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❑ [Item 5] Assessment of ICT Capacity Building Needs

o The Republic of Korea would like to appreciate the APCICT's efforts to identify and respond to changes in the ICT capacity-building demand of member states due to recent changes in the digital environment.

 o Since its establishment in 2006, the APCICT has contributed to Asia-Pacific ICT capacity-building through a variety of services, such as training programs and policy-oriented supports.

 - APCICT's flagship programs have been effectively contributed to the enhancement of competencies of ICT policy-makers and the next-generation leaders. Also the WIFI program is expected to contribute greatly to the attainment of SDGs through the enhance of women and girls' ICT competencies in the Asia-Pacific region.

 o In order to operate programs to reflect the needs of the rapidly changing era of digital transformation, APCICT needs to upgrade and establish programs and modules.

 - In this sense, the results of this assessment of the ICT capacity-building needs in Asia-Pacific can be useful.

 - Based on the priority areas presented in the evaluation results, it can help APCICT to set up future focus priorities, thus meet the needs of member states.

 - As part of the program update, APCICT will launch the capacity building programme on Frontier ICTs for Sustainable Development in September, and the Republic of Korea plans to participate in the event.

 o As the host country of APCICT, the Republic of Korea has been providing support for APCICT projects and activities, in terms of physical, financial as well as human resources, and will continue to provide support. In regard to APCICT's next steps and activities, we expect ESCAP secretariat and member states to voluntarily and actively participate to respond to the ever-increasing ICT human capacity building needs in the Asia-Pacific region.

 - Based on the active support and participation of ESCAP secretariat and Member/Associate states, we look forward to the cooperation and support of APCICT's activities to contribute to the strengthening of ICT capacity not only in the Asia-Pacific region but also around the world in the future.