



Secretary General

WELCOME ADDRESS

Dr. Hyoung Jun Kim, Chair of APT Standardization Program (ASTAP)
Mr. Xiaoyu You and Dr. Hideyuki Iwata, Vice-Chairs of ASTAP
Distinguished Delegates,

Good morning. I am pleased to welcome you all to the 38th APT Standardization Program Forum (ASTAP-38) in Bangkok, Thailand.

For over 25 years, ASTAP has been the cornerstone of ICT standardization in the Asia-Pacific region. However, to remain relevant in this era of rapid technological advancements, we must evolve.

Over the past few years, we have engaged in intensive discussions regarding the future direction of ASTAP, including establishment of the ASTAP Management Team for Future Direction (MTFD) to identify further concrete and actionable solutions. The structure and work activities of ASTAP still need to be fine-tuned with the full support of APT members and experts.

This year Industry Workshop was organized with topics on Workshop on AI and Emerging Technologies and several experts have shared their valuable expertise and profound knowledge on these topics. I look forward to seeing these ideas integrated into our concrete work plans.
Distinguished Delegates,

This year, ASTAP will elect a new management team, including Chair and Vice-Chairs of ASTAP and Chairs and Vice-Chairs of ASTAP Working Groups, in accordance with the revised Working Methods approved last year. I wish to assure the incoming leadership that the APT Secretariat stands ready to provide our full and unwavering support.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Chair, Vice-Chairs, and all delegates for your continued dedication.

I wish you all a highly productive and successful meeting.
Thank you.