Program of APEC Telecenter Training Camp

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I.   Background

In support of APEC Economic Leaders' decisions in the field of bridging the digital divide, Chinese Taipei proposed the establishment of an APEC Digital Opportunity Center at the 11th APEC Economic Leaders' meeting in Bangkok in 2003. The leaders welcome Chinese Taipei's proposal as reflected in the Chair's Summary. The APEC Telecenter Development Program is one of projects to fulfil the establishment of the APEC Digital Opportunity Center. This Program aims to carry on workforce training and physical establishment of telecenters in APEC in order to:

1. Fulfill the goal of an APEC digital society in accordance with the Leaders' commitments and The e-APEC strategy;
2. Create a cooperative mechanism for public and private sector in bridging the digital divide;
3. Act as a major enabler of the New Economy, while harnessing the full potential of the information and communication technology (ICT);
4. Reinforce and enhance human capacity building toward a successful and sustainable model for telecenter development in APEC.

The strategy of this initiative is to bridge the digital divide through the physical establishment of telecenters with a focus on strengthening digital capability of rural area people. In its first phase, the project involves a workshop and a short-term training camp. In the second phase, the physical establishment of telecenters in APEC developing members will be implemented. There will be a discussion session at the end of first phase. Conclusion of the discussion and comments from member economies on first phase implementation will be the references for the design of second phase.

To share relevant experiences and build consensus in the beginning stage of project implementation, Chinese Taipei held a one-day workshop concurrently to the TEL30 on September 19th, 2004. Some important topics such as sustainability, community involvement, business model, and feasible/affordable technologies were covered at the Workshop.

II.   Objectives

The Training Camp aims to raise awareness of the digital divide that exists within APEC, as well as to provide participants with practical knowledge and skills related to digital divide policy planning and implementation.

III.   Target Participants and Requirement

1. The target participants are government officials of APEC developing economies, who need be responsible for the policy/implementation of e-government or digital divide in their economy.
2. Two delegates from each developing economy are invited. The organizer will pay their travel expense.
3. Participants need to have good communication capability in English.
4. Representing their economy, the participants are required to submit a report about policy, measures, and implementation of bridging the digital divide.

Participation from developed economies is also highly welcome. However, their travel expenses won't be covered by the organizer.

IV.   Travel Expense

The organizer of this camp covers the travel expenses of two invited participants from each developing economy, including economy class air tickets and hotel accommodation.

V.   Registration

All participants need to fill in the registration form, as annexed, and send it to the recipient indicated on the form. (Deadline: December 31, 2004)

VI.   Venue

Howard International House, Taipei, Taiwan

VII.   Schedule

Jan. 23 (Sunday)

Arrival

Jan. 24 (Monday)

08:00~09:00 Registration
09:00~09:40 Opening
09:40~10:10 Keynote Speech

Topic: ICT for All
Speaker: (TBD)

10:10~10:30 Introduction to the APEC Telecenter Development Program
10:30~10:50 Break
10:50~11:40 Lecture 1

Topic: Build the policy and regulations for ICT development

Speaker: (TBD)

11:40~12:00 Q&A

12:00~14:00 Lunch

14:00~14:50 Lecture 2

   Topic: The Telecenter Planning Process

   Speaker: Prof. Royal D. Colle

     Department of Communication, Cornell University, USA

14:50~15:10 Q&A

15:10~15:30 Break

15:30~16:20 Lecture 3

   Topic: Building Telecenter Services

   Speaker: Dr. Roger Harris

     Independent consultant, Hong Kong

16:20~16:40 Q&A

16:40~17:30 Group Discussion

   Group 1: The role and policy needed for government in bridging the digital divide.

   Group 2: How to make sustainable telecenters in rural areas a reality?

   Group 3: How to bring up resources for telecenter development?

