APEC Telecenter Development Program

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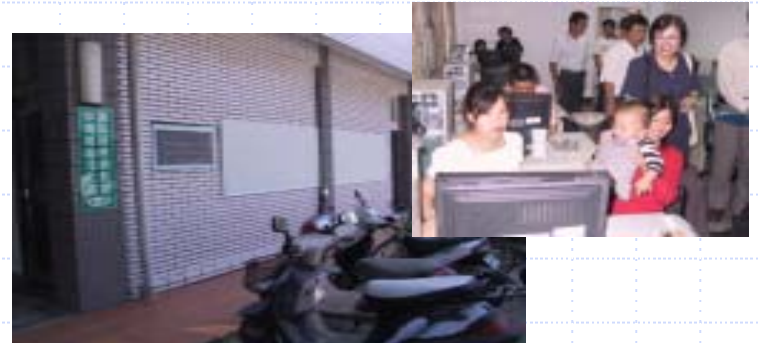
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Background

❖ APEC Leaders' Meeting in Brunei and Shanghai: digital divide issue

❖ The proposal of APEC Digital Opportunity Center in Chile

❖ Why telecenter?

Objectives

- Fulfill the goal of an APEC digital society
- Create a cooperative mechanism for public and private sector in bridging the digital divide;
- Act as a major enabler of the New Economy
- Reinforce and enhance human capacity building

Methodology

A self-funded project comprising two phases:

◆ Phase I: consensus building, strategy and measure planning accompanied with a workshop and a short-term training camp.

◆ Phase II: physical establishment of telecenters in participating developing economies.

Outputs/Deliverables

- Guidelines on developing telecenters in rural areas

- Best practices of telecenters in rural areas of APEC region.

- Recommendations on related issues

Timeframe

Mar. 2004: Propose the project to HRDSG of TEL29

Sep. 2004: Telecenter Workshop concurrent to TEL30

Jan. 2005: Telecenter Training Camp in Taipei (end of phase I)

Mar. 2005: Report the result of project phase I to TEL31 and start the phase II in trial establishment of telecenters.

Sep. 2005: Report the result of project phase II to TEL32;

Workshop in Singapore

◆ Theme: Develop a sustainable telecenter in rural areas

◆ Topics:

- Community participation and sustainable telecenters

- Telecenter services and business model

- Creating jobs through telecenters

- Information training and promotion of telecenters

- Affordable technology for telecenters

- Best practice of telecenters

Training Camp in Taipei

◆ Lectures

◆ Panel Discussion

◆ Topics for Discussion Groups

- The role and policy needed for government in bridging the digital divide.

- How to make sustainable telecenters in rural areas a reality?

- How to bring up resources for telecenter development?