



CHAIRMAN'S PRESS STATEMENT



SECOND ASEAN TELMIN + 1 MEETINGS WITH DIALOGUE PARTNERS

24 AUGUST 2007, SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

“ ICT: Reaching Out to the Rural ”

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1. The Second ASEAN Telecommunications & IT Ministers Meeting with People's Republic of China, Japan, and Republic of Korea (TELMIN + 1) were held on 24 August 2007 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, preceded by the TELSOM + 1 Meetings on 21 – 22 August 2007.
 2. H.E. So Khun, Minister for Posts and Telecommunications of Cambodia, chaired the TELMIN + 1 Sessions with ASEAN Dialogue Partners. ICT Ministers from ASEAN Member Countries, China, Japan, and Korea were present.
 3. In the TELMIN + 1 Meetings, the Ministers from China, Japan and Korea acknowledged the increasingly important and far-reaching roles of information and communication technology (ICT) in realization of the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015.
 4. In particular, the Ministers from China, Japan, and Korea recognized the importance of enhancing rural communications in this effort and supported the Siem Reap Declaration on Enhancing Universal Access of ICT Services in ASEAN.
 5. ASEAN Ministers encouraged further interaction and consultation with Dialogue Partners at all levels to facilitate the engagement of all interested parties, including the industries, operators and other parties, for a faster integration and development of ASEAN ICT sector. The Ministers emphasized the importance of joint efforts and cooperation programs with Dialogue Partners for strategic relations and partnerships in ICT sector.
 6. ASEAN Ministers highlighted the timely assistance of Dialogue Partners and welcomed all initiatives to support and expedite regional efforts and activities to realize the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015.

People's Republic of China

7. H.E. Wang Xudong, Minister for Information Industry of China, co-chaired the 2nd TELMIN + China. The Ministers expressed satisfaction on the notable achievements during 2006 – 2007, especially five completed activities and five programs in the pipeline of the Plan of Action to implement Beijing Declaration on ASEAN-China ICT Cooperative Partnership for Common Development in 2007 – 2012.

8. The Ministers were pleased with the steady progress of the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) Information Superhighway Project which could serve as an important foundation for ASEAN-China Information Superhighway Project.

9. The Ministers endorsed the ASEAN-China Work Plan for 2007 – 2008 which will cover expanded cooperation in rural communications, network security, HRD and capacity building and the communications standards, among others and agreed to extend the Memorandum of Understanding on ASEAN – China ICT Cooperation for the period 2007 – 2012.

Japan

10. H.E. Norihisa Tamura, Senior Vice Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan, co-chaired the 2nd TELMIN + Japan. The ASEAN Ministers expressed appreciation to financial and technical support of Japan in various projects such as technology assessment for universal services, the ICT application in university teaching, IP-network and optical technologies and radio frequency administration.

11. The Ministers endorsed the ASEAN-Japan ICT Work Plan for 2007 – 2009 which will be addressing key issues for the establishment of the people-centred Information Society in ASEAN, in particular new technologies, high-speed Internet connection, radio and telecommunication law, information security and capacity building in policy and regulatory issues.

12. The Ministers recognized information security as important to the conduct of economic activities. In this context, they welcomed the proposal of Japan hosting a high-level meeting on information security policy in 2008 and encouraged their senior officials to actively participate to identify possible areas for cooperation.

Republic of Korea

13. H.E. Rho Jun-Hyong, Minister of Information and Communication of the Republic of Korea, co-chaired the 2nd TELMIN + Korea. The Ministers acknowledged the expeditious implementation of the project “ICT Cooperation towards Co-Prosperity in East Asia 2007-2011” to further enhance the ICT industries, reduce digital divide and promote informatization policies and practices for realizing knowledge-based information society.

14. The Ministers looked forward to the conduct of the Korea-ASEAN u-ICT Forum in Seoul on 30 – 31 October 2007 which aims at sharing the knowledge, experiences and expertise of ICT development of Korea and ASEAN countries for co-prosperity in the region.

15. ASEAN Ministers welcomed Korea's continued support in ICT policy consultation, HRD development and dispatch of ICT experts to ASEAN member countries. They also welcomed Korea's participation and support in four projects in 2008, namely the CERT incident drill, biometrics, network monitoring and public key infrastructure (PKI).

Next TELMIN + 1 Meetings

16. The Third TELMIN + 1 Meeting will be held in Indonesia in 2008.

LIST OF MINISTERS

1. H. E. Pehin Abu Bakar Apong, Minister of Communications, Brunei Darussalam; H. E. So Khun, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Cambodia;
2. H.E. Wang Xudong, Minister of Information Industry, China
3. H.E. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nuh, Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Indonesia;
4. H.E. Norihisa Tamura, Senior Vice Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan;
5. H.E. Rho Jun-Hyong, Minister of Information and Communication, Republic of Korea;
6. H.E. Sithong Thongkeo, Vice Minister of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction, Lao PDR;
7. H.E. Dato' Shaziman Abu Mansor , Deputy Minister of Energy, Water and Communications, Malaysia
8. H.E. Brig. Gen. Thein Zaw, Minister of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Myanmar;
9. H.E. Cesar V. Sarmiento, Assistant Secretary (Assistant Minister), Department of Transportation and Communications, Philippines;
10. H.E. Dr. Lee Boon Yang, Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts, Singapore;
11. H.E. Prof. Dr. Sitthichai Pookaiyaudom , Minister of Information and Communication Technology, Thailand
12. H.E. Le Nam Thang, Vice Minister of Information and Communications, Viet Nam; and
13. H.E. Ong Keng Yong, Secretary-General of ASEAN (as represented by Mr. Honorio R. Vitasa, Director, Agriculture and Infrastructure Cluster, ASEAN Secretariat).
