



Mr. Choo Kah Kin
Chief Technical Officer

Pledge description

ZTE pledged to build \$400 million worth of ICT network infrastructure annually for LDC/LLDC/SIDS countries by 2025

ZTE pledges to sponsor P2C with CHF 300,000 by becoming “P2C Champion” for the period of three years for implementing activities described in the Partner2Connect Action Framework and implementing Resolution 88 on Partner2 Connect Digital Coalition, adopted at WTDC-22 in Kigali



Mr. Philip Victor
Managing Director

“Cybersecurity Trainings Contribution”

To better address the special needs of Asia-Pacific LDCs, SIDSS and LLDCs in accelerating secure and resilient information and communication technology environment



Ms. Maria Perdomo
Regional Coordinator for Asia

UNCDF as a Partner2Connect, pledges to partner with ITU to set up a FINANCING FACILITY

- Together engaging governments, private sector partners, financial institutions development finance institutions and other development partners
- To build great opportunity of developing digital economies that are inclusive of all across all the countries in Asia and the Pacific region

EMPOWERING INDONESIA'S

“By the end of 2024,

- *the PT Indosat Tbk will have provided at least 100,000 persons among the underserved communities in the Eastern part of Indonesia*
- *with free data packages and digital literacy*
- *and proficiency training modules*
- *and thereby will be able to readily embrace, participate in, and benefit from the meaningful digital transformation”*





Ms. Jocelle Batapa-Sigue

Undersecretary

Informations and Communications Technology

Industry Development

Pledging to host the Asia Pacific Girls In ICT Policy Summit thru the Digital Innovation for Women Advancement (AI) in the Philippines for 2024 in partnership with P2C companies

The goal is to inspire policy makers in Asia Pacific to design strategies and platforms to increase the number of women and girls in ICT courses, careers and certifications



Dr. Daniel McFarlane, PhD
Director, Social Innovation and Sustainability
and the Centre of Digital Technology & Society

Pledging to contribute research to Partner2Connect including:

- contribution to the study “From Telecentres, Community Networks to Smart Islands and Smart Villages: Case Studies from Asia and the Pacific”
- as well as other research projects focused on understanding how to effectively connect the unconnected and creating inclusive digital economies in Asia and the Pacific.



PT MUKTI MANDIRI LESTARI

Integrated Waste Management Solution



Mr. Wawan Budiawan
President Director

- Pledging to triple its contribution in the Digital and Telecommunication sector E-waste management in Indonesia,
- I.e. from the 10,000 MTs annually in 2023 to up to 50,000 MTs in 2030.
- This shall be achieved through collaborative efforts with the government, private sector and ITU to implement the e-waste recycling facility, cost effective, standard Data Sanitization and Data Destruction services



Ms. Philomena Gnanapragasam,
Director

Pledging to

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SESSION 8 OPENING

15:00-15:05 14 Sep 2023

Welcome to the Partner2Connect: New pledge announcements (Industry)!

Introduction: I am Puji Pujiono, Senior UN Coordinator Specialist at ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, welcome you to the distinguished speakers and all the participants.

Objective of this Session's: **to encourage private sector's engagements in the Partner2Connect (P2C) initiative**

In this session you shall

- have an overview of the pledges submitted from the industry to the P2C platform so far
- existing pledges to Asia and the Pacific Regional Initiatives and the scope for partnership
- the prospective and new pledges

Segments of the Session:

1. Panel presentations highlighting the prospective and new pledges and how they can help address the challenges and seize opportunities to promote universal connectivity.
2. Question and Answer

Interaction: We are using the Slido, an interactive application. The link will be shared on-screen and in the chat box. Please use your mobile phones or computers to post **inputs, suggestions, or response** during the session.

15:00-15:15

1st Speaker: **Mr. Shaharyar Jawaid, Senior ICT Specialist, Economic Infrastructure, Economic & Social Infrastructure, Islamic Development Bangkok (ISDB) (Virtual):**

***Biodata:** Shaharyar is a Senior ICT Specialist, looking after the Islamic Development Bank, a multilateral development bank (MDB). In this position, he is responsible for the ISDB's ICT policy and strategy for its engagement in the ICT sector and managing numerous infrastructure projects in the Bank's 57 Member Countries,*

As a Global Technology for Development Expert he has over 15 years of professional experience and in International Development, IT/Telco industry, and Investment Advisory.

Shaharyar is currently pursuing an Executive Program on Public Policy at Harvard University. This shall add to his qualifications in Computer Engineering in Telecommunications and certified Project Manager.

Question: I understand that the ISDB is considering a pledge:

1. What are the key characteristics of ISDB's pledge?
2. And how would you describe the pledge would address issues and promote opportunities for partnership towards universal meaningful connectivity in Asia and the Pacific region?

2nd speaker: **Mr. Choo Kah Kin, Chief Technical Officer of the ZTE Corporation,** a global leading provider of information and communication technology solutions

Biodata: *Mr. Choo Kah Kin as an account person is in charge for technical solutions, strategy and expansion; project/account expansion, as well as high level customer communication.*

His 15 years experience in telecommunication field includes his being the Technical director for the 3/4/5G - served as technical contact point for all products and in charge of all technical related matter such as network strategy, network optimization, pre-sales, new technologies deployment.

He obtained his degree in Electrical and Electronics in Telecommunication from the Multimedia University.

Question: ZTE has submitted a pledge or pledges to the P2C platform:

" to build \$400 million worth of ICT network infrastructure annually for LDC/LLDC/SIDS countries by 2025 "

1. How the pledge would address issues and promote opportunities for partnership towards universal meaningful connectivity in Asia and the Pacific region?.
2. Is ZTE preparing new pledges?

3rd speaker: **Mr. Philip Victor , Managing Director , Welchman Keen**

Biodata: *Philip has been serving for more than two decades in the cybersecurity domain, where he has been spearheading the Cyber Risk for Critical Infrastructure practice with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and governments.*

In his previous roles, Philip was instrumental in enhancing cybersecurity posture through various initiatives and projects including National Cybersecurity Strategy, Child Online Protection, National Computer Emergency Response Team, Capacity Building and International Cooperation.

Philip sits on Taylor's University Industry Advisory Panel and serves on the Board of Study for the International Business School at University Technology Malaysia.

Question: the Welchman Keen has submitted a pledge or pledges to the P2C platform:

1. What are Welchman Keen's pledge(s), and is there a new pledge being made?
2. And how would you describe the pledge would address issues and promote opportunities for partnership towards universal meaningful connectivity in Asia and the Pacific region?.

Moderator highlights the salient points of the presentations

15:30-15:40

Invitation: As we transition to the next segment, please use the SLIDO, and provide one or two keywords to respond to this question: “*Imagine if you were granted the unlimited opportunity, what contribution would you pledge to attain the universal connectivity in Asia and the Pacific region?*”

May I request our IT colleagues to share the Slido link in the chat box
And to display the results on the screen

While awaiting the participants' feedback, may I invite our panelists to share their thoughts:

Mr. Choo Kah Kin,

Mr. Philip Victor

15:40-15:55

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Now I invite participants to pose questions: state your name, to whom your question is directed, and state ONE question please

1. While waiting for questions, let me warm up by posing this question : WHY THE INDUSTRY AND MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS play key part in achieving the universal meaningful connectivity ?
1. Let us see if there are questions in the chat box, and online?
1. May I invite participant in the house to ask question please

Moderator highlights the Question and Answer session

Moderator highlights the overall session, and close