



## **The 20th APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum (ADF-20)**

9 - 10 October 2023, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Hybrid)

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### **CONCEPT NOTE**

#### **1. Background / Context**

Information and communication technology (ICT) is a transformative technology in the social and economic aspects of modern society. It can create, transmit and share information and ideas across time and space, and connect people and places in unprecedented ways as well as enabling new forms of collaboration and innovation. These characteristics allow it to converge with other industries such as agriculture, finance, education, and healthcare to significantly increase economic feasibility and benefits. Moreover, the expansion of non-face-to-face living environments due to the pandemic of the past three years and the recent rapid development of communication and computing technologies are further accelerating this trend. Most countries are considering "digital transformation" as a major policy issue to respond to rapid environmental changes related to ICT, and it is becoming more important to build ICT infrastructure that can easily and reliably access digital information and contents. The Asia-Pacific region has large differences in population density, topography, and economic conditions, making it difficult to establish a uniform ICT infrastructure throughout the region. However, this means that the potential for utility and competitiveness for industries and economies in the Asia-Pacific region is enormous as it increases access to digital assets and utilization of ICT.

#### **1.1 The 20th APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum**

Over the past 15 years, APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum has established itself as a unique platform for practical and technical discussions and information sharing based on the participation of stakeholders including the governments, research institutes, and cooperations in the Asia Pacific region. The forum also structured the sessions to achieve the objectives set out in the main pillars of the Strategic Plan of APT 2021-2023 for Improving Connectivity, Innovation and Capacity Building in the region. It has also been a place to share the results of ICT pilot projects to improve the efficiency of traditional industries in the Asia-Pacific region by using ICT and to enable new industries. The 20th ADF will focus on the 3 Strategic Pillars of the Strategic Plan (2021-2023) of the APT: Connectivity, Innovation, and Capacity Building, and the main contents of the sessions are as follows.

First, regarding connectivity, we will share information about the national broadband plan of APT Members and discuss the vision that can be achieved through it. It will also look at new technologies for affordable ICT infrastructure, 5G, Wi-Fi, fixed connection, and satellite communications that can be applied to build an affordable and reliable communications network to close digital divide in the Asia-Pacific region.

Second, with respect to innovation, we will discuss digital economy, which has been derived on the Internet by the expansion of communication infrastructure, mobile applications, and the development of the creative industry. In the Asia-Pacific region, there are many countries that are responding actively to this shift in the digital economy, and we will share and discuss their strategies and best practices in terms of infrastructure and supporting policies. Another thematic session is related to innovation, we will be discussing artificial intelligence technology, which has recently developed rapidly, focused people's attention, and has already begun to be applied throughout society. We will look at innovative technologies with Artificial Intelligence that have emerged recently and are having a major impact not only on the economy and industry, but also on people's lives. In addition, we will discuss what social and economic transformation AI will bring in the near future, and what efforts governments, public institutions, and businesses should make to actively respond to it.

Thirdly, ADF-20 will also include presentations on the current status, outcomes and achievements of various ICT pilot projects implemented by APT Members based on Extra-Budgetary Contributions (EBCs) based on People's Republic of China, Japan, and Republic of Korea as specified in the ADF Working Method.

## **1.2 Capacity Development Conference 2023 (11 October)**

There will be the Capacity Development Conference 2023 (CDC23) on 11 October 2023 organized by Malaysia, and the ADF-20 participants are kindly invited to join the CDC23. In extension to the ADF-20 addressing current issues and challenges affecting telecommunication/ ICT, the CDC23 aims to bring forth discourses on the state of and experiences in future-proofing the workforce in Malaysia, as well as within the Asia-Pacific region leading to securing a sustainable digital future of work.

Specifically, the CDC23 will discuss challenges, and identify approaches in ensuring workforce skill requirements and readiness in the telecommunications/ICT sector. The presentation and panel sessions will be delivered by leaders and prominent speakers from key sectors and stakeholders involved in capacity development in Malaysia, comprising government agencies, industry players, academia and thought leaders in training and education. In addition, the CDC23 will also share efforts and initiatives in capacity and capability development for the communications and multimedia industry. There will be a showcase by local and international training organizations, government institutions, universities and industry certification bodies offering telecommunications and ICT development programmes through exhibition booths and pocket talks sessions.

