



## **Message from Chairman of the National Telecommunications Commission**

It is a great pleasure for me to convey my congratulatory message for the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on eLearning for Knowledge-Based Society “New Generation and New Values of eLearning” which is organized in Thailand by the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology. The conference is expected not only to encourage the knowledge interchange on eLearning and networking opportunities but also to promote the development of future knowledge sharing system through eLearning.

At national level, the government deems the role of ICT as significant for national development. This is reflected in the 10<sup>th</sup> National Economic and Social Development Plan (2007-2001), of which one emphasis is on the role of developing and using ICT to diffuse knowledge and encourage social learning. The intended outcome is to improve our people’s capability as well as strengthen the nation’s competitiveness in the global arena. It is also expected that through the help of ICT Thailand will eventually become a Knowledge-Based Society.

With its main duties and responsibilities to administer the allocation of Thailand’s Telecommunication resources, encourage free and fair competition for telecommunication sector and implement the Universal Service Obligation for rural and less developed areas where telecommunications is inaccessible, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) realizes that education is fundamental to human development as well as sustainable development of the nation. Thus it has implemented several projects to promote the use of ICT to diffuse knowledge via eLearning. One worth mentioning project is the so-called Tele-Center for Education and Development in Rural Area in the North and the Northeast regions, which aims to support knowledge interchange and to bridge digital divide among people in urban and rural area.

I wish to take this opportunity to convey my sincere admiration to the organizing committee for their efforts and hard work that have finally put the conference in place. I also wish that the conference participants would make the best use of this event to exchange their experiences and views in order to explore the possibility and practicality of various initiatives as well as cooperation projects on how to promote eLearning for a better future of our societies.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere wish that the conference will conclude with great success and meet every objective it sets out to achieve.

**General**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Choochart P.", written in a cursive style.

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Chairman of the National Telecommunications Commission**