Closing Speech of

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Dr. Suthiphon Thaveechaiyagarn, NBTC Commissioner

At the ITU Telecom World 2013 Farwell Party

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19.25 – 19.30 hrs.

Royal Jubilee Ballrooms

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His Excellency Group Captain Anudith Nakornthap, Minister of ICT

Dr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary General of the International

Telecommunication Union

Mr. Nopparat Methaveekulchai, President of Thailand Convention

and Exhibition Bureau,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great honor and pleasure to address to all of you here at this special event of the ITU Telecom World 2013 as it comes to the beautiful conclusion.

In this occasion, I would like to congratulate ITU and everyone of us for the excellent success.

ITU Telecom World 2013 opens doors of opportunities for telecommunication and ICT personalities from around the world to come together to showcase their state-of-the-art innovation, meet new friends, expand their networks, and most importantly to exchange views on this ever-changing telecommunications regime. As a representative from the NBTC, a co-sponsor of this event, I am glad that Thailand has been trusted and chosen as the venue for this event that attract an enormous number of visitors from around the world and honored that the NBTC got to involve. In this regard, I humbly thank my good friend, Dr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary General of ITU, for his continuing support, for believing in NBTC, and for granting us such a great opportunity. In addition, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciations to His Excellency Group Captain Anudith Nakornthap, Minister of ICT and Mr. Nopparat Methaveekulchai, President of Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau as well as the staffs of Ministry of ICT and TCEB for being great partners.

I would also like to thank another good friend, Dr. Eun Jun Kim, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. As a regional Director which the Office is located in Thailand, Dr. Kim has been a good friend and a close counterpart for the NBTC. More importantly, she had important role for ITU cooperation to assist Thailand to get through the difficult time of our 2.1 GHz spectrum allocation in the process of liberalizing Thai telecommunication industry. Since she will soon move to a new post in Geneva, we wish her the very best in her career.

Ladies and gentlemen,

In recent years, technologies have evolved faster than ever. The world has been revolutionized by the converged technology. The new communications landscape has more or less shaped up the new world scenario where it becomes much smaller, with no frontier. “Physical interaction” among people is no longer a main stream of human activities. Yet, human has become even more connected through the sophisticating “digital technology”. The world has become digitalized and it is in the best benefit of human being to embrace it and know how to utilize it. After all, it is us the people who create technologies.

I have a chance both to visit the ITU Telecom World 2013 and to speak as the panelist on the topic “convergence of regulation.” I can say that being able to take part in this event is very beneficial. I see a lot of new innovations, creativities, knowledge, and thoughts and that in itself, the great opportunity. But the most important thing is the opportunity to meet good friends and to have more friends. As telecommunications and ICT have shrinking the world into a much smaller size, our telecommunications and ICT circles become much smaller and closer too. I met many familiar faces and consider everyone here as my friends.

Distinguished guest,

I would say that as the technology is converged, our cooperation should being converged too. There would no longer be the border between technologies and so does between us. Differences in level of development, races, geographical locations, cultures and so forth will no longer a barrier for us to join hands together. We are a group of friends that will work closely together with the unified mission and a converged cooperation in using telecommunications and ICT to change the world into a better direction as well as to ensure that people will be the main beneficiary. Technologies move fast and we can no longer walk alone if we want to catch up with it. Moving together, we will go faster and with more efficiency.

On my final note, I would like to sincerely thank everybody involved in organizing this Telecom World 2013 for their best efforts and contributions that lead to the huge success of the event. To everyone here, my friends, I strongly believe that all of us will go back home and applied what being learnt here to further alleviate the telecommunications and ICT industry. And I am confident that we will very soon meet again in the next forum and will continue our convergence of cooperation to take even a greater leap forward. Thank you very much for visiting this enchanted land of smiles. I wish you good luck and have a safe journey back home.

Until we meet again!

Thank you very much. Kob Khun Krub.