## **2. Objectives**

The overall objectives of the ADF-20 in 2023 which was approved by the MC-46 in December 2022 are: 1) Focus on the telecommunication/ICT development issues for developing countries, where policy makers, regulators, and other relevant officials form the region, 2) Provide an opportunity for members to share information on the best practices and experiences for the common issues on telecommunication/ICT development, 3) Promote sharing of expertise for addressing key issues on telecommunication/ICT development issues and facilitating intra-regional collaboration on telecommunication/ICT development issues as required.

Based on the overall objectives, specific objectives of ADF-20 are identified to:

- Understand the current status and potential of the communication technologies to build an ICT infrastructure suitable for the Asia-Pacific region including 5G, Wi-Fi technology, Fixed network technology and Satellite communication technology, etc.;
- Discuss the best cases regarding policies and implementation plan to deliver affordable and reliable connectivity in Asia-Pacific region;
- Share strategies, activities, and achievements to build Digital Economy Ecosystem in Asia-Pacific region;
- Share information and experience regarding the plan for access to Internet of the governments of the APT Members to enhance digital economy;
- Share knowledge and experience in the strategy and deployment of Artificial intelligence and other industries using data and the latest ICTs based on the practical cases and success stories of the APT Members;
- Share and discuss issues related to cases and effects of Artificial Intelligence to enhance efficiency and competitiveness socio-economically from governments and organizations in Asia-Pacific region;
- Report outcomes and achievements of APT projects via Extra-Budgetary Contributions (EBCs).

### **3. Expected outcomes**

The agenda of the event covers the list of topics to discuss on the specific outcomes include but not limited to:

- Introduce and discuss the recent communication technologies to deliver affordable and reliable connectivity for closing digital divide in Asia-Pacific region;
- Share the techniques and cases for a high-speed and quality-guaranteed network construction using 5G, Wi-Fi and Satellite communication technology;
- Look into various policy efforts and private activities in the Asia-Pacific region for the digital economy and predict their performance;
- Recognize the challenging environment for building a digital economy in aspect of ICT infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region and learn and share the current status of communication industry of the APT Members;
- Understand the technologies regarding Generative Artificial Intelligence currently applied to other industries changed by the latest ICTs, share experiences of best cases and strategies for using big data effectively, and obtain inspiration/idea on how to use ICTs in each environment of the APT Members;
- Share the information regarding challenges and success stories of Artificial Intelligence as well as policy and regulatory measures to facilitate and build up sustainable ecosystems;
- Explore social and economic changes due to the upcoming AI impact and exchange information and experience to devise countermeasures;
- Update participants on the current progress and achievements about the recent EBC projects and share knowledge and experience of the results.

### **4. Timing and Location**

The ADF-20 will be held as a 2-day event from 9 to 10 October 2023, followed by the host country track, Capacity Development Conference 2023 on 11 October 2023 in collaboration with the Ministry of Communications and Digital of Malaysia. The venue of the ADF-20 will be at the Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with virtual participation function (Zoom). The CDC23 on 11 October 2023 will be live streamed on Facebook.

## **5. Participation**

All APT Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, International/Regional Organizations, and eligible Non-Members can participate in the ADF-20. Participants joining online will be provided with APT Zoom meeting link, meeting ID and password and to log on to meeting URL at the designated time and date.

## **6. Contact persons:**

For any further information about ADF-20, please direct your inquiries to the following members of the Secretariat:

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Outcomes of the 46th Session of the Management Committee of the APT relevant to ADF
4. Thematic Sessions:
  - Recent ICTs for Network Construction: Enhancing Connectivity with 5G, Wi-Fi, Satellite Communication, and Other Technologies
  - Building a Digitally-Savvy Society: Strategies for Accelerating the Digital Economy
  - AI Technology, Applications, and Impact in the Future to Catalyze Opportunities and Solutions for the Development of Asia-Pacific Region
5. ICT Projects based on Extra Budgetary Contributions
  - Introduction of Scheme of APT Project
  - Outcomes and Achievements of the Projects financed by Extra Budgetary Contribution (EBCs)
6. Way forward
7. Date and Venue for ADF-21
8. Any Other Matters
9. Closing

