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Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

Subject: Capacity Building & Sharing of Best Practices in Policy, Regulation and Development – International Training Programme for ASEAN.

08th, March 2024, New Delhi - Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) organized a 5-day International training programme on “**Capacity Building and Sharing of Best Practices in Policy, Regulation and Development**” from 04th to 08th March, 2024 in New Delhi India. This international training programme was attended by delegates from ASEAN member countries Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand. The training programme was inaugurated on 4th March, 2024 by Mr. Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman, TRAI in the presence of Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Chairman DCC & Secretary (T), Ms. Meenakshi Gupta, Member (TRAI), Ms Paramita Tripathi, Joint Secretary (Indo-Pacific & Oceania), Ministry of External Affairs and senior officers from DoT and TRAI.

This capacity building project was organised as part of ASEAN-India Digital WORK PLAN 2023 under India- ASEAN Digital Dialogue. Department of Telecom has undertaken many successful projects under this dialogue. Among these, TRAI has hosted two capacity building programmes in the past, one similar 5-day programme in the year 2019 and another two-day online workshop in the year 2022 on the theme ‘Fostering Broadband Access and Connectivity’. The past programs conducted by TRAI were well appreciated by ASEAN participants.

This training programme comprised of sessions on various aspects of telecom policies, regulation and development. The sessions covered important topics such as Current Regulatory Regime in Telecom Sector, Issues related to Competition, Licensing and Regulation in Telecommunications, Spectrum Allocation, Valuation & Pricing, Competition Policy, Bridging the Digital Divide, Futuristic Digital Communication Policies and Regulations, Cross Sectoral Regulatory Challenges, Telecom Tariffs & Accounting separation, Regulatory Impact Analysis and Net

Neutrality Issues & Challenges etc. The sessions were delivered by experts from Government, regulator, industry and academia. The delegates were shown demonstrations of indigenously developed technology solutions and various R&D initiatives during their visit to Centre for Development of Telematics (CDOT) campus.

TRAI is committed to organize more of such capacity building programmes in collaboration with ASEAN in future.

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