

QTIL SPONSORED THE ITU FORUM OF THE REGIONAL WORKING GROUP FOR Asia& Pacific region

Intercontinental - The Grand Hotel,Brakhamba Avenue, New Delhi,3rd – 5th April,2007

Telecommunication Industry and Government experts had a meeting in New Delhi on 3rd - 5th April at a Regional Forum on promoting low-cost telecommunication access in the Asian and Pacific region. The forum was co-organized by ITU and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), an ITU Sector Member, under the aegis and support of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, India. QTIL was the Gold Sponsor for this forum



The Chairman of the Forum, Mr. D. S. Mathur, Secretary, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology of India, hosted the meeting and delivered the inaugural address along with a keynote speech by Mr. Nirpendra Misra, Chairman of the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

Issues discussed in the forum were:

- Low Cost Handsets
- Shared Infrastructure
- Interconnect Regime for Improving Access
- Wireless Broadband for Rural Penetration

It was an excellent opportunity to pull together the collective minds and resources to address the critical issues of low-cost connectivity in order to make the benefits of telecommunication and ICT available to everyone. Participants gathered innovative solutions for expanding access to telecommunication services, including low-cost handsets, shared infrastructure, and wireless broadband and mobile communications for rural connectivity. The forum examined how countries can more effectively support the migration from legacy telecommunication networks to next-generation broadband networks to expand their connectivity, including in rural and remote areas. The meeting intended to

drive growth and innovation in emerging applications for businesses and consumers, as well as for services, such as e-learning, e-health and e-government. The Forum explored how telecommunications can leveraged in the best possible way to improve disaster prevention and mitigation.