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### Tentative Programme

TIME (Malaysia)	PROGRAMME
<b>Day – 1</b> (UTC+8)	<b>Monday, 9 October 2023</b>
9:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration</b>
10:00- 10:30	<b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks by Mr. Masanori Kondo, Secretary General of APT</li> <li>• Opening Remarks by Ms. Lefaoali'i Unutoa Auelua-Fonoti, Chair of ADF</li> <li>• Inaugural Address – (TBD), Ministry of Communications and Digital Malaysia</li> </ul> <p>(Group Photograph)</p>
10:30– 11:00	<b>Session 1: Plenary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the Agenda</li> <li>• Outcomes of the 46th Session of the Management Committee of the APT Relevant to ADF</li> </ul>
11:00– 11:30	Coffee / Tea Break
11:30– 12:45	<b>Session 2: Recent ICTs for Network Construction: Enhancing Connectivity with 5G, Wi-Fi, Satellite Communication, and Other Technologies</b> <p><i>Governments, research institutes, and the ICT industry have been working tirelessly to provide affordable yet high-quality connectivity in the Asia-Pacific region. However, there are various rural areas where these new technologies cannot be established in the Asia-Pacific region due to unique characteristics over vast land and sea. With LTE and 5G as the basic network, Wi-Fi, fixed network, and satellite communication technologies have been established as complementary means to cover shadow areas. In this session, we will look at various technologies to reduce digital divide in the region including 5G, Wi-Fi, and satellite communication, and how these heterogeneous technologies can be applied and merged with specific cases and research.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: (tbd)</b></p>

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	<p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent 5G technology for efficient deployment and operation / Various Services and Applications of 5G</li> <li>• Wi-Fi: The latest Technology for Affordable and Universal Access</li> <li>• Current Status of Satellite Communication Industry in the Asia-Pacific Region and Impact on Network Improvement</li> <li>• Other Technologies for Closing Digital Gap in the Asia-Pacific Region</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers: (tbd)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)</li> <li>• APT Members Representatives, Industry and Institute Representatives related to the topic</li> </ul>
12:45– 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15– 15:30	<p><b>Session 3: Building a Digitally-Savvy Society: Strategies for Accelerating the Digital Economy</b></p> <p><i>Over the past years, the Digital Economy has experienced a remarkable acceleration, transforming the way we live, work, and interact. Industries across the board have undergone significant digital transformation, with e-commerce, fintech, artificial intelligence, and cloud computing revolutionizing traditional business models. The Digital Economy has unleashed unprecedented opportunities, enabling global connectivity, expanding markets, and fostering innovation. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic further accelerated this trajectory as businesses and individuals quickly adapted to remote work, online collaboration tools, and digital communication platforms. This rapid acceleration of the Digital Economy has created new jobs, empowered entrepreneurs, and increased productivity and efficiency. In this session, we will look at the strategies implemented by the government and industries to accelerate the Digital Economy to ensure momentum, sustainable growth and the equitable distribution of benefits in the digital era.</i></p> <p><b>Keynote Address: Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation, Malaysia (MDEC)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: MDEC (tbd)</b></p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and best practices for establishing and accelerating Digital Economy</li> <li>• Role of digital investments and exports in building the digital economy ecosystem</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies and achievements to support local tech companies in digital transformation and promoting innovation in the Asia-Pacific region</li> <li>• Nurturing human resources for the digital economy in the Asia-Pacific region</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: (tbd)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malaysia Industry Representatives</li> <li>• APT Members Representatives, Industry and Institute Representatives related to the topic</li> </ul>
15:30– 16:00	Coffee / Tea Break
16:00– 17:15	<p><b>Session 4: AI Technology, Application, and Impact in the future to catalyze opportunities and solutions for the development of Asia-Pacific Region</b></p> <p><i>Artificial Intelligence (AI) has made significant advancements in recent years, and it is expected to have a huge impact on all aspects of human society. On the one hand, more advanced AI tools can effectively resolve practical problems, and enhance working efficiency. However, the increasing power of AI has also raised concerns. In this session, we will discuss recent AI research and achievements and best practices applied, and how these new technologies can affect human life in the future.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: (tbd)</i></p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AI research strategies and achievements of countries and research institutes in the Asia-Pacific region.</li> <li>• Best practices for AI applied in various field: education, healthcare, smart city, autonomous driving, and ecological protection, etc.</li> <li>• The development trends in AI: including generative AI, speech recognition, computer vision, natural language processing</li> <li>• Prospects for the direction and speed of development of AI technology and its impact on the economy, industry, and human life</li> <li>• How to ethically use data for AI application from the point of view of individual privacy</li> <li>• How to cultivate talents with artificial intelligence skills</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers: (tbd)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APT Members Representatives, Industry and Institute Representatives related to the topic</li> </ul>



