



ATIS celebrates ITU WTISD and participates in ATIE forum in India



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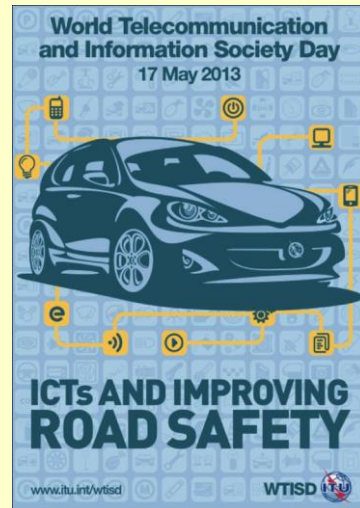
ITU WTISD May 17th

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD), celebrated each year on the 17 May, marks the anniversary of the signature of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865 which led to the creation of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). WTISD is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide. This year, WTISD highlights the theme "ICTs and improving road safety". Please see <http://www.itu.int/en/wtisd/Pages/default.aspx>.

ATIS, the premier Telecommunications Trade Association representing Telecommunications companies in all sectors of the Industry, commemorated this special day in the Telecommunication Industry calendar on the 17th May 2013 by organizing a workshop in Singapore, hosted at Institute for Infocomm Research (I²R), a premier research organization of A*STAR.

The occasion was graced by our Guest-of-Honour, Ms Aileen Chia, Deputy Director-General (Telecoms & Post) of IDA (Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore). Ms Chia delivered our keynote speech outlining Singapore's vision of Intelligent Transport Systems. Speeches by UN Secretary-General, Mr Ban Ki-Moon, and ITU Secretary-General, Mr Hamadoun Toure, were presented.

Dr Jaya Shankar of I²R presented on Sensory Systems and Communications for Advanced



Junction Safety. Yoshihisa Yamamouchi of IHI Asia gave insights on 3D laser radar for traffic safety system. Joseph Owyong, Regional Manager of Credent Technology, introduced a new LIDAR technology for GIS. Dr John Ure spoke about the case for a Broadband Public Safety Network,

Mike Ang, ATIS' President spoke about the latest telecommunications trends both on a global and Singapore basis and he capped off the event by discussing many of the new ATIS initiatives that are planned for 2013. Following the event, there was significant interest from the participants to explore ATIS membership. With recognition from IDA, ATIS continues to be the only organisation in Singapore dedicated to telecommunications professionals and to the telecom industry as a whole.

ATIS participates in ATIE in India, May 6th–7th

ATIS, as a member of ATIE (Asian Telecom Information Exchange), participated in its annual conference on May 6, 2013, New Delhi, held as part of India's Global ICT forum, May 6–7. Overseas delegates, plus Prof Tim Unwin, CEO of CTO, included:

- 1 Mr. Saracco Roberto: Director, EIT ICT LABS Italy
- 2 Dr. Toshio Nakamura: Professor, Waseda University & Executive Advisor, CIAJ Japan
- 3 Mr. Hiroaki Takeichi: Executive Vice President, CIAJ Japan
- 4 Mr. Katsumi Takahashi: Vice President, International Affairs, CIAJ Japan
- 5 Mr. Young Kyu: President, KAIT Korea
- 6 Mr. CHOI, Hyoung Kyoung (Troy): Executive Director, KAIT Korea
- 7 Dr. Suthiphon Thaveecgaiyagarn: Commissioner, National Broadcasting Communications Commission Thailand
- 8 Mr. Notachard Chintakanond: Director, Policy and Planning Division National Broadcasting Communications Commission, Thailand
- 9 Mr. Thanasarn Suksamphan: Assistant to Dr. Suthiphon, National Broadcasting Communications Commission, Thailand
- 10 Mr. Pongsak Cheewarattanapong: Assistant Secretary to Dr. Suthiphon, National Broadcasting Communications Commission, Thailand
- 11 Dr. Songkhla Vijaykadga: Advisor to Commissioner Dr. Suthiphon, National Broadcasting Communications Commission, Thailand
- 12 Mr. Roger Liao: Director, TEEMA, Taiwan

Highlights on India:

1. 3 Indian Government policies in ICT – IT, Telecom, Electronics.
2. \$100b electronic devices market but 95% are imported. If not addressed, India will import more electronic devices than oil by 2020.
3. 70% of population is rural. \$4b project in broadband fibre in 2 years. \$40–\$50 devices will expand market. Content must be in regional languages.
4. Renewable energy a key complementary technology to Telecom infrastructure – low power, solar power storage are issues.
5. 862m mobile subscribers but low ARPU
6. Universal Service Obligation (USO) fund – 5% of adjusted gross revenue of service providers are collected. This fund subsidises rural infrastructure where users are spread out

Highlights from ATIE:

1. Japan – ICT for ageing population a key driver.
2. South Korea – ICT for social benefit
3. Taiwan – role of TEEMA to support local SMEs
4. Singapore – Next General Broadband Network update
5. India – push for local manufacturing of electronic devices, e.g Datawind, a local developer of US\$49 Android tablet.

Mike Ang, President, ATIS, was presented the National Telecom Award (NTA) ICT World Communications Award 2013 for Excellence in IP and Cloud Technology by Secretary General, ITU. It was decided to hold next year's ATIE in October in Pusan, South Korea.