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For Immediate Release**ICT2007 Indonesia Earmarked as a DeTIKNas
Flagship Event to Set ICT Milestones for Indonesia**

The National Information and Communication Technology Council (DeTIKNas) recently announced its plan to accelerate the implementation of Indonesia's ICT Blueprint. The announcement was part of the government's commitment to eliminate digital gap and build an e-Indonesia through the development of telecommunication network in 43,000 villages, 31,173 junior and senior high schools, 2,428 universities and 28,504 health centers in Indonesia by 2025.

"Government as the regulator cannot single-handedly resolve all problems related to ICT. The participation of all industry players is becoming increasingly critical to support the successful implementation of the ICT blueprint," said Kemal A. Stamboel, Vice President and Member of Council Board of DeTIKNas. "Indonesia's ICT industry needs to create a shared vision and synergy between policy makers, state and private industry players, as well as trade associations to drive the industry forward, and propel the country into the e-Nation circumference."

The time is perfect for ICT2007 Indonesia Exhibition and Conference to serve as a flagship event to kick-start a whole series of ICT initiatives, and provide a platform where all significant arms of the industry can join forces and collaborate to clear obstacles, formulate solutions and pave the way towards a complete e-Society.

During the three-day event, the most influential ICT forum in 2007, The ICT Policy Summit and Technology Conference, will be held alongside the exhibition. In this forum, high-ranked government authorities congregate to present the solutions to regulatory obstacles in implementing 3G, e-procurement, e-government, e-education, e-finance and e-taxation; while industry leaders outlines solutions and breakthroughs in Mobile Technology and Application, Broadcasting, Information Technology and Internet to face the challenges of digital convergence era.

The Minister of Communication and Information Technology and The Chief Executive of DeTIKNas, the honorable Mr. Sofyan Djalil, who is also the steering committee chairman, is scheduled to deliver a keynote session in the ICT Policy Summit, with a title "National Strategy on Digital Convergence".

"Now is the perfect time for all industry movers to work hand-in-hand and take charge in shaping the future of Indonesia's ICT industry through ICT2007 Indonesia," said Hidayat Tjokrodjojo, Vice Chairman of MASTEL (The Indonesian Infocom Society). "As the government indicated plans to improve the telecommunication infrastructure in the eastern part of Indonesia through the Palapa Ring consortium, as well as the projected 15% increase in ICT spending of up to US\$4 billion in 2007, this year becomes the most exciting year for Indonesia's ICT Industry and the beginning of a promising outlook for the industry."

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