

ASEAN-Japan ICT Work Plan for 2007-2009 Stocktaking

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- **Adopted at the ASEAN + J TELMIN 2007**
- **First Concrete Plan in the field of ICT between ASEAN and Japan**
- **Contains several proposals to be Initiated by Japan and by ASEAN**

Action 1-1

Facilitate high-speed connection among all national information infrastructure by 2010

Proposal	Japan to invite ASEAN Member Countries to participate in the training workshops and/or seminars on Disaster Prevention and Management Communications
Annotation	<i>Sponsored by Japan, APT will organize a regional workshop regarding Disaster Prevention and Management Communications in 2008. Japan will propose that it be held for the ASEAN Region. An ASEAN member Country will be expected to host this workshop.</i>
Current Status	Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) of the Republic of Philippines will host this APT Workshop for ASEAN. Details will follow shortly.

Action 1-2

Facilitate high-speed connection among all national information infrastructure by 2010

Proposal	Japan to assist ASEAN Member Countries in conducting pilot projects in rural areas by making use of its extra budgetary contributions to APT
Annotation	<i>APT will launch a call for applications of pilot project in rural area in 2008, making use of Japan's financial contribution. ASEAN Member countries are invited to apply for the call. APT will select a limited number of suitable projects according to its selection criteria. (APT J3 Projects)</i>
Current Status	APT is coordinating with MIC the schedule of call for applications for the APT J3 Projects.

Action 1-3

Facilitate high-speed connection among all national information infrastructure by 2010

Proposal	Japan to assist ASEAN in developing the Practice Guidelines for the Management of USO Fund
Annotation	<i>1) ASEAN organizes a seminar, a workshop, or forum on this matter and invite a Japanese expert for input. 2) ASEAN submits an application to the Embassy of Japan in Jakarta for funding from JAGEF or JAIF to conduct research necessary for drafting this guideline.</i>
Current Status	The workshop on the Technology Assessment for Universal Service Obligation Practices in ASEAN Member Countries (tau-project) was held last September in Indonesia. This project was completed last December.

Action 1-4

Facilitate high-speed connection among all national information infrastructure by 2010

Proposal	Conduct seminars on Next Generation IP based Network (NGN) taking into account the importance of promoting coordination and cooperation between Japan and ASEAN countries
Annotation	<i>Japan will sponsor APT to organize NGN seminars in Japan. A limited number of ASEAN members will receive a fellowship in accordance with APT's criteria.</i>
Current Status	Japan hosted the APT Training Course on Strategic Planning and Development of NGN at the end of this February. Five officials participated from the ASEAN Region with the APT's fellowship. More seminars on NGN will be held in the near future.

Action 2-1

Promote international cooperation on collection, share and analysis of incident information concerning information security

Proposal	To strengthen coordination between Telecom-ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) in Japan and network operators in ASEAN Member Countries and to establish a regional liaison mechanism for exchanging information concerning security incident in the field of information and communications
Annotation	<i>We hope to find the organization (e.g. Association of network operators) in ASEAN Member Countries which can team up with Telecom-ISAC Japan. Therefore, we expect that ASEAN Member Countries invite MIC and Telecom-ISAC Japan to one of their meetings concerning information security matters so as to get opportunity of discussing this issue.</i>
Current Status	Invitation from ASEAN awaited

Action 2-2

Promote international cooperation on collection, share and analysis of incident information concerning information security

Proposal	To convene a high-level meeting on ICT security issues
Annotation	<i>This meeting is proposed for high-level officials dealing with ICT security to exchange views concerning effects of ICT security on the business environment. As we would like to promote this proposal in partnership with our economic ministry, we propose that this meeting be held under the auspices of both TELMIN+J and AEM+J.</i>
Current Status	To convene this meeting in the last half of FY2008 in Japan, the government of Japan will start consultation on the draft of agenda and program shortly. More details will be presented to the ASEAN+J TELSOM in Indonesia.

Action 3-1

Encourage the participation of all stakeholders (i.e. people, communities, enterprises and public administrations) in utilization and development of ICT applications and services on the regional information infrastructure

Proposal	To conduct an ASEAN-Japan Workshop on ICT applications
Annotation	<i>Japan will organize a workshop in Japan back-to-back with another workshop or seminar.</i>
Current Status	It will be planned in the near future.

Action 3-2

Encourage the participation of all stakeholders (i.e. people, communities, enterprises and public administrations) in utilization and development of ICT applications and services on the regional information infrastructure

Proposal	Japan to support ASEAN capacity in research and development concerning a Multilanguage Translation Technology
Current Status	National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT) Japan held “the third ADD school” to give a series of lectures on applied Natural Language Processing from Feb 25 to March 3, 2008 at Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, Thailand (SIIT) in cooperation with NECTEC (National Electronics and Computer technology Center), Asian Language Resource Network of Nagaoka University of Technology, Japan, and SIIT.

Action 4-1

Deepen regional policy and regulatory framework to deal with the opportunities and challenges in the area of Next Generation IP based Network, including the interoperability of products/ services, information systems and networks in the convergence environment

Proposal	Japan to assist ASEAN in reviewing the Radio and/or Telecommunications Law to ensure the ICT legal infrastructure is in line with the market demands and the results of technological advances by providing information and organizing a training course
Annotation	<i>Information regarding Japanese laws will be provided on request basis. Moreover, Japan will sponsor APT to organize training courses in Japan. A limited number of ASEAN members will receive a fellowship in accordance with APT's criteria.</i>
Current Status	Japan will host the APT Training Course on Competition Policy this March. Three officials will be invited from the ASEAN Region with the APT fellowship. Another course will be held next year.

Action 4-2

Deepen regional policy and regulatory framework to deal with the opportunities and challenges in the area of Next Generation IP based Network, including the interoperability of products/ services, information systems and networks in the convergence environment

Proposal	To convene a meeting between Japan and ASEAN back-to-back with the 14th ASEAN Telecommunications Regulators Council (ATRC) Meeting in Singapore in mid 2008 to exchange information on regulatory regimes, especially in NGN era
Annotation	<i>ASEAN will organize this “+J” meeting and Japan will send experts.</i>
Current Status	Invitation from ASEAN awaited

Action 5

To enhance cooperation for a regional fair and transparent ICT regulatory framework to promote trade, investment, education, healthcare and employment in ASEAN

Proposal	To study the possibility of exchanging information and opinions between ASEAN and Japan on mutual recognition of telecom equipment at the sideline of another meeting in 2008
Annotation	<i>We want to be informed of the current state of MRA of telecom equipment among ASEAN countries in writing. Japan has already established MRA with Singapore and is taking country by country approach. Therefore, we will engage in the MRA related discussion with ASEAN only if the corrective approach is found to be feasible.</i>
Current Status	Information from ASEAN awaited

Action 6

To establish a networking forum between the businesses in ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners as a platform for promoting trade and investment

Proposal	To study the possibility of convening an ICT Business Forum between Japan and ASEAN
Annotation	<i>We want to be informed what ICT companies in ASEAN would be interested in this Forum. This forum could be established only if the sufficient number of companies from both sides shows interest to participate.</i>
Current Status	Information from ASEAN awaited