18:30 Welcome Dinner

Jan. 25 (Tuesday)

09:00~09:50 Lecture 4

   Topic: Scaling up of sustainable telecenters: Financial mechanism and Capacity building

   Speaker: Dr. Motoo Kusakabe

     Senior Counsellor to the President

     European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

09:50~10:10 Q&A

10:10~10:40 Country Report 1

10:40~11:00 Break

11:00~11:30 Country Report 2

11:30~12:00 Country Report 3

12:00~14:00 Lunch

14:00~14:50 Lecture 5

   Topic: Establishing partnerships with government agencies, extension and other community groups

   Speaker: Dr. F. R. Sheriff

Director of Extension, Tamil Nadu University of
Veterinary and Animal Sciences, India

14:50~15:10 Q&A
15:10~15:30 Break
15:30~16:20 Lecture 6
Topic: Organizing and using practical methods for obtaining data
for planning and management of telecenters
Speaker: Dr. Raul Roman
Research Associate, University of Washington, USA
16:20~16:40 Q&A
16:40~17:30 Group Discussion
Group 1: The role and policy needed for government in bridging
the digital divide.
Group 2: How to make sustainable telecenters in rural areas a
reality?
Group 3: How to bring up resources for telecenter development?
18:00 Dinner

Jan. 26 (Wednesday)
09:00~09:50 Lecture 7
Topic: Exercise Telecenter to Bridge the Digital Divide - from the
ICT Point of View
Speaker: Prof. Han-Chieh Chao
Chair of Electrical Engineering Department, National
Dong Hwa University, Taiwan
09:50~10:10 Q&A
10:10~10:40 Country Report 4
10:40~11:00 Break
11:00~11:30 Country Report 5
11:30~12:00 Country Report 6
12:00~14:00 Lunch
14:00~14:20 Group Report 1
14:20~14:40 Group Report 2
14:40~15:10 Group Report 3
15:10~15:30 Break
15:30~16:00 Country Report 7
16:00~16:30 Country Report 8
16:30~17:00 Country Report 9
17:00~17:40 Q&A (for all reports of today)

18:00 Dinner

Jan. 27 (Thursday)

09:00~10:20 Panel Discussion 1

Topic: Telecenter Initiatives for Building Awareness and
Participation

Moderator: Dr. Raul Roman

Panelists:

1. Dr. F. R. Sheriff
2. Prof. Han-Chieh Chao
3. (TBD)

10:20~10:40 Break

10:40~12:00 Panel Discussion 2

Topic: Innovations for Telecenter Sustainability

Moderator: Prof. Royal D. Colle

Panelists:

1. Dr. Roger Harris
2. Dr. Motoo Kusakabe
3. (TBD)

12:00~13:00 Lunch

13:00~17:30 National Palace Museum

17:30~ Free Night

Jan. 28 (Friday)

08:00~10:00 Trip to I-Lan

10:00~12:30 Site Visit for Telecenters in I-Lan County

12:30~14:00 Lunch

14:00~16:30 Visit I-Lan County Government

16:30~18:00 Return Trip to Taipei

19:00 Farewell Dinner

Jan. 29 (Saturday)

Culture Events: Yangming Mountain Park; Computer Market; Sunset in
Tamshui

Jan. 30 (Sunday)

Departure

Remarks: 1. The schedule is subject to change if necessary.

2. The number of country reports and their presentation time will be

adjusted according to the feedback of participating economies.

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Registration Form

(Deadline: December 31, 2004)

1. Economy:_____

2. Title: Mr./Ms./Dr.

3. Last Name:_____

4. First Name:_____

5. Organization: _____

6. Designation:_____

7. Email:_____

8. Tel:_____

9. Fax:_____

10. Address:_____

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11. Discussion Group: 1   2   3   (Please circle a preference.)

Remarks:

1. Please email this form to Mr. Ming-Chung Lee at mclee@rdec.gov.tw, and send a copy to yuchuan@rdec.gov.tw.
2. FAX is also available at +886-2-2394-2168)