

## **REPORT OF THE 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING**

**10 – 12 January 2011  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

***“ICT: Positioning ASEAN for the Future”***

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### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM) was held on 10 – 12 January 2011, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
2. The Meeting was attended by all ASEAN Member States, AICTC Officials and staff members of the ASEAN Secretariat. The list of delegates appears as **ANNEX 1**.

### **AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING REMARKS OF OUTGOING CHAIRMAN**

3. Dr. Snith Xaphakdy, Director General of Planning and Cooperation of the National Authority for Posts and Telecommunications (ANPT) of Lao PDR, as the Chairman of the 10<sup>th</sup> TELSOM, welcomed all delegates to Kuala Lumpur. In his Opening Remarks, he highlighted that TELSOM has become stronger and together with other regional ICT initiatives, ASEAN has laid a good foundation on the development of an ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015 (“AIM2015”) to bring the ASEAN ICT sector to a higher level and to reinforce the role of ICT for ASEAN integration. He stressed that “I believe we can be proud of what we have achieved in the run-up to this 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN TELSOM Meeting. Further, I am sure that there are still much more works or projects to be implemented and some pending matters when I hand over this TELSOM Chairmanship.” The outgoing chairman conveyed his sincere gratitude to ASEAN Member States, ASEAN ICT Centre and the ASEAN Secretariat for their support and cooperation given to Lao PDR during his Chairmanship.

4. He also thanked the government of Malaysia for the warm welcome and excellent arrangements for the 11<sup>th</sup> TELSOM Meeting. He wished the 11<sup>th</sup> TELSOM Chair could do further for more development in ASEAN Telecommunication and IT sector.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

5. The Meeting unanimously elected Malaysia and Myanmar as the Chair and Vice Chair of the 11<sup>th</sup> TELSOM, respectively.

6. YBhg. Dato' Sri Kamaruddin Siaraf, Secretary General of the Ministry of Information, Communications and Culture of Malaysia, as the Chairman of the 11<sup>th</sup> TELSOM, welcomed all delegates to Kuala Lumpur. He expressed sincere thanks to the outgoing Chair for his successful chairmanship last year.

7. In his Opening Statement, the TELSOM Chair congratulated Mr. Khin Maung Thet, Director General of Posts and Telecommunications of Myanmar, as Vice Chair of the 11<sup>th</sup> TELSOM. He emphasized that TELMIN this time will consider and adopt the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015 which is a significant milestone that helps to elevate ASEAN cooperation on ICT. Regarding the development of the AIM2015, the Chairman thanked Mr Leong Keng Thai, TELSOM Leader of Singapore, for his commitment and vigorous contribution in the AIM2015 development process.

8. The Chairman thanked Ms. Nur Sulyna Addulah, Director of the ASEAN ICT Centre for her continuous support, not only in the AIM2015's development but also in the implementation of TELSOM projects. He also congratulated Mr Than Htun Aung for his new role as Director of the ASEAN ICT Centre.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

9. The Meeting considered and adopted the Agenda, as in **ANNEX 2**.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT**

10. The Meeting was held in plenary.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: DECISIONS/FOLLOW-UP REQUIREMENTS FROM THE ASEAN SUMMITS, AEC COUNCIL AND OTHER ASEAN COORDINATING COMMITTEES**

11. The Meeting noted that the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings were convened on 27-30 October 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam which includes a series of high level meetings, e.g. the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Council, the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Council, and the ASEAN Summit with Dialogue Partners, including China, Japan, Republic of Korea (ROK), ASEAN Plus Three, Australia, New Zealand, India, Russia, UN and the East Asia Summit.

12. The Meeting noted that the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) has been adopted by the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Ha Noi on 28 October 2010. The Meeting also noted that a High Level Task Force on ASEAN Connectivity has met in Ho Chi Minh City in December 2010 to socialise the said Master Plan, including two ICT Connectivity projects (e.g. ASEAN Broadband Corridor and ASEAN ICT Skills Standards), with

stakeholders, including ASEAN Dialogue Partners, multilateral development banks and the private sector.

13. The Meeting noted that the ASEAN Infrastructure Fund (AIF) has been established with a (fund) target size of approximately USD 600-700 million, could come on stream in 2011, to support infrastructure projects in the region, especially those highlighted in the MPAC.

