



Secretary General

## WELCOME REMARKS

His Excellency Mr. Sok Puthyvuth, Secretary of State of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia,

Dr. Hyoung Jun Kim, Chair of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24,

Mr. Seizo Onoe, Director, Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), ITU,

Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning to you all and welcome to the 3rd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 (APT WTSA24-3) in Siem Reap, the historic city of Cambodia.

First of all, on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and all participants, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Sok Puthyvuth, Secretary of State of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia for joining this opening ceremony today out of busy schedule.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia for hosting this APT WTSA24-3 and for the excellent preparation and hospitality.

Distinguished delegates,

For this meeting, there are more than 100 input contributions including the ones which were carried forward from the previous meeting. These contributions are subject to review, discuss, and identify the key topics for developing Preliminary APT Common Proposals (PACPs) at this meeting. The ideas put forward by APT members serve as the foundation for the creation of PACPs. To ensure successful preparation, it is necessary for all APT members to collaborate and cooperate towards the shared visions. I hope that this meeting would be able to make significant progress. This meeting will also review its Work Plan and Timeline. APT envisions five preparatory meetings in total, towards the WTSA24 and believes that it will provide reasonable opportunities to consolidate regional voices.

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Taking this opportunity, I would like to mention that this year the APT celebrates the 45th Anniversary of its establishment. All work programmes of the APT this year, including this APT WTSA24-3, join the celebration.

The 16th Session of the General Assembly of the APT (GA-16) held in 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand, endorsed the plan to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the APT throughout the year in 2024. The plan involves creating a web page highlighting the occasion, showcasing APT's history and congratulatory messages from members and partner organizations. Please visit the anniversary web page.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my heartfelt gratefulness to His Excellency Mr. Sok Puthyvuth for being with us today, and to our host, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia.

I wish you all a fruitful discussion and a successful meeting.

Thank you very much.