TIME (Malaysia)	PROGRAMME
19:30–21:00	<b>Welcome Reception hosted by Malaysia</b>
<b>Day – 2 (UTC+8)</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 October 2023</b>
09:00– 09:30	<p><b>Session 5: Introduction of Scheme of APT Projects</b></p> <p><i>The session intends to introduce the process of formulating the APT Projects with the mobilization of Extra-Budgetary Contributions (EBCs). It would facilitate the understanding of APT Projects in submitting proposals.</i></p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of APT Hands-on Assistance including APT Projects</li> <li>• Background work for APT Secretariat to formulate the APT Projects</li> <li>• Processes of APT Projects, including calling for proposals, screening and selection, and projects execution and reporting</li> <li>• Points to consider in drafting and submitting proposals</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers: (tbd)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Jongbong PARK (Director, Project Development, APT)</li> </ul>
09:30– 10:45	<p><b>Session 6: Outcomes and Achievements of the Projects financed by Extra Budgetary Contributions (EBCs)</b></p> <p><i>The session introduces the outcomes and achievements of the APT projects via Extra-Budgetary Contributions (EBCs). Each presentation outlines the needs, requirements, and basic problem statement of the project. It then provides achievement as the solution including the challenges in the project and concludes with the recommendation for the beneficiary country.</i></p> <p><i>Particularly, it features examples of connectivity project in challenging geographical conditions with applications to serve the people in the area.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. ISHIDA Eiji, Director, International Digital Infrastructure Promotion Division, Global Strategy Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status, Outcomes, and Achievements from the Projects of EBC-J (tbd)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experts or Participants of beneficiary APT Members Related to EBC-J</li> </ul>

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10:45– 11:15	Coffee / Tea Break
11:15– 12:30	<p><b>Session 7 – Outcomes and Achievements of the Projects via Extra Budgetary Contributions (EBCs)</b></p> <p><i>The session introduces the outcomes and achievements of the APT projects via Extra-Budgetary Contributions (EBCs). Each presentation outlines the needs, requirements, and basic problem statement of the project. It then provides achievement as the solution including the challenges in the project and concludes with the recommendation for the beneficiary country.</i></p> <p><i>Projects in this session provide examples of ICT applications can contribute to different sectors such as cloud infrastructure for e-learning and ICT in emergency medicine.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Hiroshi Yamasaki, Programme Officer, APT</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status, Outcomes, and Achievements from the Projects of EBC-J (tbd)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experts or Participants of beneficiary APT Members Related to EBC-J</li> </ul>
12:30– 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00– 15:15	<p><b>Session 8: Outcomes and Achievements of the Projects via Extra Budgetary Contributions (EBCs)</b></p> <p><i>The session introduces the outcomes and achievements of the APT projects via Extra-Budgetary Contributions from the Republic of Korea (EBC-K). Each presentation outlines the needs, requirements, and basic problem statement of the project. It then provides achievement as the solution including the challenges in the project and concludes with the recommendation for the beneficiary country.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Danho Kim, Programme Officer, APT</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status, Outcomes, and Achievements from the Projects of EBC-K (tbd)</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experts or Participants of beneficiary APT Members Related to EBC-K</li> </ul>
15:15– 15:45	Coffee / Tea Break
15:45– 17:00	<p><b>Session 9: Outcomes and Achievements of the Projects via Extra-Budgetary Contributions (EBCs)</b></p> <p><i>This session introduces three ICT Application projects funded by Extra-Budgetary Contributions from China (EBC-C) which were implemented last year. Experts who participated in each project will explain the current situation of the project, and Q&amp;A and discussions will be held with the participants of the beneficiary countries.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Jiawei Zhang, Programme Officer, APT</i></p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current status, Outcomes, and Achievements from the Projects of EBC-C (tbd)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experts or Participants of beneficiary APT Members Related to EBC-C</li> </ul>
17:00– 17:10	Intermission for logistic arrangement
17:10– 17:40	<p><b>Session 10: Plenary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of the Output Documents, if any</li> <li>• Way forward</li> <li>• Date and Venue for ADF-21</li> <li>• Any other matters</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by Secretary General of the APT</li> <li>• Remarks and Closing by Chair of ADF</li> </ul>