14. The Meeting was further informed by the ASEAN Secretariat that ASEAN Leaders have noted and welcomed the efforts of TELMIN/TELSOM to develop the AIM2015 as a guiding document to advance regional ICT cooperation in a more concerted effort, amongst others, towards making ICT a vibrant driving force in the economic and lives transformation, bridging digital divide, and enhancing competitiveness through different key initiatives and activities.

15. The ASEAN Secretariat also informed the Meeting that the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) has been assisting ASEAN in a number of activities, including AEC scorecard and the implementation evaluation and TELMIN/TELSOM may consider tapping on ERIA's financial and technical assistance in implementing AIM2015's key actions.

16. The ASEAN Secretariat also briefed the Meeting on other outcomes of ASEAN Summits as well as related Meetings with Dialogue Partners, including China, Japan, ROK and India, on 29-30 October 2010 in Ha Noi, especially the ICT measures and activities under the following:

- New Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity (2011-2015)
- ASEAN – ROK Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity (2011-2015)
- Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity (2010-2015)

17. The Meeting noted that ASEAN and Japan have agreed to continue cooperation on "Asia Knowledge Economy Initiatives", including actions on promoting "Green IT", assuring information security in business activities, establishing e-commerce infrastructure, and supporting for fostering of IT professionals

18. With regard to the Blueprint of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), the Meeting noted that the implementation rate of the AEC Scorecard for the period 2008-2009 has now improved to 82.9 percent (87 out of 105 measures), 17.1 percent of measures that have not been fully implemented by certain Member States are in the areas of trade in services, investment, and

transport. The Meeting noted that **none** of ICT measures in the AEC scorecard was behind its schedule of implementation. However, the commitment of foreign equity participation in the telecommunication services sector (which is under the purview of SEOM) has not been achieved as targeted in the e-ASEAN Agreement Framework (i.e. at least 51% of foreign equity in the 4 priority integration sector services sub-sectors, namely air travel, e-ASEAN, healthcare and tourism).

19. The Meeting noted the completion of the e-ASEAN Integration Roadmap (2004 – 2010) and expressed their appreciation to all stakeholders concerned who have jointly implemented and moved forward ICT integration in the region.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ASEAN ICT MASTERPLAN 2015**

20. Singapore and the ASEAN ICT Centre, as Co-Leads of the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015 (“AIM2015”), briefly introduced the process leading to the overall design and main features of the AIM2015 publication.

21. The AIM2015 final design appears as **ANNEX 3**.

22. Accenture, as the consultant to the AIM2015, in their presentation (**ANNEX 4**), highlighted the importance of an early plan to mobilise resources for implementation of the AIM2015. The Meeting exchanged views and agreed to further discuss the implementation plan, including a schedule of activities and institutional arrangements (e.g. structure of TELSOM/ATRC WGs) to effectively implement and monitor the progress of the AIM2015.

23. The Meeting expressed their appreciation to Singapore and the ASEAN ICT Centre in leading towards completion of the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015. The Meeting agreed with the final text and design of the AIM2015 and agreed to recommend TELMIN to adopt the AIM2015.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ASEAN ICT FUND**

24. The ASEAN Secretariat informed the Meeting the status of ASEAN ICT Fund as of December 2010 (**ANNEX 5**). The Meeting acknowledged that:

- Total contribution of ASEAN Member States, as of December 2010, is USD 4,392,366.92
- As such, balance of the ASEAN ICT Fund, as of December 2010, is at the total of USD 3,638,272.60

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: THE TELSOM PRIORITY PROJECTS**

##### ***8.1 Project Presentations and Review of the TELSOM ICT Projects in the 2007 – 2010 Work Cycles***

25. The ASEAN ICT Centre briefed the meeting on the milestones of the ASEAN ICT projects since 2007, notably on the e-Mall, the ASEAN Cyberkids Camp and the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015, amongst others.

26. The Meeting also noted that as of December 2010, a total amount of USD 821,709.58 has been disbursed to support implementation of TELSOM projects.

27. The Meeting further noted that the ASEAN ICT Fund has received a total interest of USD 63,331.69, and the projects refund of USD 5,980.11, while the total bank charge is at USD 1,696.54.

