

WiMAX Forum Congress Asia 2010
Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs
Welcoming and Opening Remark
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President Resnick (WiMAX Forum 主席), President Lee (ITRI 李鍾熙院長),
Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the government of Taiwan, I would like to welcome you to Taipei and the WiMAX Forum Congress Asia 2010.

(Taiwan is optimistic about the potential of WiMAX)

As we conclude the first decade of the 21st century, Taiwan is entering the 4G age with the launch of six WiMAX operators islandwide. This shows that Taiwan is not only a major WiMAX R&D center, but also an ideal location to demonstrate innovative WiMAX application services. Taiwan has invested heavily in WiMAX development and our strong ICT industry gives Taiwan a competitive advantage in WiMAX CPE development. There are widespread benefits in using WiMAX services as our IT industry continues to expand globally and the digital divide is transformed through advances in education and healthcare management. WiMAX has become a significant technology in Taiwan due to its early introduction here. This is especially important when considering that extensive WiMAX research and testing has led to reduced telecom costs, giving the public access to high-quality communications at reasonable prices.

(Why Taiwan chose WiMAX)

Taiwan's investment in WiMAX should not be misconstrued as a vote against

the development of LTE. We believe that embracing various technologies expands our opportunities. In fact, there is already a complete WiMAX supply chain and several commercialized cases. Many telecom operators have announced their support of LTE, but an immature supply chain and underdeveloped investment in 3G have delayed LTE's industrial application until at least 2017. Our vision is in exploring the similarity between the two technologies and their possible convergence. Taiwan will be at the forefront of this future trend.

(Importance of holding the WiMAX Congress in Taiwan)

It is a great honor for Taiwan that the WiMAX Forum recognizes our contribution to the WiMAX industry and has chosen Taipei as the meeting venue. It is a decisive time for WiMAX as we move to strengthen consumer confidence in pre-4G services. There are many issues to be resolved such as backhaul construction, indoor coverage rates, and base station positioning. The need to provide a variety of application services should also be addressed. In this gathering of the WiMAX community in Taipei, we hope you will share your successes, operational experiences and the latest advances.

At WiMAX Forum Congress Asia 2010, you will see the most up-to-date products, trends and information in the ICT industry. There is great value in all of us being together at this time as we exchange our ideas and plans for the future. We hope you will also take some time to explore Taiwan's fabulous scenery, enjoy our fantastic food and our friendly people.

I wish you all continued success. Thank you!