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Welcome Address

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WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE HEAD OF AGENCY
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DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION, R.I.
IN SEMINAR
"THE IMPACT OF NEW COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES ON
RURAL SOCIETY IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC"
Jakarta, Indonesia, 13 - 14 September 1993

Your Excellency,
the Minister of Information
of the Republic of Indonesia,
Honourable Guests,
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlement,

First of all, on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the seminar, allow me to express my deepest gratitude to Your Excellency, the Minister of Information of the Republic of Indonesia for sparing the precious time to attend this gathering. Your Excellency, I believe your presence amidst the distinguished guests and participants is not merely a great honour to us, but also will ensure the accomplishment of the seminar.

The Organizing Committee would like to extend a cordial welcome to all distinguished guests and participants of the seminar, particularly the experts from overseas. I also owe special thanks to the experts and scientists for the generosity to contribute their papers to be discussed in the seminar.

The two-day seminar on the Impact of New Communication Technologies on Rural Society in Asia and the Pacific that we will begin soon today is organized by the Department of Information of the Republic of Indonesia in cooperation with the Asian Mass Communications Research and Information Centre (AMIC) of the Republic of Singapore.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This seminar reminds us of the earlier seminar we had a few years ago also under the same auspices, DEPPEN (the Department of Information of the Republic of Indonesia) and AMIC. The field of the study was alike to what we are going to discuss today, new communication technologies. The first seminar elaborated on the use of broadcasting satellites while in our scientific meeting now we try to specify the use of new communication technologies with regard to rural society in Asia-Pacific region.

Your Excellency and Distinguished Guests,

I have the pleasure to report that among us now are overseas experts and fellows from AMIC taking an active part in this seminar, coming from Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, India and Singapore. Together with our national scientists and officials with responsibilities closely related to the field of the study, there are 100 people participating in the seminar. We do hope, instead of the very limited time for the seminar, this gathering will be able to dig facts from our fellows' experiences and concepts as meaningful inputs to be contributed for development

programme intended for the advancement of the rural society in the Asia-Pacific region.

The seminar is designed to obtain a comprehensive description concerning the adoption and implementation of the new communication technology in the communication systems in the Asia-Pacific region and its influence and tendency in the communication and information policy; and also to study the impact of knowledge, enhancement and implementation of the new communication and information technology on rural society.

Ladies and Gentleman,

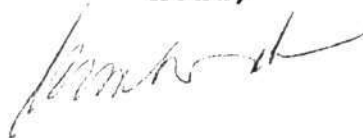
After the welcome address by the representative of AMIC we shall have the honour to invite His Excellency the Minister of Information to kindly deliver his keynote address and officially open the seminar.

Thank you.

Jakarta, September 13, 1993

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Head,



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