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Dear Mr. Kotelnikov,

**Fifth Partners Meeting of the
"Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders"**
(27-29 November, 2013, Bali, Indonesia)

On behalf of the United Nations Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (UN-APCICT/ESCAP), it is my great pleasure to invite you to the **Fifth Partners Meeting of the "Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders"** (*Academy Partners Meeting*) to be held from 27-29 November, 2013 in Bali, Indonesia.

Since its launch in 2008, the Academy Programme has been adopted and rolled-out in 27 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. A comprehensive 11-module ICTD curriculum, developed through an inclusive and participatory approach, has been helping government officials and policymakers, in the region and even beyond, to build their knowledge and skills on how to leverage ICT for development. It was in no small part because of the commitment and dedication of APCICT's partners that we made the kind of progress that we are seeing today.

To foster dialogue between APCICT and its partners and strengthen our partnership on how to ensure the continued success of the Academy programme, we would like to bring together current and prospective partners for a 3-day Meeting in Bali, Indonesia.

This year's meeting will also coincide with the launch of APCICT's Knowledge Sharing Series Issue 3: Government Chief Information Officer (GCIO) Programme Development in Developing States. Intended to be a complementary resource to APCICT's Academy Programme, the KSS issue will offer practical guidelines and know-how on developing a competency-based GCIO programme that would provide leadership on ICT matters within government and promoting ICT-enabled socio-economic development.

This year's partners meeting will also address key topics including: a) a review of completed Academy-related activities since the last partners meeting; b) future implementation plans; c) ways to enhance reach and impact; and d) discussions on new initiatives, including in the areas ICT for small and medium enterprises, developing ICTD competency standards, distance learning, and enhancing knowledge sharing. The meeting will also be a platform for networking and peer-learning among Academy Partners.

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I sincerely hope that you will accept this invitation and I look forward to seeing you in Bali. We would be grateful if you could send confirmation of your participation and the completed *Participants Information Form* (enclosed) to Ms. June Chung (june@unapcict.org) with a cc to Mr. Robert de Jesus (rdejesus@unapcict.org) and Ms. Hyewon Jung (hwjung@unapcict.org) by **14 October, 2013**.

Kindly note that you will be provided with the most economical round-trip air ticket between the capital of your country and Bali, Indonesia. Meals/accommodation/DSA according to prevailing UN rules and guidelines for the duration of the workshop and the above-noted activities will be borne by APCICT.

In support of the meeting objectives, APCICT will also inform the participants in due course about the pre-event assignments to be completed in preparation for the Meeting.

Thank you for your support and cooperation to APCICT.

Yours sincerely,



Hyeun-Suk Rhee, Ph.D.
Director
UN-ESCAP/APCICT

Enclosures:

- 1) Participants Information Form