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WELCOME REMARKS

Dr. Le Van Tuan, Chair of APT Wireless Group (AWG),
Dr. Dae Jung Kim and Dr. Khoirul Anwar, Vice-Chairs of AWG,
Dr. Kohei Satoh, Honorary Chair of AWG,
Distinguished Delegates,

Good morning. It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 32nd meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-32) here in Pattaya, Thailand.

Today, we have more than 400 registered participants with around 200 physical participants here in Pattaya. This level of active participation underscores the importance and impact of the work of AWG.

AWG has been playing a significant role in regional spectrum harmonization for many services, and its contribution has been well recognized by the members and industry. AWG needs to continue its efforts to maintain and strengthen its current prestigious position as a platform to discuss the issues of wireless telecommunication.

AWG has developed 12 APT Recommendations and 135 APT Reports. These outcomes of the AWG have facilitated and are useful for the regional harmonization of spectrum usage and the development of new radiocommunication technologies and applications. Therefore, this year, the Secretariat plans to promote and disseminate these AWG outcomes to our members and beyond as much as possible by using slides and/or video as an idea. In addition, I believe that the establishment of AFIS Ad-Hoc Group is benefitting APT Members in using the radio frequency spectrum more effectively.

Distinguished Delegates,

The Strategic Plan of the APT for 2024-2026, adopted at the 16th Session of the General Assembly, outlines the vision, overall objectives and action plans to achieve the identified priorities of its members. It also establishes mechanisms to fulfil the plan's objectives through its expected outcomes and the KPIs to monitor its progress. Digital Connectivity, Digital Transformation, Trust and Safety, Digital Inclusion and Sustainability are the five Strategic Pillars for this Strategic, while recognizing

the importance of cross-cutting issues, such as collaboration and partnerships as well as capacity building. We will work in line with this strategic directions in coming years.

Distinguished delegates,

WRC-23 was concluded, and the new ITU-R cycle started. AWG contributes to the work of WRC by conducting studies on the number of Agenda Items. Now it is the time to consider and reflect those conclusions of WRC-23 to the work plan of AWG for this region in a collaborative manner.

For this AWG meeting, APT Secretariat has received more than 100 input contributions. In line with the agreed expected outcomes, AWG-32 will continue to study on the existing work items, report on the progress of studies and discuss the relevant issues. In addition, based on these input contributions, the meeting may also adopt new work items.

The achievement of AWG has always been possible through your efforts and dedication. I sincerely thank the members for their participation and valuable contributions to the meeting. I am also grateful to the Chair, Vice-Chairs, Honorary Chair, and all office bearers for their hard work and contributions.

I wish you all fruitful deliberations and a meaningful meeting.

Thank you very much.
