APT Young Professional and Students Programme (APTYPS) 2021 Guideline

1. Background

The Strategic Plan of the APT for 2021-2023 describes the important role of telecommunication/ICT in the Asia-Pacific region, and it is suggested to empower young generation by providing opportunities to expand their knowledge and experience in ICT field. Accordingly, the 44th Session of the Management Committee of the APT approved the APT Young Professional and Student Programme (APTYPS) as an activity under the Work Programme on Youth/ Woman in ICT for the year 2021 and allocated budget for its implementation.

2. Objectives

APTYPS is an event that aims to encourage young professionals and students to develop their knowledge and skills on ICT in the Asia-Pacific region.

The specific objectives of APTYPS include:
- To disseminate knowledge about developments in the ICT sector;
- To facilitate in developing ICT applications;
- To provide a platform to discuss ICT related issues;
- To understand the potential of ICT in solving socio-economic issues;
- To raise awareness of the APT activities;
- To encourage them to participate in the APT activities;
- To encourage women in the ICT and contribute to gender mainstreaming.

3. Outline of APTYPS

3.1 Member Administration proposes a plan (with the necessary information described in the section 4 "Guidelines" below) to organize an APTYPS event.
3.2 Upon selection, APTYPS provides a financial support for the proposed event up to USD 5,000.
3.3 After the completion of the event, a final report and financial document should be submitted to APT Secretariat.

4. Guidelines

In the proposal, the following items should be clearly described.

4.1 Objective:
 - Describe the purpose(s) of the event/activity.

4.2 Theme/topic
 - Describe the theme/topic the event focuses on. It should be ICT related.

4.3   Types of activity:
- Describe what kind of activity is planned. (e.g. Essay contest, Hackathon, Lecture, Programming, Training, etc.)

4.4   Target of participant:
- Describe the criteria of targeting participants, such as
  o   Education (e.g., high school/university students, vocational training, etc.)
  o   Lower/Upper age limit, if any
  o   Gender, if any (e.g., "ICT4Women")
  o   Etc.

4.5   Tentative time schedule:
- Describe a work plan in preparation, implementation and follow up.
- The event/activity should be completed by the end of this year (December 2021).

4.6   Budget Plan:
- Describe the detail of financial resources (name of organization and expected support(s)), if any other than APT.

4.7   Venue:
- Describe the venue of the event/activity.

4.8   Number of participants:
- Provide the expected number of participants.

4.9   Description of the event
- Provide a brief implementation scenario, how you conduct the event (e.g. participation is by a team or as individual, award (how many and how much, etc.) if any.)

4.10 Public Relation
- Describe the plan for public relation on this event.

4.11 Partnership
- Provide information of a partner organization(s), if any.

4.12 Others
- If the event is planned to be a part of a bigger activity/event, please indicate it and describe the overall outline of the big activity/event.

5.   Selection

5.1   APTYPS is opened for the APT Member administration only.
5.2   The number of proposal(s) to be selected will depend upon the availability of the budget.
5.3   Priority may be given to a Member administration that has never organized the APTYPS before.

6. Payment Method of APT Financial Support

6.1 Upon receiving the financial report, including documentary evidence such as receipts, APT Secretariat will determine the total amount of the financial support from APT based on the actual expenditure. The maximum amount of the support is USD 5,000 .

6.2 If the total expenditure exceeds the approved budget, then the excess amount shall be borne by the Member administration.

7. Reporting to the APT Secretariat

The following reports should be submitted to the APT Secretariat within 3 weeks after the completion of the event.

7.1 A report providing an overview of the event and its outcomes.

7.2 The accounting reports attached with the original certificate and/or original receipts.

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References: Activities/events in the past

The followings are previous APT Young Professional and Student (APTYPS)

- 2004   Three (3) events were held in Hyderabad, India / Chiang Mai, Thailand / Islamabad, Pakistan:
    - o Demonstration of ability to adopt ICT for various application. Suggestion interesting and innovative applications.

- 2005   Two (2) events were held in Bangkok and Chiang Rai Thailand (sponsored by TOT):
    - o Essay competition on "Impact of ICT on Thai Society" (APT Headquarters, on 1 July 2005, 26th Anniversary of APT);
    - o Quiz Program on general knowledge of Telecom. Technology and Round Table discussion (Dusit Island Resort, Chiang Rai, 37 candidates from 8 schools).

- 2006   Three (3) events were held India, Thailand and Bhutan:
    - o Speech competition on ICT for disaster prevention, ICT for infrastructure development and ICT for enhancing living standards (on 9 July 2006, Chennai, India, one day prior to the ADF, supported by BSNL, Anna University, India Institute of Technology and sponsored by the Hindu Newspaper);
    - o Visit and demonstration of IT School in Nakon Pathom, Thailand (on 1 Sep. 2006, 5 high school students, organized by APT and TOT);
    - o "The future speaks for the future – Youth's views on how ICT can shape Bhutan" (on 13 Sep. 2006, MIC Bhutan).

- 2007   Three (3) events were held in Thailand, Malaysia and Bangladesh:
    - o Chiang Mai, Thailand (prior to Workshop of Telemedicine, supported by TOT and Chiang Mai University);

- o   Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (in conjunction with World Telecommunication and Information Society Day);
  - o   Bangladesh (after 9th SATRC meeting).

- **2008**   One (1) event was held at the APT Headquarters:
  - o   Forum on "Telecenters" and essay competition (on 4 August 2008, APT Headquarters, 75 students from 12 schools).

- **2016**   One (1) event was held in Thailand:
  - o   Essay and presentation competition on 'Digital Economy/ICT and its impact to Thai society' under two categories: for young professionals and for university students.

- **2017**   One (1) event was held in Lao PDR:
  - o   Essay and presentation competition with a theme 'Social Media Impact on Lao Society' under subtopics: impact to language, culture and economy.

- **2018**   One (1) event was held in Myanmar:
  - o   'University Robotic Challenge' was held amongst undergraduate students from all universities, private and international schools in Myanmar with subcategory competition on 'Fire Fighting' and 'Search and Rescue'.

- **2019**   One (1) event was held in Mongolia:
  - o   Research competition on improvement of legal environment of digital content and social media amongst students of School of Law of the National University of Mongolia.

- **2020**   Three (3) events were approved to be held in Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Samoa. The events in Lao PDR and Myanmar were held while the event in Samoa is postponed to later dates:
  - o   "Local Content Media Contest by Using Web Technology" – Lao PDR provided the participants and students an opportunity to learn on how to develop website and learn on Content Management System (CMS) technology. (August 2020)
  - o   'Innovative robot'- Myanmar, invited the students from school and universities for participating in robotic design processes. (December 2020)
  - o   "Equity, inclusion and safety – You can make a Change!" – Samoa will organize different activities like presentation in topic for ICT awareness, poster competition, debate competition, and speech competition.