

Gala Dinner

“Universal Access and Service for Digital Inclusion”

– 25TH March 2015, Pullman Bangkok King Power Hotel –

The Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on “Universal Access and Service, and Broadband Deployment” is jointly organized by the ITU, NBTC and ADB from 25th to 27th March 2015 at the Pullman Bangkok King Power Hotel. The organisers are organising a Gala Dinner at the venue hotel on 25th March 2015 to welcome all Forum participants, UN agencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corp in Thailand, and other distinguished guests from governments, regional and international organizations, private sector and academia.

The function is aimed at promoting Digital Inclusion for all walks of life including persons with disabilities, the elderly, youth and women and girls. It is also aimed at networking among stakeholders in the fields and resource mobilisation for relevant activities in the Asia-Pacific region



Keynote speaker: Hon. Siaso Sovaleni was elected to Parliament in November 2014. He was later appointed on 31st December 2014 as the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Meteorology, Environment, Information, Disaster Management, Energy, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC) of the Kingdom of Tonga. Formerly the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Public Enterprises (MPE), he led the state owned enterprises (SOE) reform programme that focused on board governance, improved compliance and improved financial performance. Due to the result of this reform programme, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Finding Balance report ranked MPE as one of the most effective ownership monitor amongst the benchmarked 9 small island countries from the Pacific, Caribbean and Indian Ocean.

Keynote speaker: John E. Davies is vice president of the Sales and Marketing Group and general manager of the Intel World Ahead Program at Intel Corporation. The program enables access to modern technology, connecting millions of people to improve education and healthcare, stimulate economies, and enrich lives. During his 36 years with Intel, Davies has worked in senior engineering, marketing, sales, and has held numerous management positions. Intel has awarded Davies two prestigious Individual Achievement Awards and recently, he won Latin Trade's Bravo Award for 2010 Technology Leader of the Year.



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PROGRAMME

1845hrs	Registration and seating
1900hrs	Welcome remarks by General Sukit Khamasundara, Commissioner, NBTC
1905hrs	Welcome remarks by Mr. Ioane Koroivuki, Regional Director of ITU Asia-Pacific Region
1910hrs	Keynote speech by Hon. Siaso Sovaleni, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga
1920hrs	Keynote speech by Mr. John Davies, Vice President of Intel and ITU Broadband Commissioner
1930hrs	Dinner served
	Video presentations and performance show
2030hrs	Dinner adjourned

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