**Capacity Development Conference 2023 (CDC23)**  
**11 October 2023**  
**Tentative Programme**

Time (Malaysia)	Activity
08:30	Arrival of guests Registration and light breakfast
09:00	Opening Address by <b>Mohd Ali Hanafiah Mohd Yunus</b> Chief Operating Officer, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)  Welcome Address by <b>Masanori Kondo</b> Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity
09:30	Keynote Address: <b><i>“Industry-Ready Talent for Malaysia: An Insight and Experience in the Continuous Journey towards Future Ready Talents for the Nation”</i></b>  Prof. Emerita Datuk, Dr. Asma Ismail, FASc, Fellow, Academy of Sciences Malaysia
10:00	Morning tea break
10:15	Keynote Address: <b><i>“Asia-Pacific 5G Capacity Development Strategy and Contribution”</i></b>  Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) (tbc)
10:45	Featured Session: <b><i>“Country Experience: Collaborative Regulatory Approaches in Capacity Development for Digital Skills and Readiness”</i></b>  Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA), Singapore (tbc)
11:15	Panel Session 1: <b><i>“Data, Research and Insights on Malaysia Workforce Skills in Telecommunications/ICT”</i></b>  Moderator: Prof. Dr. Mohamad Salmi Mohd Sohod, Chairman of Asia Metropolitan University/ Commission Member, MCMC  Panelists:

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Betty Hasan, Senior Director, Institute of Labour Market Information and Analysis (ILMIA) <b><i>“Analysis on Malaysia Labour Market and Workforce Data and Statistics”</i></b></li> <li>2. Malaysia Board of Technologist (MBOT) (TBC) <b><i>“Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Professionals for a Developed and Inclusive Nation”</i></b></li> <li>3. Ts. Dr. Zulhasni Abdul Rahim, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) <b><i>“Research Review: Exploring the Skills and Competencies of the 5G Workforce from Multiple Perspectives and Resources According to the Selected Vertical Industries”</i></b></li> </ol>
12:15	Quiz Session
12:30	Morning Session Take-aways by Shamsul Izhan Abdul Majid, Chief Technology and Information Officer, MCMC
12:45	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Pre-Recorded Webinar by RCR Wireless: <b><i>“What Will the Wireless Workforce Look Like in 2030?”</i></b></p>
14:00	<p>Panel Session 2: <b><i>“Experience and Challenges in Preparing the Nation for Future-Ready Workforce for the Telecommunications/ICT Industry”</i></b></p> <p>Moderator: Mohd Farid Shah Mohd Basir, C-Founder, HR Leaders Circle</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. Dr. Ho Chin Kuan, Vice Chancellor, Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation (APU)_ <b><i>“Building the Next Generation for Future Ready Talents: Perspective from Institution of Higher Learning”</i></b></li> <li>2. Shakib Ahmad Shakir, Director General, Manpower Department <b><i>“Government Approach Involvement and Employment Opportunities for Workforce Readiness”</i></b></li> <li>3. Shazurawati Abd Karim, Executive Vice President, TM One <b><i>“Workforce Upskilling in the Telecommunications Industry: Perspective and Challenges”</i></b></li> </ol>