28. The Meeting was briefed by Project Proponents on implementation and recommendations of the following projects in the work cycle 2009 - 2010:

- Tsunami Alert Using VIPO (Indonesia)
- Developing a Framework for Internet Governance in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar (Cambodia)
- ASEAN E-Commerce Database project (Philippines)
- IRUD NGN (Indonesia)
- ASEAN CERTs Incident Drill V (Singapore)
- Training Course of Spectrum Management in ASEAN (Viet Nam)
- Promotion of Digital Dividend in ASEAN (Viet Nam)
- Dynamics of Women in ICT Sector (Indonesia)
- ASEAN Internet Exchange (Indonesia)
- ASEAN Cyberkids Camp 2010 (Malaysia)
- International Mobile Data Roaming Charges (SMS) (Singapore)
- CA-CA Interoperability (Phase II) (Thailand)
- Strategic ASEAN Policy: Promoting and Disseminating Green ICT Actions (Indonesia)

29. The project presentations appear as **ANNEXES 6 – 18**.

30. The Meeting noted that all projects have achieved its targets substantively. While agreeing that all projects outcomes are deserved for attention of TELMIN, the Meeting was concerned about the lengthy time if all projects are to be presented to TELMIN. The Meeting agreed that TELSOM Chair will highlight the projects' outcomes briefly in his report to TELMIN.

31. For the projects that are pertinent to the immediate action items in the AIM2015, the Meeting agreed to invite the following project proponents to present their projects' outcomes for TELMIN's consideration and guidance:

- ASEAN E-Commerce Database project (Philippines)
- International Mobile Data Roaming Charges (SMS) (Singapore)
- CA-CA Interoperability (Phase II) (Thailand)

## 8.2 The 2010 – 2011 Work Cycle

32. The Meeting was further briefed by ASEAN ICT Centre about the progress and updates of the project proposals that were approved by the Special TELSOM Meeting in July 2011 in Singapore.

33. The Meeting noted a request from Singapore to review the proposal on the Industry Briefing to socialize the final ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015 to the industry and other parties. The Meeting agreed with Singapore's revised proposal to have a common message to introduce the AIM2015 in a decentralized way, i.e. the Industry Briefing will be convened in each ASEAN Member State instead of holding it in Singapore. TELSOM agreed to the increase of AICTF contribution for this project to USD 50,000.

34. With the view to further promote the AIM2015 to a wider audience/stakeholders, the Meeting agreed to add another project, namely "Promotion of ASEAN ICT Masterplan2015" for consideration and endorsement by the TELMIN. Details of programmes and activities will be deliberated during the planned TELSOM Retreat, scheduled in March 2011.

35. The revised budget plan for the work cycle 2010 – 2011 is of below:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Project Titles</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>AICTF</b>
1	ASEAN ICT Industry Briefing (Singapore)	50000	50000
2	High Frequency Spectrum Monitoring Coordination in ASEAN (Viet Nam)	76150	49150
3	ASEAN Cyberkids Camp 2010	345000	30000
4	ASEAN – EU Training for Law Enforcement, Judges and Prosecutors on Cybercrime	40000	10000
5	Efficient Management for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) System	25000	18000
6	ASEAN e-Government Development Plan	20000	18000
7	TELSOM Retreat (Jan 2011)	30000	25000
<b>8</b>	<b>Promotion of ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015</b>	<b>[150000]</b>	<b>[150000]</b>
	<b><u>TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2010 – 2011</u></b>	<b><u>736150</u></b>	<b><u>[300150]</u></b>

36. The Meeting was also briefed by the ASEAN Secretariat that the two projects, namely (i) Enhancing ICT Adoption by SMEs, and (ii) Open Source Software (OSS) 3D Animation Skill Improvement Training for ASEAN Universities (OTIS), have been transmitted to Dialogue Partners for their consideration and support. The Meeting noted that Japan has considered and will provide funding support to these two projects. China and ROK also

expressed their interest to participate in activities related to ICT adoption by SMEs.

37. With regard to the India's project on "Feasibility Study the VSAT based Tele-Medicine and Tele-Education network for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV)", the Meeting noted that JWG had been briefed by the ASEAN Secretariat that the project has gone through all appraisal processes and it is now under consideration of funding from the ASEAN India Fund. The project proposal appears as **ANNEX 19**.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9: REPORT OF THE 16<sup>th</sup> ATRC MEETING**

38. Viet Nam as the Chair of the 16<sup>th</sup> ATRC presented the highlights and outcomes of the 16<sup>th</sup> ATRC Meeting held in Ha Noi on 7 – 9 July 2010. The presentation slides appear as **ANNEX 20**.

