

APEC Telecenter Development Program

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Background

- ❖ APEC Leaders' Meeting in Brunei and Shanghai: digital divide issue
- ❖ The proposal of APEC Digital Opportunity Center in Chile
- ❖ Why telecenter?



Objectives

- ◆ Fulfill the goal of an APEC digital society
- ◆ Create a cooperative mechanism for public and private sector in bridging the digital divide;
- ◆ Act as a major enabler of the New Economy
- ◆ Reinforce and enhance human capacity building

Methodology

A self-funded project comprising two phases:

- ◆ Phase I: consensus building, strategy and measure planning accompanied with a workshop and a short-term training camp.
- ◆ Phase II: physical establishment of telecenters in participating developing economies.

Outputs/Deliverables

- ◆ Guidelines on developing telecenters in rural areas
- ◆ Best practices of telecenters in rural areas of APEC region.
- ◆ Recommendations on related issues

Timeframe

- Mar. 2004: Propose the project to HRDSG of TEL29
- Sep. 2004: Telecenter Workshop concurrent to TEL30
- Dec. 2004: Telecenter Training Camp in Chinese Taipei (end of phase I)
- Mar. 2005: Report the result of project phase I to TEL31 and start the phase II in trial establishment of telecenters.
- Sep. 2005: Report the result of project phase II to TEL32;

Workshop

◆ Theme: Develop a sustainable telecenter in rural areas

◆ Topics:

- Community participation and sustainable telecenters
- Telecenter services and business model
- Creating jobs through telecenters
- Information training and promotion of telecenters
- Affordable technology for telecenters
- Best practice of telecenters