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Congratulatory Message from Japan

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I have the honor of offering my heartfelt congratulations on the Silver Jubilee of the South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC).

The global spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on our way of life, but ICT has been an indispensable infrastructure. It plays a role in not only facilitating information exchange and enhancing work efficiency, but it also contributes to improving quality of life.

Japan regards the APT as a leading international organization, one which supports balanced development in the telecommunication sector in the Asia Pacific region, and as such Japan has been providing support for the implementation of the APT's activities by using Extra Budgetary Contribution from Japan (EBC-J).

Among these activities, SATRC has been a key work program that Japan has supported over the years. Japan has enormous respect for the significant role of SATRC has in promoting and facilitating the development of telecommunication and ICT in the South Asia region. This activity serves as a good reference not only for the South Asia region, but also for the entire Asia Pacific region.

Japan recognizes the geographical importance and the dynamism of the South Asia region and we enjoy a strong relationship with all nine members of SATRC. I am also pleased that we are able to welcome a number of participants from SATRC members to the annual ICT training courses funded by EBC-J and organized by Japanese Affiliate Members.

I would like to reaffirm Japan's commitments to supporting SATRC activities through active engagement and budgetary contributions in order to help achieve the objectives of SATRC Action Plan Phase VIII.

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