



Global Business Dialogue on e-Society

Dear APEC TEL Chairman, TEL colleagues:

First, I would like to thank you all, on behalf of GBDe members in Japan, for your kind messages, sympathies and prayers regarding unparalleled earthquake and horrific consequences.

Experiencing these events happening in Japan myself, I came to realize, once again, how important and crucial the telecommunication infrastructure is in our society as well as strong emergency preparedness. The whole Japan realized that phone-lines, internet, and cell phones are essential life lines. They need to be well prepared for any types of crisis by utilizing its characteristics and limiting the usages at right occasions.

I participated in three party dialogue related with TELMIN8 held in Okinawa last October. It was such a meaningful and productive meeting to be able to bring together the wisdom of key figures in the industry. We could clearly define our future agenda for the roles of ICT and cross-border security issues. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all participants and staffs for making it successful.

Again, I am certain that APEC TEL's solution finding activities in the field of telecommunication including disaster management are essential to protect people's lives and assets.

It is challenging to survive without cross-border collaboration in time of unexpected disaster. GBDe would like to strengthen the cooperation within APEC activities, bring together wisdoms of all areas, and overcome any possible difficulties that we may face in the future.

Sincerely yours,

GBDe 2011 Co-Chair

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