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First BDT Director elected

The first Director of the BDT-ITU's development arm—was elected on 16 December 1992 by the APP by 73 votes against 64 at the fourth ballot. The newly elected Director, Mr A. Ph. Djihatampu (Indonesia), will take up his duties on, or before, 1 February 1993.

Mr Djihatampu indicated that his first priority would be to accelerate telecommunications development in all developing countries but with a particular emphasis on least developed countries. "It is very important to avoid widening the gap between countries", he said. "If this fails", he continued, "not only economic and other national development in the developing countries will be inhibited, but also global standardization efforts and global spectrum efficiency will be more difficult to obtain if not impossible."

The main thrust of Mr Djihatampu's programme of action is aimed at:

- attracting and gaining trust from private sector to invest and contribute in development projects in developing countries, inducing the private sector to participate in regional and world telecommunication development conferences, development seminars and information meetings;

- allocating an adequate percentage of the total project funds for ITU coordination efforts;

- enhancing cooperation with other multilateral agencies such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),

and regional telecommunication development organizations;

- assisting in mobilizing internal resources for national telecommunication development;

- giving priority to human resource development;

- developing national telecommunication network plans including master plans and their implementation and create awareness among the government authorities of developing countries of the importance of

communication Standards in Indonesia. He has also served as a Member of the Board of Commissioners of *PT INDOSAT*, a government-owned company for international public telecommunication services; Director for Telecommunication Conventions and Legal Regulations; Head of the Satellite Planning Division of *PERUMTEL* (now *PT TELEKOM*), the domestic public telecommunication company; Governor and Alternate Governor respectively on the Board of Governors of *INTELSAT* representing the South East Asia Group (Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand) as well as Program Manager for the first series of satellites in the *PALAPA* Domestic Satellite Communication System.

He was elected Chairman of the 45th session of the ITU Administrative Council after serving as its Vice-Chairman, and Chairman of the Technical Cooperation Committee.

Mr Djihatampu graduated from the Institute of Technology of Bandung as a telecommunication engineer in 1963 when he joined the telecommunication laboratories of *PN Postel* which later became *PN Telekomunikasi* and *LPPI Postel* (R&D Institute for Post and Telecommunication).

He is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and a member of the BKL-PIL (electronic branch of the Indonesian Engineers Association).



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In the foreground, Mr Djihatampu during his speech to the APP

telecommunications in national development.

Prior to his election, Mr Djihatampu was Deputy Director-General for Post and Tele-

communications in national development.