

**Joint Media Statement of the Fifth ASEAN Telecommunications & IT Ministers  
(TELMIN)  
Ha Noi, 27 September 2005**

***“Promoting Online Services and Applications to Realize e-ASEAN”***

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1. We, the ASEAN Ministers responsible for Telecommunications and Information Technology, held our fifth meeting in Ha Noi, Viet Nam on 26 September 2005, to fortify our cooperation and collaboration in advancing the catalytic role of the ASEAN ICT sector in the region’s sustained economic growth and social progress.

2. H. E. Prof. Dr. Do Trung Ta, Minister of Posts and Telematics of Viet Nam chaired our meeting. H. E. Pehin Abu Bakar Apong, Minister of Communications for Brunei Darussalam, served as Vice-Chairman.

**Opening Ceremony**

3. We thanked H. E. Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, the Standing Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, for his gracious presence in the official opening of the Fifth TELMIN. In his speech, the Standing Deputy Prime Minister emphasized the increasingly important role of the ICT sector in realizing the vision of ASEAN Community with three major pillars, namely ASEAN Economic Community, ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, and ASEAN Security Community, therefore to foster the development of the Information Society for all.

4. The Standing Deputy Prime Minister expressed strong commitment of the Government of Viet Nam in mobilizing all resources and giving top priority to the development of the ICT sector in Viet Nam. He also expressed high appreciation to the valuable support and collaboration of ASEAN Dialogue Partners in development of ICT sector in ASEAN in general, and in Viet Nam in particular.

**Fortifying Cooperation in the ASEAN ICT Sector**

5. We recalled that our Leaders at the Tenth ASEAN Summit in Vientiane, Lao PDR, under the Vientiane Action Programme (VAP) 2004-2010 and the ASEAN Framework Agreement for the Integration of Priority Sectors, called for the building of a connected, vibrant and secure ASEAN Community, as well as for accelerating the progressive integration of the e-ASEAN sector by 2010.

6. We adopted the [Ha Noi Agenda on Promoting Online Services and Applications to Realize e-ASEAN](#) which outlines five areas of cooperation in ICT including specific actions that will support each of the cooperation areas. The Ha Noi Agenda aims in the next few years to accelerate the development of online services and applications and to boost electronic transactions amongst citizens, businesses, industries and governments in the ASEAN region.

7. We also adopted the ASEAN ICT Focus 2005-2010 to serve as the overall guiding document, in the medium term, for concerted and collective cooperation in building of the Information Society and in enhancing the region's connectivity and competitiveness.

8. We will be contributing a statement on internet governance to the forthcoming WSIS II. This statement outlines the basic principles that we believe should form the basis for internet governance.

9. Recognising that network threats and abuse are undermining the security of the ASEAN network infrastructure, TELMIN, TELSOM and the ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC) have joined hands to collaborate in the area of network security particularly to fight SPAM. We also hope to engage ASEAN Dialogue Partners in this effort. Part of the programme is to strengthen the cybersecurity by testing incidence response capability.

10. We are pleased to note that the spectrum allocation in all ASEAN Member Countries for Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) will be harmonized by 2006. This will facilitate the deployment of RFID in ASEAN and make ASEAN an attractive region for the development of this technology.

11. We are also pleased to note the development of a convergence action agenda which outlines primary principles of convergence to prepare for an effective policy and regulatory framework in embracing new technologies.

12. We are proud to present "[ASEANconnect](http://www.aseanconnect.gov.my)", [www.aseanconnect.gov.my](http://www.aseanconnect.gov.my), a comprehensive web portal that collates all essential information and data about all ASEAN initiatives and activities in ICT. It contains a list of key indicators on convergence, telecommunication equipment trade, conformity assessment procedures, digital divide and infrastructure.

### **Enhancing Strategic Partnerships with ASEAN Dialogue Partners**

13. We welcomed the opportunity to engage China, Japan and Republic of Korea, once again, on various issues and topics. We appreciated the support of our dialogue partners in the implementation of the Ha Noi Agenda and the ASEAN ICT Focus 2005-2010. We looked forward to strengthening and deepening such cooperation for the mutual benefit of all parties.

### **Sixth TELMIN**

14. We agreed to meet in Brunei Darussalam for the Sixth TELMIN in 2006.

### **List of Ministers**

1. H. E. Pehin Abu Bakar Apong, Minister of Communications, Brunei Darussalam;
2. H. E. Mr. Lar Narath, Secretary of State, Ministry of Posts and

- Telecommunications, Cambodia;
3. H.E. Dr. Ashwin Sasongko, Vice Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Indonesia;
  4. H.E. Mr. Khamlouat Sidlakone, Vice-Minister for Communication, Transport, Post and Construction, Lao PDR;
  5. H.E. Dato' Seri Dr. Lim Keng Yaik, Minister of Energy, Water and Communications, Malaysia;
  6. H.E. U Aung Myint, Deputy Minister & Vice-Chairman, e-National Task Force, Myanmar;
  7. H.E. Mr. Virgilio L. Peña, Chairman, Commission on Information and Communications Technology, Philippines;
  8. H.E. Dr. Balaji Sadasivan, Senior Minister of State for Information, Communications and the Arts and Health, Singapore;
  9. H.E. Mr. Sora-at Klinpratoom, Minister of Information and Communication Technology, Thailand;
  10. H.E. Prof. Dr. Do Trung Ta, Minister of Posts and Telematics, Viet Nam; and
  11. H.E. Mr Ong Keng Yong, Secretary General of ASEAN (as represented by Dr. Worapot Manupitpong, Director for Finance & Integration Support, ASEAN Secretariat).