

APPU NEWSLETTER

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Secretary General's Message

Dear Colleagues,
September 2018 saw very significant decisions taken at the UPU



Extraordinary-Congress. My official visit to Cambodia and Lao in August was also very fruitful. It's outcomes give me confidence and inspires me on the great potential for cooperation and support between APPU Member Countries in the future.

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HEADLINE NEWS

- APPU** – Secretary Generals Official Visit to Cambodia & Laos
- UPU** - Extraordinary Congress held successfully in Addis Ababa
- UPU**- 2nd ORE Workshop to be held on 5-9 November
- Thailand**- THP receives UPU Postal Security Prize at Congress
- UPU** – Symposium on Digital Services at Bangkok 4-6 December
- APPU**- 7th APPU Postal Business Forum 27-29 November

Digital Financial Inclusion

The 'Financial Inclusion Global Initiative' (FIGI) is a 3 year programme of collective action to advance research in digital finance and accelerate digital financial inclusion in developing countries. Led by ITU, the World Bank and CPMI – with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – FIGI will provide technical assistance to China, Egypt and Mexico in their efforts to create policy environments able to stimulate financial inclusion. Other focus areas are the relationship between reliable ID systems and financial inclusion; digital payment acceptance by merchants and their customers; and security and trust in digital financial services. The Posts in Asia can play a central role in Digital Financial inclusion as a Cash in cash out point for financial institutions and as a credit rating agency for FinTechs in Rural Areas.



Upcoming 7th APPU Postal Business Forum



This Landmark event which has been a resounding success for the last 6 years, will present its seventh edition next month. A unique opportunity for Postal decision makers and Industry representatives to share ideas and explore potential partnerships for tackling

the main priorities facing the posts in the APAC region. The theme of this year's Event is "Exploring New Frontiers - Reshaping the Postal industry". The Forum will be held at the Eastin Grand Hotel, Bangkok. The event promises to be attended by a record number of Industry Leaders and it is recommended that you make it convenient to attend!



2nd UPU Extraordinary Congress 2018

The Congress was a great success and important decisions were reached on such issues relating to the current world postal and speeding up decision making within the Union. The Congress focused on the following issues such as - Implementation of the Integrated Product Plan and the Integrated Remuneration Plan; Reform of the Union; Reform of the system for contributions from Union member countries; Sustainability of the Union's Provident Scheme. A Ministerial Strategy Conference was also held on 6 – 7 September as part of this conference.



Official Meetings with Cambodia and Laos

With Minister Tram Iv Tek Govt. of Cambodia: (R pic), and at Ministry of P&T Laos (L pic)



Exciting Agenda for APPU Business Forum

Day 1 Strategic Directions and CEO Panel

- What are the regional leaders thinking and saying?
- Exploring new frontiers and innovation
- What are the opportunities with digital disruption, autonomy and other technology innovations?

Day 2 E-commerce and diversification

- What are the latest developments and opportunities in e-commerce, new revenue streams and diversification?
- Reshaping the postal industry How are key stakeholders, suppliers and partners helping to reshape the sector with new solutions?

