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Distinguished Guests from GSMA and ITU

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission or NBTC, it is indeed my honor to welcome all of you to our country. We are delighted to have you here to participate in the GSMA-ITU Digital Societies Policy Forum 2015.

As you may know, NBTC is an independent regulatory body of Thailand, whose duty is to supervise broadcasting and telecommunications industries by promoting free and fair competition, regulating the spectrum usages for the utmost benefit. Like all other countries, NBTC is aligning our efforts in the improvement of telecommunication and broadcasting sectors along with our national development. Establishing policies to encourage ICT growth and encouraging facility-based competition are essential for the country to grow sustainably and competitively in the information society. Therefore, it is paramount for NBTC to drive Thailand and all people into the digital economy and smart society.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Thailand has strong ambitions to turn Thailand into a digital economy. The forum today could be a good opportunity for us to learn and share experiences in IMT spectrum and global trends in technology. With these regards, today is a great day that we could see deeply the emerging national plans to build digital societies and the role of spectrum policy and

licensing for IMT especially spectrum auctions in the 900MHz and 1.8GHz for 4G technology, as mobile broadband is an important enabler for the digital economy and for digital inclusion.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to say once again on behalf of the NBTC, “Welcome”. I am greatly confident that all beneficial knowledge and experience resulted from this conference will capably and effectively enrich and inspire the intellect on your related regular works in the long run.

Thank you very much.