platform. Attached herewith please find the Concept Note and Introduction to APT Zoom meeting for your information.

Registration can be done online at <https://www.apr.int/online-registration> preferably by **14 August 2020**. Once the registration is accepted, APT Secretariat will inform Zoom meeting link, password and other relevant information directly to the registered participant two weeks prior to the meeting. Only the registered participants are entitled to join the meeting. Should further information or assistance regarding the meeting is required, please contact APT Secretariat by email aptict@apr.int. APT Secretariat will do the best to provide the necessary environment for the remote participation.

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I look forward to your support and cooperation in ensuring a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

(Original signed)

Areewan Haorangi
Secretary General

Encls: 1. Concept Note
2. Introduction to APT Zoom meeting

To: APT Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and International Organizations