Statement / Intervention for the Committee on ICTSTI

First of all, Thailand would like to congratulate UNESCAP for the 75th anniversaries of the establishment.

In the era of digital transformation, Thailand has been working continuously to achieve the goal and the obvious results came out as plans and policies to bridge the digital divide, enable the environment to facilitate digital growth, provide 5G and broadband infrastructure, enforce the Digital Laws, transform the society into trusted digital environment, protect the people from illegal inline activities and build digital manpower.

Over the years, there has been a great improvement in adopting and utilizing ICTs and digital technologies. This improvement still continues to evolve new changes, new paradigms, as well as the global challenges. Thailand has a view that one important technology challenge is toward "Trust and Security", a challenge that can ensure a secure and trusted on ICT environment under more collective efforts, thus, create a more secure digital world.

Under the rapid expansion of the digital emerging technologies especially on security, Thailand has decided to establish the Office of National Committee on Cybersecurity or NCSA under Cybersecurity Act in May 2019 to enforce legal safeguards to ensure the security of cyberspace, and to set out a cybersecurity risk assessment plan to prevent and mitigate against cybersecurity threats that may affect the Critical Information Infrastructure. Thailand has also established the National Computer Emergency Response Team or National CERT in August 2021 to respond and mitigate the cyber threats. Taking this opportunity, Thailand would like to seek support from UNESCAP on capacity building, exchange of experts and experiences in Cybersecurity in the very possible near future.

Our region will still have to face many technology challenges to come: climate change, 4IR, disruptive technology, cyber-attack, the pandemic, to name but a few, which will be our tasks to handle for our people. We, as government sector together with private sectors and all development partners should work together to support and enhance the AP – IS initiative, ESCAP programs and activities and the APCICT's activities to prepare and cope with those incoming changes for the benefits of our region, our people and future generations.

I thank you.