



Secretary General

WELCOME REMARKS

Dr. Hyoung Jun Kim, Chair of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24,
Mr. Seizo Onoe, Director, Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), International
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Distinguished Delegates,

Good day to you all,

I warmly welcome you all to the 2nd APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 Meeting (APT WTSA24-2) which is being held virtually. I express my gratitude to Dr. Hyoung Jun Kim, Chair of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24, and welcome Mr. Seizo Onoe, Director of the ITU-TSB. I would also like to thank colleagues from other Regional Telecommunications Organizations for joining this meeting.

The ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2024 (WTSA-24) will convene from the 15th to the 24th of October 2024 in New Delhi, India. Last year in Thailand, the 1st Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 elected the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the APT WTSA-24. It also nominated the Chair and Vice-Chairs of three Working Groups.

During this 2-day meeting, we will discuss the issues to be identified for WTSA-24 and develop preliminary positions of the APT on those issues based on the input contributions from the APT members. This meeting may need to review its Work Plan and Timeline of future meetings of the APT WTSA-24. This year, APT envisions four preparatory meetings in total, towards the WTSA24.

I would like to emphasize that APT members' participation and contributions are the driving force behind the activities of the APT Preparatory Groups for the World Conference/ Assembly. Furthermore, the ideas put forward by APT Members serve as the foundation for the creation of PACPs, resulting from the preparatory groups. The preparatory sessions give APT members a platform to collaborate, exchange opinions, and produce well-planned deliverables for the ITU World Conference and Assembly. For successful preparation of works, continuous active participation of all APT members and office bearers in all preparatory meetings is absolutely necessary.

The APT Secretariat stands ready to support and facilitate the preparatory process in pursuit of successful outcomes. I have full faith that this Preparatory Group will be fully prepared and will create APT Common Proposals that will preserve regional interests for submission to WTSA-24.

I wish you all successful deliberations.

Thank you.