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15:00	<p>Panel Session 3:  <b><i>“Strategy and Plans in Future-Proofing the Workforce and Recommendations Moving Forward”</i></b></p> <p>Moderator:  Wei Chuan Beng, Member of the Council of National Digital Economy and Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR 4.0)/ Commission Member, MCMC</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Halim Shafie, Chairman, MSD Innovation Sdn. Bhd.  <b><i>“Perceptivity on Capacity Development for the Innovation in the Telecommunications and ICT Sector”</i></b></li> <li>2. Anthony Raja Davados, Country Managing Director, Korn Ferry  <b><i>“Towards Future-Proofing Talent Acquisition”</i></b></li> <li>3. Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) (tbc)  <b><i>“Expanding Possibilities for Collective and Inclusive Growth”</i></b></li> </ol>
16:00	Quiz Session
16:15	Afternoon Session Take-aways by Syahrilazli Mahammad, Chief Corporate and International Officer, MCMC
16:30	Afternoon tea break



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### **INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The 20th APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum (ADF-20) will be held from 9 – 10 October 2023 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with physical attendance as well as virtual/online participation through APT Zoom meeting (i.e., hybrid meeting) hosted by the Ministry of Communications and Digital Malaysia (MCD), and Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC). The ADF-20 will be organized consecutively with the Capacity Development Conference 2023 (CDC23) until 11 October 2023 organized by which will be organized by MCMC and APT.

The detailed arrangements are as follows:

#### **1. OFFICIAL VENUE**

The ADF-20 and CDC23 will be held at the **Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur**:

Address: 12, Jalan Pinang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Telephone : +603 2182 1234

Website : <http://www.kualalumpur.grand.hyatt.com>

#### **2. PARTICIPATION**

All APT Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, academia, and international/regional organizations are invited to participate in the ADF-20 and CDC23 by registering online through the APT Website.

Member Administrations, Associate Members and international/regional organizations are requested to send the list of your respective delegations to facilitate logistic arrangements.

Non-APT Members may attend as an “Observer” without registration fee with the discretion of the Secretary General of APT, in consultation with the relevant Member Administration, as appropriate.

All APT Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members may participate in the activities of the Forum.

Organizations which have MOU with the APT or other relevant international or regional organizations may send representatives to attend the meetings of the Forum on the same basis as they attend other APT meetings.

Non-APT members may be invited to participate in the activities of the Forum as a guest at the discretion of the Chair of the Forum and the Secretary General in consultation with the relevant Member administration as appropriate.

Other non-APT members may participate as observer with the payment of the participation fee and subject to consultation between the Secretary General and the relevant Member Administrations as appropriate.

### 3. REGISTRATION

For both physical and virtual/online attendance, registration can be done online at <https://www.apt.int/content/online-registration>, preferably by 11 September 2023 for physical attendance and by 22 September 2023 for virtual/online attendance, for making necessary arrangements. Please indicate in the registration form whether your delegate will attend in person or virtually. Only the registered participants are entitled to join the meeting. APT Secretariat will provide detail information to the registered participants prior to the meeting.



On-site registration and distribution of badges will commence from 08:30 hours (GMT+8) on Monday, 9 October 2023. **Delegates are required to bring their passports or other photo identification to receive their badges.**

### 4. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The host recommends the delegates to stay in the venue hotel, the **Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur**. Alternatively, the host has arranged additional hotel accommodation options for foreign delegates participating in the ADF-20 and CDC23 as listed in the appended table with the reservation details. **Delegates are advised that room reservations should be made directly with the hotels by completing the respective hotel's Room Reservation Forms or links. To enjoy the negotiated rates, please inform the respective hotel that you are participating in the ADF-20 and CDC23.**

Hotel	Room Category	Room Rate (per night)	Contact
<b>Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur</b> (venue hotel) <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Si6c8vfNcC7MNYc7A">https://goo.gl/maps/Si6c8vfNcC7MNYc7A</a>	Grand Room (Single)	MYR 677.80 nett/ USD 146 approx.	E-mail: <a href="mailto:HuiLin.Chong@hyatt.com">HuiLin.Chong@hyatt.com</a> and <a href="mailto:kualalumpur.grand@hyatt.com">kualalumpur.grand@hyatt.com</a>
	Grand Room (Double)	MYR 741.40 nett/ USD 159 approx.	
<b>Impiana KLCC Hotel</b> (opposite the Grand Hyatt KL) <a href="https://kualalumpurhotels.impiana.com.my/">https://kualalumpurhotels.impiana.com.my/</a> <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/K7SYE6NWF RgiYTpVA">https://goo.gl/maps/K7SYE6NWF RgiYTpVA</a>	Deluxe Room (Single)	MYR 381 nett / USD 82 approx.	E-mail: <a href="mailto:nazmi.amat@impiana.com">nazmi.amat@impiana.com</a> and <a href="mailto:reservation.iklcc@impiana.com">reservation.iklcc@impiana.com</a>
	Deluxe Room (Double)	MYR 412.80 nett / USD 89 approx.	
	Club Deluxe Room (Single)	MYR 487 nett / USD 105 approx.	
	Club Deluxe Room (Single)	MYR 540 nett/ USD 116 approx.	
<b>Grand Millenium Kuala Lumpur</b>	Deluxe Room (Single)	MYR 382.80 nett/ USD 82 approx	