39. The Meeting noted that the 16<sup>th</sup> ATRC has adopted the Record of Intent (ROI) which will act as an additional instrument to foster ATRC cooperation, especially on strengthening cooperation and collaboration in the areas of telecommunications regulations to effectively facilitate the development of the telecommunications industry, serve consumers and accelerate the growth and development of the industry. The Meeting was of the view that the ATRC ROI will further promote regional cooperation on ICT regulatory practices, policy strategies and coordination on ICT standards and radio frequency, which will be helpful in implementing the AIM2015.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10: PREPARATION FOR TELSOM MEETINGS WITH DIALOGUE PARTNERS**

40. The ASEAN Secretariat briefed the Meeting on the Draft Agendas of TELSOM Meeting with the Dialogue Partners (China, Japan, ROK and EU), and ITU. The draft Agendas appear as **ANNEXES 21 – 26**.

41. The Meeting also noted that the areas of cooperation proposed by Dialogue Partners and ITU were developed based on the TELMIN-9 brief information on AIM2015 that was presented to Dialogue Partners in Vientiane in 2009. As the AIM2015 will be launched soon by the 10<sup>th</sup> TELMIN, the Meeting requested Singapore to share the Masterplan with Dialogue Partners and to highlight action items that are aligned with Dialogue Partners' proposals.

42. The Meeting discussed and agreed to assign the role of lead discussant's countries in meeting with external parties, namely Malaysia for China, Viet Nam for Japan, the Philippines for ROK, Brunei Darussalam for EU and Indonesia for ITU.

43. The Meeting also requested the ASEAN Secretariat to provide an assessment (e.g. a questionnaire to participants) on the impact of Dialogue Partners' assistance to ASEAN for TELSOM reference and guidance in future.

## **AGENDA ITEM 11: PREPARATION FOR THE 10<sup>TH</sup> TELMIN**

44. Malaysia briefed the Meeting on preparation for the 10<sup>th</sup> TELMIN Meeting and the Launch of the AIM2015.

### ***11.1 Provisional Annotated Agendas***

45. The Meeting discussed and agreed with the draft Agenda of 10<sup>th</sup> TELMIN Meeting and of its related meetings with the Dialogue Partners (China, Japan and ROK). The draft Agendas appear as **ANNEXES 27 – 30**.

### ***11.2 Draft Kuala Lumpur Statement "ICT: Positioning ASEAN for the Future"***

46. The ASEAN Secretariat briefed the Meeting on the draft Kuala Lumpur Statement on "ICT: Positioning ASEAN for the Future". The Meeting discussed and agreed to propose the draft Statement, which appears as **ANNEX 31**, to TELMIN for their consideration.

### ***11.3 Draft Joint Media Statement of the 10<sup>th</sup> TELMIN Meeting***

47. The Meeting considered the draft TELMIN Joint Media Statement (JMS) and agreed to submit it for TELMIN consideration. The draft TELMIN JMS appears as **ANNEX 32**.

## **AGENDA ITEM 12: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

48. The Meeting agreed that the TELSOM Retreat will be organized in March 2011 in Langkawi, Malaysia. Details on the date and venue will be informed through the ASEAN Secretariat in due course.

49. Thailand informed the Meeting that the Special TELSOM will be held in July 2011 in Pattaya, Thailand. Details on the date will be informed through the ASEAN Secretariat.

50. Myanmar informed the Meeting that the 12<sup>th</sup> TELSOM will be convened in conjunction with the 11<sup>th</sup> TELMIN tentatively in December 2011 in the capital city of Nay Pyi Taw.

## **AGENDA ITEM 13: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

51. The Meeting considered and adopted the Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> TELSOM held on 10 – 12 January 2011 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

52. Delegations from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, and officials of the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN ICT Centre expressed their sincere appreciation to the Government and people of Malaysia for their warm hospitality accorded to them and the excellent arrangements of the Meeting.

53. The delegations also expressed their appreciation to the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN ICT Centre for their technical assistance for the Meeting.

54. The Meeting was held in the traditional spirit of ASEAN cordiality and solidarity.

