



Mr. Masanori Kondo, Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity

WELCOME REMARKS

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Dr. Kohei Satoh, Honorary Chair of AWG,

Distinguished Delegates,

Good morning and welcome to the 33rd Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-33). It is my great pleasure to see such an impressive turnout, with over 450 registered participants, more than 200 of whom are joining us in person here in Bangkok. This active engagement reflects the critical role AWG plays in regional spectrum harmonization and its enduring impact on telecommunications across the Asia-Pacific region.

Since its inception, AWG has established itself as a cornerstone in addressing wireless communication issues. Through the development of 12 APT Recommendations and 137 Reports, AWG has fostered the advancement of emerging technologies, facilitating regional cooperation and the harmonization of spectrum usage. These contributions are not only technical achievements but are also vital to enhancing digital connectivity, a pillar of our strategic plan for 2024-2026.

As we move forward under this plan, I urge all of you to focus on our five strategic pillars: Digital Connectivity, Digital Transformation, Trust and Safety, Digital Inclusion, and Sustainability. Each of these areas is crucial for fostering a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable digital future. The success of this plan relies on collaboration, partnership, and the continued dedication of all stakeholders.

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For this meeting, we have received over 100 input contributions. These will serve as the foundation for discussions on new work items and ongoing studies. I trust that your collective expertise will drive meaningful progress, just as it has in previous AWG meetings.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our Chair, Vice-Chairs, Honorary Chair, and all participants for your leadership and unwavering commitment. Together, let us continue to make AWG a beacon of innovation and collaboration.

Thank you, and I wish you all a productive and insightful meeting.