



ATIS CELEBRATED ITU WTISD AND HOSTED ATIE FORUM IN SINGAPORE



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ATIS & ATIE

ATIS is a member of ATIE (Asian Telecommunications Information Exchange), an annual forum that encompasses ICT/ Telecommunication industry bodies in Asia. ATIE's other members are: CAHK (Hong Kong), CIAJ (Japan), KAIT (Korea), TEEMA (Taiwan), TEMA (India) and AIG (Australia). This year, the annual ATIE forum was held in Singapore, together with the celebration of WTISD (World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, <http://www.itu.int/en/wtisd/Pages/default.aspx>), which is an ITU (International Telecom Union) program. ATIS organized and combined WTISD theme with ATIE activities from 30-31 May 2012.



Mr Mike Ang, President ATIS, presenting token of appreciation to Ms Aileen Chia.

WTISD and Visit to I2R

ATIS welcomed overseas ATIE delegates on 29 May 2012 with a delightful dinner of local dishes at Simply Peranakan restaurant in the Esplanade. On 30 May 2012, ATIS led the ATIE delegation to visit I2R (Institute of Infocomm Research) in Fusionopolis, which is a member of A*STAR and a premier research institute in ICT and telecom. We were received warmly by Dr Tan Geok Leng, Executive Director of I2R. Prof Toshio Obi, from Waseda University and a founder of ATIE, gave an introduction of ATIE's purpose and history. Ms Aileen Chia, Deputy Director-General (Telecom & Post) of IDA (Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore), gave the keynote speech on WTISD theme for this year- "Women and Girls in ICT", reflecting ITU's recognition of the need for gender equality in the ICT sector and the possibilities that ICT could bring to empower women and girls. Dr Beng Cheah, I2R Director of Corporate Services & Industry Development, presented on the impressive competencies, facilities and achievements of I2R, and their practical relevance to industry as evidenced in the many successful projects with companies. This was followed by a guided tour of A*STAR/I2R Lab showing next generation technologies and applications.



ATIE delegation and IDA in I2R

Visit to Tata Communications

After a sumptuous buffet lunch at Penang Place restaurant, the delegation proceeded to Tai Seng for tour of the state-of-the-art Tata Communications Exchange (TCX) data centre, built to meet the growing IT outsourcing needs of enterprises in Asia Pacific by Tata Communications, an ATIS member and a leading provider of the new world of communications. The delegation was joined by representatives from several companies and IDA.

ATIE forum presentations

The ATIE forum commenced with presentations from various ATIE delegates on the ICT landscape of their countries. Mr Hiroaki Takeichi from CIAJ discussed "Key Trends of Japan Telecom Market- Smartphone and After the Disaster". Mr Jimmy Hsieh from TEEMA spoke about "Telecomms Policy Status and Universal Service in Taiwan".



Mr Takeichi presenting for Japan



Mr Hsieh presenting for Taiwan



Mr Goyal presenting for India

Mr Goyal from TEMA touched on Indian ICT ecosystem, issues confronting Asian telecom, and economic integration beyond national boundaries. Mr Mike Ang from ATIS presented on "Developments of Next Generation Nationwide & Wireless Broadband Networks" in Singapore. Mr Dipesh Ranjan, Director-Asia-Pacific, gave a corporate presentation on Tata Communications and impressed the delegates with its industry leadership, infrastructure and customer base.

ATIE meeting

The meeting was chaired by Mr Mike Ang. ATIE meeting in 2013 will be in India while Japan was tentatively proposed as the venue for 2014. Outreach to similar associations in several countries (including Malaysia, Indonesia and Bangladesh) was initiated. Several business opportunities and projects amongst the ATIE associations were explored to facilitate members tapping into regional markets.

Unwired Conference

On 31 May afternoon, ATIE delegates were invited to attend the Unwired Conference at Marina Bay Sands, an event supported by ATIS. IDA Chief Technology Officer Mr Leong Mun Yuen presented on trends such as deploying more LTE networks, WiFi offloading and use of white spaces. This was followed by some truly interactive panel discussions by leaders from the telecom and cloud industries about the future of mobile cloud services, their impact on networks and also the user interfaces that will drive them forward.



Mr Ranjan presenting on Tata



Attendees at ATIE forum in Tata Communications

With the successful organization and hosting of WSITD/ATIE events, ATIS has made a significant contribution to the telecom/ICT community with support from the authority and partners, and is well-positioned to help members promote their businesses, understand regulatory issues and industry trends, connect with regional networks and tap into innovation and technology resources.