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The progress of e-Government in Asian countries has been uneven across the region. Except for a few countries, most countries are in a very early stage of adopting e-Government. Developing countries in the region have a weak infrastructure to support the development of e-Government. They also lack an enabling legal and policy environment, as well as human capacity to design and implement e-Government applications. In this scenario, it becomes imperative for the countries that are slow to adopt e-Government, to learn from the e-Government strategies and models adopted by countries. egov Asia 2008 provides a platform for all stakeholders-policy makers, practitioners, industry leaders, academicians and architects of e-Government projects- across the Asian continent to share the achievements, challenges and lessons learned in implementing e-Governance. egov Asia 2008 was third in the series of the annual eASIA event. This track comprised of six sessions including workshop by Microsoft.

SESSION: 1 e-GOVERNANCE : A STRATEGIC VISION

The first session in e-Gov track was e-Governance: A strategic Vision. Speakers in this session were Dr. Nor Aliah BT. Mohd Zahri, Deputy Director General (ICT), Malaysian Administrative Modernisation & Management Planning Unit, Malaysia; Shankar Agrawal, Ministry of ICT, India; Hiroshi Mizuta, Virtual Enterprise(VE) Center, Japan; and Dr. A. Joseph, Director, Centre for Education and Rural Development, Madurai, Tamilnadu, India.

Dr. Nor Aliah Mohd Zahri, gave a presentation on "e-Government in Malaysia: Vision and Strategy." She explained the strategic plan for Government ICT and its project for The Multimedia Super Corridor.

Second speaker Shankar Agrawal, shared his experience about the Indian Perspective of ICT. He explained how India is moving towards the growth of ICT and shared his experience about National e-Governance Plan.



Third speaker Hiroshi Mizuta, explained about the eParticipation through rating the Portal Sites. Finally Dr. A Joseph, discussed about e-Governance in Local Administration.

SESSION 2: INNOVATIVE e-GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES

The second session was chaired by Toru Nakaya, Director, International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan. The speakers in this session were C.N. Wickramasinghe, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka; Sarina Othman, Lecturer, UiTM, Malaysia; Jitendra Routray, AnaRDe Foundation, India; and Abhay Patodia, CEO, Mobineers Consultancy Services, India.

Jitendra Routray in his presentation discussed about e-Governance is not really about technology. It is about people, processes, and results – using information and communications technologies (ICT) to improve the transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness of public institutions.

C.N. Wickramasinghe and Nobaya Ahamad in their joint presentation discussed about ICT for Inventions (ICT4I), Innovations for Development (I4D) and Grassroots inventions and inventors.

Abhay Patodia discussed about issues and challenges in implementing e-Governance in urban local bodies (ULBS) IN INDIA. He said that There are More than 5000 urban Local Bodies in India but their has been Not Much progress in last 4 months.

Sarina Otman in her said Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) facilitate the corporations in Malaysia to use of e-Lodgement services for the electronic filing or lodging of documents to the Registrar.

SESSION: 3 e-PROCUREMENT : THE MANTRA FOR TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY?

Speakers in this session were Nor'aini Bt Abdul Razak, ePerolehan Unit, Ministry of Finance, Malaysia; Bruno von Niman, Vice Chairman, ETSI TC Human Factors, Sweden; Maniam Kaliannan, UiTM, Malaysia; and Ridzuan Kushairi Mohd Ramli, Hazman Shah Abdullah, Rozalli Hashim, UiTM, Malaysia.

Nor'aini Bt Abdul Razak gave a presentation on e-Perolehan in Malaysia. She said that it is an Effective and efficient procurement process as everything is done online.

In their joint presentation Ridzuan Kushairi Mohd Ramli, Hazman Shah Abdullah and Rozalli Hashim presented a paper on Suppliers' Perception of Government Procurement and e-Procurement. Bruno von Niman gave a presentation on the European Telecommunication Standards.

SESSION 4: MALAYSIAN EXPERIENCES IN e-GOVERNMENT

In the final session the speakers were Ahmad Naqiyuddin Bakar, Lecturer, UiTM, Malaysia; Jasmine Binti Ahmad, Lecturer, UiTM, Malaysia; Asiyah Kassim, Lecturer, UiTM, Malaysia; and Mohamad Nazri Bin Aman, UiTM, Malaysia.

Ahmad Naqiyuddin Bakar in his presentation talked about unlocking the potentials to refine e-Government in Malaysia. Jasmine Ahmad in his presentation talked about Main attraction to use e-filing, the motivation to use e-Filing among tax payers and the tax payers perception on e-Filing. Mohamad Nazri Aman in his presentation discussed about positive attitudes towards ICT use can exist among non-adopters. ■