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Secretary General

## **WELCOME REMARKS**

Clinical Professor Dr. Sarana Boonbaichaiyapruck, Chairman of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) of Thailand,

Mr. Trairat Viriyasirikul, Deputy Secretary General, Acting Secretary General of the Office of the NBTC,

Ms. Zhu Keer, Chair of the APT Preparatory Group for PP-26,

Mr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Mr. Yoshiaki Nagaya, Ms. Thasawan Samorwong, and Mr. Bui Ha Long, Vice-Chairs of APT PP-26,

Mr. Alireza Darvishi, Special Advisor to APT PP-26,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

It is a profound honor and privilege to welcome you to the 3rd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026.

We are pleased to have close to 300 distinguished participants representing our Member Administrations, Affiliate Members, and international organizations. This strong and diverse participation is a clear testament to the strategic importance of our work and the unwavering commitment of the Asia-Pacific region to shaping the future of the global ICT landscape.

At the outset, I extend my deepest appreciation to the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission of Thailand for their gracious hospitality in hosting this meeting in Bangkok. I wish to particularly recognize Clinical Professor Dr. Sarana Boonbaichaiyapruck and Mr. Trairat Viriyasirikul for their steadfast leadership and exceptional commitment in making this gathering possible.

Distinguished Delegates,

At our first meeting, we laid an institutional foundation. At the second meeting, we advanced substantive and forward-looking deliberations.

At this third meeting, we must move with clarity and conviction. The extensive contributions before us reflect both complexity and dedication of our task.

These are agendas for discussion to define pillars of the future global digital ecosystem.

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The Plenipotentiary Conference stands as the supreme decision-making body of the ITU. The outcomes of PP-26 will shape global ICT governance. Our responsibility, therefore, is not only significant, but it is profound and far-reaching.

Distinguished Delegates,

The Asia-Pacific region has consistently demonstrated that when we act with unity, we deliver meaningful and lasting impact. Our achievement at PP-22, through 23 APT Common Proposals, stands as evidence of our collective strength and influence.

For PP-26, a higher level of ambition must be pursued, and actions must be more decisive. This process is fundamentally Member-driven. Its success will be shaped by strong leadership, sustained engagement, and the ability to build consensus through constructive, inclusive, and forward-looking dialogue.

Distinguished Delegates,

When the Asia-Pacific speaks with one voice, it commands respect, shapes outcomes, and defines direction. Let us ensure that our voice is clear, and impactful.

Let us work together to shape a digital future. I wish you productive deliberations and successful meeting.

Thank you.