



SUMMARY REPORT

ON

- **Conformance & Interoperability Event (C&I-14) 25-26 August 2014, Bangkok, Thailand**
- **ITU Regional Standardization Forum for Asia Pacific Region 25 August, 2014, Bangkok, Thailand**
- **24th APT Standardization Program Forum (ASTAP-24) 27-29 August 2014, Bangkok, Thailand 25- 29 August 2014 Bangkok/Thailand**

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1. Abstract

The 24th APT Standardization Program Forum (ASTAP-24) was held in Bangkok, Thailand from the 25 to 29 August, 2014 which in essence deliberated on the following items:

- **ITU's Conformity & Interoperability Programme**
- **The Proposed Restructuring of ASTAP**
- **Working Group/Expert Group Meetings and presentation of progress reports**
- **Consideration of the Output documents**
- **Plenary and Advisory Board Matters**

2. List of Participants

The participants were namely from the Asia Pacific countries and the Chairman of ASTAP 24 was held by IRAN represented by Dr. Seyed Mostafa Safavi .

Malaysia held the Vice Chairmanship of the WG Green ICT and EMF (WG GICT&EMF).

We had approximately 10 participants from Malaysia.

3. Introduction / Background

The 24th. ASTAP is basically an ITU standardization forum for the Asia Pacific region where issues related to standardization are discussed and the features which are peculiar to this region brought to the attention of the members and ITU.

In this respect this provides an avenue for the meaningful contribution to the standardization by member countries. Asia- Pacific is increasingly seen as a fertile ground for the discussion, incubation and promulgation of standards.

As global communications networks functionality depends on the interoperability of ICT infrastructures, services and devices developed across the world, the ITU-T Recommendations are important as they provide the platform for the interoperability by way of international standards.

4. Agenda/Topics

The Agenda for the 24th ASTAP is as follows:

1. Opening
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Allocation of Documents

4. Summary Record of ASTAP-23
5. Appointment of the ASTAP Office Bearers
6. Status of APT Study Questions
7. Progress report of Working Groups / Expert Groups activities and work plan during the meeting.
8. Report of the APT/ITU Conformance and Interoperability Event
9. Consideration of the Documents allocated to the Plenary
10. Proposal for Restructuring of ASTAP
11. Report of ASTAP Advisory Board Meeting
12. Presentation and adoption of reports of Working Groups / Expert Group
13. Consideration and adoption of the Output Documents
14. Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of ASTAP
15. Date and Venue of 25th ASTAP Forum
16. Any other matters
17. Closing

5. Findings

Our participation and involvement in the expert working groups have revealed the following:

- That Malaysians are well and truly talented , on par and at times even much better than our Asian counterparts when it comes down to expertise in general and standards in particular. Our command of the English language augurs well for the future as we are head and shoulders above the rest.
- The existing WG and EG are as follows:

WG Organization and Working Method (WG OWM)

WG Industry Relations (WG IR)

WG Strategic Plan (WG SP)

WG ITU-T Issues (WG ITU-T)

WG Bridging the Standardization Gap (WG BSG)

WG Policies, Regulatory and Strategies (WG PRS)

WG Green ICT and EMF (WG GICT&EMF)

WG Machine-to-Machine Application/Services (WG M2M)

EG Future Network and Next Generation Network (EG FN&NGN)

EG Internet Related Topics (EG IRT)

EG Disaster Risk Management and Relief Systems (EG DRMRS)

EG Seamless Access Communication Systems (EG SACS)

EG Security (EG IS)

EG Next Generation Web (EG NGW)

EG Speech and Natural Language Processing (EG SNLP)

EG Accessibility and Usability (EG AU)

From a perusal of the above list, it is evident that there a number of areas which we can play an active role by leading the WG/EG as the present leads have not displayed outstanding contribution, barring a few. We could for eg.lead the EG on Internet Related Topics.

The forum is dominated by Japanese and Koreans due to historical reasons. Depending on our policies, it may be forthcoming now for us to lead in WG and EG which will further our national interest and cause.

6. Conclusion

The proceedings at the 24th. ASTAP has shown that the winds of change are blowing and this is evident from the proposed restructuring of ASTAP. We should seize this opportunity to stamp our mark if we so choose to for policy or other professional reasons.

Generally it is a good forum for us as it an eye opener into standards, networking and having a glimpse on the standardization scene first hand. This would enable us to benchmark our own standards regime with that which is practised internationally. Overall, it is a good bouncing board of ideas and a platform to propel us further forward in the world of standards.

7. Acknowledgements

The APT under the auspices of ITU has put in commendable effort to mobilize the standardization regime in Asia Pacific. In line with this SKMM and MTSFB should be acknowledged for according to the WG members the opportunity to participate in such international forums as the ASTAP.