Hotel	Room Category	Room Rate (per night)	Contact
<a href="http://www.grandmillenniumkl.com">www.grandmillenniumkl.com</a> <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/V7BNzzuwkZBfZ2zg8">https://goo.gl/maps/V7BNzzuwkZBfZ2zg8</a>	Deluxe Room (Double)	MYR 423.40 nett/ USD 91	 Hotel Reservation Form - MCMC.pdf Email: <a href="mailto:norsyafiqka.azhar@milleniumhotels.com">norsyafiqka.azhar@milleniumhotels.com</a>
<b>Novotel Kuala Lumpur City</b> <a href="https://all.accor.com/hotel">https://all.accor.com/hotel</a> <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/4CbPcqmJERA3rcJj9">https://goo.gl/maps/4CbPcqmJERA3rcJj9</a>	Deluxe Room (Single)	MYR 370.40 nett/ USD 80 approx.	 Booking Form -MCMC_ 091023.pdf Email: <a href="mailto:elena.ukan@accor.com">elena.ukan@accor.com</a>
	Deluxe Room (Double)	MYR 391.40 nett/ USD 84 approx.	

**Notes:**

- Check-in time is 14:00 hours; Check-out time is 12:00 hours.
- Rates are inclusive of daily buffet breakfast and complimentary in-room WiFi.
- All rates quoted in MYR are inclusive of 10% service charge and the prevailing government tax per room per night.
- Tourism Tax of MYR10 (USD 2.40 approx.) flat rate per room per night will be imposed on all foreign guests.
- Reservation cancellation: Please refer to the respective reservation forms on the terms and conditions for cancellations. Due to the peak season, delegates are advised to complete their reservations with the hotels as soon as possible as the host will not guarantee the negotiated rates once the accommodation room limits are exhausted.

## 5. MEETING WEBSITE, MEETING DOCUMENTS AND CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINE

Related information about the meeting and meeting documents will be available at the APT Website at: <https://www.apr.int/2023-ADF20>

Materials prepared by speakers and presenters will be posted on APT Website. Any contributions from APT Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, Regional/International Organizations are welcome. It is requested to submit contribution, if any, to the APT Secretariat by 25 September 2023 at the latest. Please contact: [aptict@apr.int](mailto:aptict@apr.int) to submit contributions and any information on the documentation.

In order to facilitate efficient meeting management and document handling process, APT encourages the use of electronic documents during the meeting. Electronic copies of the meeting documents will be available online.

## 6. WIRELESS LAN

Internet access over wireless network will be available during the meeting. Delegates who wish to utilize wireless facility are kindly requested to bring their own laptop computers with Wi-Fi capability.

## 7. AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND MOBILITY

Delegates are requested to use public transportation facilities available at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), Malaysia. Below are details of the public transportation services that are available at the airport.

### Airport Limousine

This service is operated on a pre-paid coupon basis which can be purchased at the Limousine Counter in the International Arrival Hall, KLIA and is available for 24 hours. The journey time from KLIA to meeting venue in the heart of Kuala Lumpur takes approximately one (1) hour. The costs for one-way rate from KLIA to Kuala Lumpur city center are as follows:

<b>Budget</b>	<b>Premier</b>	<b>Luxury/ Family</b>
MYR 100.00* (USD22 approx.)	MYR 150.00* (USD33 approx.)	MYR 250.00* (USD54 approx.)
	MYR 200.00** (USD43 approx.)	MYR 350** (USD75 approx.)

