



ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

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19 June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Invitation to Submit Proposals for International Collaborative Research and ICT Pilot Projects for Rural Areas for 2017 (Funded by the Government of Japan)

I am pleased to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) is inviting APT members to submit proposals for 1) International Collaborative Research, and 2) ICT Pilot Projects for Rural Areas for 2017 funded by the Extra Budgetary Contribution from Japan.

As an organization to promote ICT development which requires various stakeholders' involvement, APT has been providing a platform to facilitate ICT development activities in this region. The International Collaborative Research and the ICT Pilot Projects for Rural Areas are important and concrete activities to fulfill the APT's objectives, which aim to;

- Promote the exchange of advanced knowledge and technical know-how among ICT researchers/engineers in the Asia-Pacific region through international collaborative research projects on advanced ICT and ICT utilization; and
- Narrow digital divide in the Asia-Pacific region by promoting and establishing pilot projects to ensure the access to ICT in rural areas of APT Members and to facilitate development of ICT infrastructures/services in the region.

The financial supports for these activities are:

- 1) International Collaborative Research (Category I) - maximum USD 60,000 (USD 80,000 in the fields of environment and disaster communications);
- 2) ICT Pilot Projects for Rural Areas (Category II) - maximum USD 200,000.

However, the final budget allocation to each project is subject to careful examination of the proposal.

The project is to be completed within 11 months. Priority may be given to the project with financial support from the proposing member. However, APT members could submit multi-year proposals (up to 2 years). The possible combinations are:

- Category I (first year) & Category II (second year)
- Category II (first year) & Category II (second year)

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APT members are requested to include details as much as possible in the proposal of the second year. Please also be informed that adoption of a multi-year proposal neither necessarily indicates nor expresses APT's commitment to extend financial support for the second year. In any case, the applicant of multi-year proposal needs to submit the proposal of the project in the second year for APT's consideration.

Interested APT members can submit the project proposals by completing the attached Application Form and the Accounting Form, and submit them to the APT Secretariat **through the APT Members contact point by 15 September 2017** by e-mail: aptict@apt.int or fax no.: +66 2 573 7479 or +66 2 574 4226. The proposals from Affiliate Members should be submitted through the concerned APT Member or Associate Member.

If there is more than one proposal from a member, please prioritize the project proposals upon submission. Proposals submitted for last year's selection may be re-submitted with the necessary updates. For more information, please see the attached documents or visit the APT website at <http://www.apt.int/APTICT>.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to early response.

Yours sincerely,



Areewan Haorangsi
Secretary General

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- (1) Category I: Attachment 1 – Scheme of the Programme
- (2) Category I: Attachment 2 – Application Form
- (3) Category I: Attachment 3 – Accounting Form and Budget Plan
- (4) Category II: Attachment 1 – Scheme of the Programme
- (5) Category II: Attachment 2 – Application Form
- (6) Category II: Attachment 3 – Accounting Form and Budget Plan
- (7) DSA rate of May 2017
- (8) List of Experts
- (9) Brunei Darussalam Statement of the Asia-Pacific ICT Ministers on Building Smart Digital Economy through ICT

To: All APT Developing Members and Associate Members

cc: All Affiliate Members of Developing Members and Associate Members,
All Affiliate Members-Japan