For more information, please refer to this link: <http://www.airportlimo.my>

\* For transfer from 6.00 am – 11.59 pm

\*\* For transfer after 12.00 am

### **KLIA Ekspres (ERL)**

The Express Rail Link (ERL) is a high-speed rail link between KLIA and KL Sentral Station. Trains are available every 20 minutes and the journey time from KLIA to KL Sentral is 28 minutes. One-way fare is MYR55.00 (USD12 approx.). From KL Sentral, passengers may purchase coupons at the Taxi Counter to their respective hotels. For more information, please refer to this link <https://www.kliaekspres.com>

### **Taxis**

There are taxi stands placed outside most major hotels, and taxis can also be flagged down from the street. All taxis are metered and the flag-down fare for budget taxis in the Klang Valley area starts from MYR3.00 (USD0.72 approx.) for the first two (2) kilometers, and then MYR1.25 (USD0.30 approx.) for every following kilometer. Bright Blue executive taxis cost more (MYR 6.00 for the first kilometer, then MYR2.00 (USD0.49 approx.) for every subsequent kilometer).

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### **e-Hailing Ride Service: Airport Gateway by Grab**

The prominent e-hailing ride alternative in Malaysia is Grab that offers transfers from/ to the airports and the Klang Valley (except Rawang, Kuala Selangor & Genting Highlands) with GrabCar for MYR65.00 (USD16 approx.).

Booking the Airport Getaway by GrabCar-

- Step 1: Download the Grab app. and tap the GrabCar icon.
- Step 2: Choose your payment method (cash/ credit/ debit).
- Step 3: Choose your pick-up/ drop-off point within the Klang Valley, and select your relevant entrance/ exit at KLIA.

## **8. VISA AND IMMIGRATION**

As visa requirements change from time to time and vary for the citizens of different countries, delegates are requested to check the visa requirements with their nearest Malaysian Embassy/ High Commission.

For more information on updated Visa and entry requirements into Malaysia, please refer to this link <http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country>. Please contact the following official for delegates requiring a visa supporting letter:

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Delegates who require a visa support letter to facilitate your visa application, please include in your request a copy of your passport and APT registration confirmation no later than **8 September 2023**.

## 9. PERSONAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

APT and the host country will not bear any cost of insurance for delegates, medical expenses, or any other related expenses. It is therefore requested that all delegates make the necessary arrangements for insurance and medical coverage before their travel into Malaysia.

## 10. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Malaysia is a beautifully complex vacation destination, a land where ancient rainforests give way to multicultural city life. Capital city Kuala Lumpur is visually defined by the iconic Petronas Twin Towers.



Kuala Lumpur is the federal capital and most populous city in Malaysia. Literally meaning "muddy river confluence" in Malay, Kuala Lumpur has grown from a small sleepy Chinese tin-mining village to a bustling metropolis of around 6.5 million (city-proper population of 1.8 million) in just 150 years. The city covers an area of 243 km<sup>2</sup> (94 sq mi) and has an estimated population of 1.9 million. Greater Kuala Lumpur, also known as the Klang Valley, is an urban agglomeration of 7.2 million people. It is among the fastest growing metropolitan regions in terms of population and economy.

Kuala Lumpur is the seat of the Parliament of Malaysia. The official residence of the Malaysian King, the Istana Negara, is also situated in Kuala Lumpur. Kuala Lumpur is the cultural, financial, and economic centre of Malaysia due to its position as the capital as well as being a key city.



More information about Malaysia as your dream destination is available here:

<https://www.tourism.gov.my>,

<https://www.malaysia.travel> and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKUjQvuzrfA>.

**Local time:** GMT + 8 hours.

**Foreign exchange rate:** Approx. MYR 4.54 to USD 1.00

**Weather forecasts in October 2023:** Daytime temperatures are forecasted to reach 32°C in Kuala Lumpur with very high heat and humidity, falling to 23°C at night. Kuala Lumpur is forecasted to be mostly rainy, therefore delegates are advised to pack appropriately for the weather.

**Electricity:** 220 Volt, 50 Hz. Electrical sockets (outlets) in Malaysia are the "Type G" British BS-1363 type. Please bring the accurate adapter for your equipment. The host will not be providing the universal adapters.



## 11. CONTACT INFORMATION

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